

Day 1&2: The Real Number System (5.1)

\sqrt{x} means what number times itself is equal to x .

$\sqrt[3]{x}$ means what number times itself three times is equal to x .

$\sqrt[4]{x}$ means what number times itself four times is equal to x .

$\sqrt[n]{x}$ means what number times itself n times is equal to x .

Radical – The root of a quantity

$$r\sqrt[n]{x}$$

Where $\sqrt{}$ is the radical sign
 r is the coefficient
 x is the radicand
 n is the index

Note – The index shows the type of root

ie- $\sqrt[4]{}$ is a fourth root

- If there is no number in the index, the root is a square root
- If $n = 2$ we do not write a number for the index

ie- $\sqrt{}$ is a square root, $n = 2$

Notes:

- if there is no coefficient shown, it is equal to 1 i.e. $\sqrt{5} = 1\sqrt{5}$ or $\sqrt[3]{7} = 1\sqrt[3]{7}$
- if there is no index shown, it is equal to 2 i.e. $\sqrt{5} = \sqrt[2]{5}$

Entire Radical (also known as a Pure Radical) - a radical with a coefficient of 1. $\sqrt{6}$

Mixed Radical - a radical with a coefficient other than 1. $2\sqrt{5}$

It is important to know your **perfect squares** and your **perfect cubes**:

Perfect Squares - 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100, 121, 144, etc.

$2^2, 3^2, 4^2, 5^2, 6^2, 7^2, 8^2, 9^2, 10^2, 11^2, 12^2, \text{etc.}$

Perfect Cubes - 8, 27, 64, 125, 216 etc.

$2^3, 3^3, 4^3, 5^3, 6^3, \text{etc.}$

Properties of radicals:

$$1. \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab} \quad 2. \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} \quad \therefore \frac{\sqrt{ab}}{\sqrt{ac}} = \frac{\sqrt{ab}}{\sqrt{ac}} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{c}}$$

Converting from Entire to Mixed Radicals:**Find a multiple of a perfect square within the radical and factor it out.****i.e. 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49 etc.**

a) $\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4 \times 2} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{2}$

b) $\sqrt{75} = \sqrt{25 \times 3} = \sqrt{25} \sqrt{3} = 5\sqrt{3}$

c) $\sqrt{80} = \sqrt{16 \times 5} = \sqrt{16} \sqrt{5} = 4\sqrt{5}$

d) $\sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \times 5} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{5}$

e) $2\sqrt{54} = 2\sqrt{9 \times 6} = 2\sqrt{9} \sqrt{6} = 2 \times 3\sqrt{6} = 6\sqrt{6}$

f) $-5\sqrt{45} = -5\sqrt{9 \times 5} = -5\sqrt{9} \sqrt{5} = -5 \times 3\sqrt{5} = -15\sqrt{5}$

g) $7\sqrt{\frac{20}{49}} = 7 \frac{\sqrt{20}}{\sqrt{49}} = 7 \frac{\sqrt{4} \sqrt{5}}{7} = \cancel{7} \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{\cancel{7}} = 2\sqrt{5}$

h) $\sqrt{\frac{6}{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{5}$

This is the best we can do. We have no issues with a radical in the numerator.

i) $\frac{2}{5}\sqrt{450} = \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{225 \times 2} = \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{225} \sqrt{2} = \frac{2}{5} \times 15\sqrt{2} = 6\sqrt{2}$

j) $3\sqrt{8x} = 3\sqrt{4} \sqrt{2x} = 3 \times 2\sqrt{2x} = 6\sqrt{2x}$

k) $5y\sqrt{7y^2} = 5y\sqrt{y^2} \sqrt{7} = 5yy\sqrt{7} = 5y^2\sqrt{7}$

Since the index is 2 (square root), the square root of y square cancels the square out, leaving only a y.

l) $\sqrt{32x^5y} = \sqrt{16 \times 2x^2x^2xy} = \sqrt{16} \sqrt{x^2} \sqrt{x^2} \sqrt{2xy} = 4xx\sqrt{2xy} = 4x^2\sqrt{2xy}$

Since the index is 2, break the x^5 into x^2x^2x .

m) $5\sqrt[3]{16x^6y^5} = 5\sqrt[3]{8 \times 2x^3x^3y^3y^2} = 5\sqrt[3]{8} \sqrt[3]{x^3} \sqrt[3]{x^3} \sqrt[3]{y^3} \sqrt[3]{y^2} = 5 \times 2xy\sqrt[3]{2y^2} = 10x^2y\sqrt[3]{2y^2}$

n) $2x\sqrt[3]{108x^4} = 2x\sqrt[3]{27 \times 4x^3x} = 2\sqrt[3]{27} \sqrt[3]{x^3} \sqrt[3]{4x} = 2 \times 3x\sqrt[3]{4x} = 6x\sqrt[3]{4x}$

o) $7x^3y\sqrt[3]{3x^5y^4} = 7x^3y\sqrt[3]{3x^3x^2y^3y} = 7x^3y\sqrt[3]{3} \sqrt[3]{x^3} \sqrt[3]{y^3} \sqrt[3]{x^2} \sqrt[3]{y} = 7x^3yxy\sqrt[3]{3x^2y} = 7x^4y^2\sqrt[3]{3x^2y}$

