

HAT
Operations with Radical Expressions

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$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}} \right)^2 = (3)^2 \quad x = ?$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}} = 3$$

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$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{x}} \right)^4 = (3)^4$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = 81$$

$$x = \frac{1}{81}$$

~~$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = 9 \cdot \sqrt{x}$$~~

~~$$\frac{1}{9} = \sqrt{x}$$~~

$$\frac{1}{81} = x$$

$$2^{-2} = \frac{1}{2^2}$$

$$x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

Warm Up: Simplify

a) $\sqrt{32x^8}$

$\sqrt{2 \cdot 16 \cdot x^8}$

$4x^4\sqrt{2}$

b) $\sqrt[4]{16a^{24}b^{13}}$

$2a^6b^3\sqrt[4]{b}$

Product Property of Radicals:

For any real numbers a and b and any integer $n > 1$

$$\sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b}$$

if n is even and a and b are both nonnegative
or if n is odd.

*Rationalizing the denominator

Ex#1: Simplify

$$a) \sqrt{\frac{x^6}{y^7}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^6}}{\sqrt{y^7}}$$

$$\frac{|x^3|}{y^3 \sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{x^3 \sqrt{y}}{y^4}$$

$$b) \sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{9x}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{2}}{\sqrt[3]{9x}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{2}}{\sqrt[3]{3^2 \cdot x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{3x^2}}{\sqrt[3]{3x^2}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{6x^2}}{3x}$$

Quotient Property of Radicals:

For any real numbers a and $b \neq 0$ and any integer $n > 1$

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}}$$

if all roots are defined.

A radical expression is in simplified form when these conditions are met:

- The index n is as small as possible.
- The radicand contains no factors (other than 1) that are n th powers of an integer or polynomial.
- The radicand contains no fractions.
- No radicals appear in a denominator.

Ex#2: Simplify $2\sqrt[4]{8x^3y^2} \cdot 3\sqrt[4]{2x^5y^2}$

$$6 \sqrt[4]{16x^8y^4}$$

$6 \cdot 2$

$$12x^2|y|$$

* Like Radical Expressions

Ex#3: Simplify $5\sqrt{12} + 2\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{128}$

$$5\sqrt{4 \cdot 3} \quad | \quad \sqrt{64 \cdot 2}$$
$$10\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3} - 8\sqrt{2}$$

$$\underline{\underline{16\sqrt{3} - 8\sqrt{2}}}$$

Ex#4: Simplify $(7\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{27})(7\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{3})$

$$(7\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{3})(7\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{3})$$

$$\left((7\sqrt{2})^2 - (3\sqrt{3})^2 \right)$$

$$98 - 27$$

$$\textcircled{71}$$

* Conjugate, Rationalize Denominator

Ex#5: Simplify $\frac{a}{a\sqrt{2}-a}$

$$\frac{\cancel{a} \cdot 1}{\cancel{a}(\sqrt{2}-1)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}-1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}+1}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}^2-1^2}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2-1}$$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{2}+1}$$

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