

# PC11 Lesson 5.1

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Ch.5 Note package

## 5.1: Working with Radicals

Warm Up:

Fill in the blanks using numerical values.

a)  $6 \times 6$  is equal to 36, so 6 is a square root of 36.

b) The square of 9 is equal to 81, so 9 is a square root of 81.

c)  $8^2$  is equal to 64, so 64 is the square of 8 and 8 is a square root of 64.

d)  $5 \times 5 \times 5$  is equal to 125, so 5 is a cube root of 125.

e)  $2^3$  is equal to 8, so 8 is the cube of 2 and 2 is a cube root of 8.

Which of the following numbers are perfect squares, perfect cubes, or both?

a) 144 **perfect square**

b) 2196 **Neither**

c) 16 **perfect square**

d) 64 **Both**

$$4^3 = 64$$

$$8^2 = 64$$

Remember your exponent rules? Simplify the following. (Leave only positive exponents)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } (x^3)\left(x^{\frac{2}{5}}\right) &= x^{3+\frac{2}{5}} = x^{\frac{17}{5}} \text{ or } \sqrt[5]{x^{17}} \\ \text{b) } \frac{(m^{-2})^{\frac{3}{5}}}{(m^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{2}{5}}} &= \frac{m^{-\frac{4}{5}}}{m^{\frac{1}{5}}} = m^{-\frac{4}{5}-\frac{1}{5}} = m^{-1} = \frac{1}{m} \\ \text{c) } (d^4)^{-\frac{3}{8}} &= d^{-\frac{12}{8}} = d^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{d^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ \text{d) } \left[\frac{(x^{-2})}{(xy)^3}\right]^{1.5} &= \frac{x^{-3}}{x^{1.5}y^{1.5}} = \frac{1}{x^{1.5}y^{1.5}} \text{ or } \frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}y^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate (without a calculator)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } [(5)(5^3)]^{-1} &= 5^{-1}5^{-3} = 5^{-4} = \frac{1}{625} \\ \text{b) } (3^{\frac{8}{3}})(3^{\frac{1}{3}}) &= 3^{\frac{9}{3}} = 3^3 = 27 \\ \text{c) } \left[\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-4} + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2\right]^{-1} &= \left[\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-4} + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2\right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-4} + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{81}{256} + \frac{9}{16}} = \frac{1}{\frac{81}{256} + \frac{144}{256}} = \frac{1}{\frac{225}{256}} = \frac{256}{225} \\ \text{d) } \left(\frac{2^5}{8^2}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} &= \frac{2^{\frac{20}{3}}}{8^{\frac{8}{3}}} = \frac{2^{\frac{20}{3}}}{2^{\frac{24}{3}}} = \frac{2^{\frac{20}{3}-\frac{24}{3}}}{1} = \frac{2^{-\frac{4}{3}}}{1} = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{4}{3}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{16}} \end{aligned}$$

Simply by combining like terms.

a)  $3x - 7y^2 - 4x + 9y$

b)  $3am - 2pm + am - 4pm$

c)  $3x^2 - 4x^2 + 5x^2y$

d)  $p^3 + q^2y - p^3 + qy^2 + 5q^2y$

$$= -x - 7y^2 + 9y = 4am - 6pm = -x^2 + 5x^2y = 6q^2y + qy^2$$

"like terms" have the exact same variable combination

## Radicals

$$^3\sqrt{64}$$

There are two types of radicals:

Entire radicals: The entire number is the radicand. ex)  $\sqrt{20}$

Mixed radicals: Coefficient in front of radical other than 1.  
ex)  $2\sqrt{5}$

Remember from Grade 10:  $\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$  and vice versa. Therefore, we can convert between entire and mixed radicals.

Example 1: Express each entire radical as a mixed radical in simplest form.

$$\begin{array}{c} 45 \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ 5 \quad 9 \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ 3 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{45} &= \sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 5} \\ &= 3\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 40x^3y \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 10 \quad 4 \quad x^2 \quad x \\ \swarrow \searrow \quad \swarrow \searrow \quad \swarrow \searrow \\ 2 \quad 5 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad x \quad x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{40x^3y} &= \sqrt[3]{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times x \times x \times x \times y} \\ &= 2x\sqrt[3]{5y} \end{aligned}$$

\*\* If your index is even, the radicand must be positive. ex)  $\sqrt{x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$

Example 2: Express each mixed radical in entire radical form.

$$\begin{aligned} 2\sqrt{3} &= \sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3} \\ &= \sqrt{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -2\sqrt[4]{\frac{3}{4}} &= -\sqrt[4]{2^4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}} = -\sqrt[4]{16 \cdot \frac{3}{4}} \\ &= -\sqrt[4]{12} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Arrange in order from least to greatest

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 9\sqrt{2} & 2\sqrt{6} & 8\sqrt{3} \\ \swarrow & \searrow & \swarrow \\ \sqrt{162} & \sqrt{24} & \sqrt{192} \end{array}$$

$$2\sqrt{6}, 9\sqrt{2}, 8\sqrt{3}$$

**Restrictions on Variables:**

If a radical represents a real number and has an **even** index, the radicand must be greater than or equal to 0. Eg.  $\sqrt{4-x} \Rightarrow$

**Restrictions**

$$4-x \geq 0$$

$$4 \geq x \text{ or } x \leq 4$$

If a radical represents a real number and has an **odd** index, the radicand can be any real number.

**Example 1:** For which values of the variable is each radical defined?

a.  $\sqrt{54x^3}$

$$\begin{aligned} 54x^3 &\geq 0 \\ \sqrt[3]{x^3} &\geq 0 \\ x &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

b.  $\sqrt[3]{12x^5}$

$\downarrow$   
odd index  
 $x \in \mathbb{R}$

c.  $\sqrt[4]{2x-7}$

$$2x-7 \geq 0$$

$$2x \geq 7$$

$$x \geq \frac{7}{2} \text{ or } x \geq 3.5$$

**Like Radicals:**

Radicals with the same radicand and index are called like radicals. When adding or subtracting radicals, they must be “like” radicals or they cannot be combined.

*\*Always simplify radicals first \**

**Example 2:** Simplify and combine like radicals:

a.  $5\sqrt{6} - 2\sqrt{6}$

$$= 3\sqrt{6}$$

b.  $\sqrt[3]{128} - \sqrt[3]{16} - \sqrt[3]{54}$

$$= 4\sqrt[3]{2} - 2\sqrt[3]{2} - 3\sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$= -1\sqrt[3]{2} = -\sqrt[3]{2}$$

**Example 3:** Simplify:

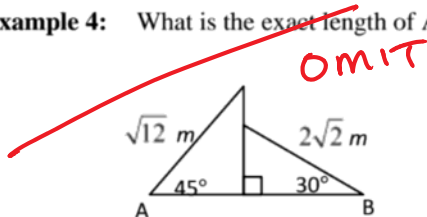
a.  $2\sqrt{x} - 3\sqrt{y} + 5\sqrt{x} + 2\sqrt{y}$

$$= 7\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}$$

b.  $8\sqrt{2x} + 7\sqrt{2x} - 5\sqrt{2x} + \sqrt{2x}$

$$= 3\sqrt{2x} + 8\sqrt{2x}$$

**Example 4:** What is the exact length of AB?



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