Converting Mixed to Entire Radicals: put an equivalent form of the coefficient inside the radical.

$$a) 2\sqrt{6} = \sqrt{2^2} \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{24}$$

$$b) 9\sqrt{10} = \sqrt{9^2} \sqrt{10} = \sqrt{81} \sqrt{10} = \sqrt{810}$$

$$c) -4\sqrt{5} = -\sqrt{16} \sqrt{5} = -\sqrt{80} \quad \text{The negative stays OUT of the radical.}$$

$$d) 5\sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{5^3} \sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{125} \sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{500}$$

$$f) \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2} \sqrt{8} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} \sqrt{8} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} \times 8} = \sqrt{18}$$

$$g) x\sqrt[3]{80} = \sqrt[3]{x^3} \sqrt[3]{80} = \sqrt[3]{80x^3}$$

$$h) x^2y\sqrt[3]{4xy} = \sqrt[3]{(x^2)^3} \sqrt[3]{y^3} \sqrt[3]{4xy} = \sqrt[3]{x^6} \sqrt[3]{y^3} \sqrt[3]{4xy} = \sqrt[3]{4x^7y^4}$$

$$i) -3^4\sqrt[3]{5} = -\sqrt[4]{3^4} \sqrt[4]{5} = -\sqrt[4]{81} \sqrt[4]{5} = -\sqrt[4]{405}$$

$$j) 3x\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{18x^2}$$

$$k) 5y^3\sqrt{7y} = \sqrt{175y^7}$$

$$l) 8x^3y\sqrt{2xy} = \sqrt{128x^7y^3}$$

$$m) 5\sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{500}$$

$$n) 2x\sqrt[3]{4x^2} = \sqrt[3]{32x^5}$$

$$o) 7x^3y\sqrt[3]{3xy^2} = \sqrt[3]{1029x^{10}y^5}$$

View a 5 minute video here

<http://www.livescribe.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/LDApp.woa/wa/MLSOOverviewPage?sid=6HQLqtCZsv0V>

Adding and Subtracting Radicals:

In the same way that $2x$ and $3x$ are “like terms” and can be added to $5x$, radicals such as $2\sqrt{3}$ and $4\sqrt{3}$ are called “like terms” and can be added or subtracted.

Radicals such as $2\sqrt{5}$ and $3\sqrt{7}$ are not like and cannot be combined.

(Radicands must be the same to add or subtract).

Note: $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \neq \sqrt{5}$

$$\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} = 3\sqrt{2} = 3 \times \sqrt{2}$$

Add and/or subtract. Express as exact values in simplest form.

$$1. \quad 3\sqrt{5} - 7\sqrt{5} = -4\sqrt{5}$$

$$2. \quad 6\sqrt{7} - 3\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{2} = 11\sqrt{7} - 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$3. \quad 6\sqrt{11} - 2\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{5} - 8\sqrt{11} = -2\sqrt{11} - 5\sqrt{5}$$

$$4. \quad \sqrt{8} + \sqrt{18} = \sqrt{4}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{9}\sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} = 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5. \quad \sqrt{20} - \sqrt{45} - \sqrt{125} &= \sqrt{4}\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{9}\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{25}\sqrt{5} \\ &= 2\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{5} - 5\sqrt{5} \\ &= -6\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6. \quad 2\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{50} - \sqrt{75} - 6\sqrt{32} &= 2\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{25}\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{25}\sqrt{3} - 6\sqrt{16}\sqrt{2} \\ &= 2 \times 2\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{3} - 6 \times 4\sqrt{2} \\ &= 4\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{3} - 24\sqrt{2} \\ &= -\sqrt{3} - 19\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$7. \quad \sqrt{50} + \sqrt[3]{250} = \sqrt{25}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{125}\sqrt[3]{2} = 5\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt[3]{2}$$

You can go no further.

$\sqrt{\quad}$ and $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$ can not combine.

Video 12 minutes - be sure to maximize <http://bit.ly/rCkyKS>

Day 1 Assignment

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- #1 Mixed to Entire, Entire to Mixed
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Day 2 Assignment

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5.2 Multiplying and Dividing Radical Expressions

Rules:

- a) solve the sign first
- b) do the operation on the number outside of the radical. If there is no number in front of the radical sign put a coefficient of 1.
- c) radicand
- d) simplify

A. Simplify (Multiplication). Express as exact values in simplest form.

1. $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{15}$

2. $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{8} = \sqrt{24} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{6} = 2\sqrt{6}$

3. $5\sqrt{2} \times 7\sqrt{3} = 35\sqrt{6}$

4. $4\sqrt{6} \times 5\sqrt{2} = 20\sqrt{12} = 20\sqrt{4} \sqrt{3} = 20 \times 2\sqrt{3}$

5. $3\sqrt{6} \times 2\sqrt{3} = 6\sqrt{18} = 6\sqrt{9} \sqrt{2} = 6 \times 3\sqrt{2} = 18\sqrt{2}$

Video - 10 minutes <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6e5jwhznUoU>

- B. Simplify (Division). Express as exact values in simplest form.
Division of radicals is the inverse of multiplication.

A property of radicals:

$$\frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \quad (a \geq 0, b > 0)$$

1. $\frac{12\sqrt{6}}{6\sqrt{2}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{6}{2}} = 2\sqrt{3}$
2. $\frac{24\sqrt{54}}{6\sqrt{6}} = 4\sqrt{\frac{54}{6}} = 4\sqrt{9} = 4 \times 3 = 12$
3. $\frac{5\sqrt{20}}{10} = \frac{\sqrt{4}\sqrt{5}}{2} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{2} = \sqrt{5}$
4. $\frac{3\sqrt{32}}{\sqrt{8}} = 3\sqrt{\frac{32}{8}} = 3\sqrt{4} = 3 \times 2 = 6$

9 minute video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4GvnsrkClk>

Multiplying Binomial Radicals

- Distributive Property: $a(b + c) = ab + ac$
- multiply what is outside the bracket by each term in the bracket

$$\bullet 2(\sqrt{2} + 1) = 2\sqrt{2} + 2$$

- FOIL: $(a + b)(c + d) = ac + ad + bc + bd$

$$\bullet (\sqrt{2} + 2)(\sqrt{2} + 1) = 2 + \sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 2 = 4 + 3\sqrt{2}$$

To **expand** an expression means to remove the brackets and **simplify**.

Examples. Simplify. Express as exact values in simplest form.

$$1. \quad 2\sqrt{3}(5 + 4\sqrt{7}) = 10\sqrt{3} + 8\sqrt{21}$$

$$2. \quad 5\sqrt{2}(3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}) = 10\sqrt{4} - 5\sqrt{12} = 10 \times 2 - 5\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} = 20 - 10\sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6})(3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}) &= 3\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{12} - 3\sqrt{12} - \sqrt{36} \\ &= 6 - 2\sqrt{12} - 6 \\ &= -2\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} \\ &= -4\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad (3 + \sqrt{5})(2 + 4\sqrt{5}) &= 6 + 12\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{25} \\ &= 6 + 12\sqrt{5} + 20 \\ &= 26 + 12\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \quad (\sqrt{7} + 2\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{7} - 2\sqrt{3})$$

This one is neat, watch what happens to the outer and inner.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{49} - 2\sqrt{21} + 2\sqrt{21} - 4\sqrt{9} \\ &= 7 - \cancel{2\sqrt{21}} + \cancel{2\sqrt{21}} - 4 \times 3 \\ &= 7 - 12 \\ &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$6. \quad (3 + 5\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (3 + 5\sqrt{2})(3 + 5\sqrt{2}) \\ &= 9 + 15\sqrt{2} + 15\sqrt{2} + 25\sqrt{4} \\ &= 9 + 30\sqrt{2} + 25 \times 2 \\ &= 59 + 30\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Special Products.

$$1. \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

Two square roots with same radicand cancel out the square root.

$$2. 5\sqrt{6} \times 2\sqrt{6} = 10\sqrt{36} = 10 \times 6 = 60$$

$$3. (\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{36} - \sqrt{4} \\ = 6 - 2 = 4$$

$$4. (\sqrt{13} + 2)(\sqrt{13} - 2) = \sqrt{169} - 4 \\ = 13 - 4 = 9$$

Special Rules

$$\textcircled{1} \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{a} = a$$

$$\textcircled{2} (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}) = a - b$$

Conjugates:
same but, but a different
sign in the middle

Assignment

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| #2 | mono x bi or tri |
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| #5 | bi x bi |
| #6 | division |

Day 4
Rationalizing the Denominator

$$\frac{3}{-4} = \frac{3 \times -1}{-4 \times -1} = \frac{-3}{4}$$

- normally fractions do **NOT** have a negative sign in the denominator
- normally fractions do **NOT** have a radical sign in the denominator

Rationalize the denominator (*Get rid of the radical in the bottom*).

- To rationalize a single radical in the denominator, multiply numerator and denominator by that radical.

$$1. \quad \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$2. \quad \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{30}}{\sqrt{36}} = \frac{\sqrt{30}}{6}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

$$4. \quad \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{6\sqrt{6}}{3} = 2\sqrt{6}$$

$$5. \quad \frac{10\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{10\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{8}} \times \frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{10\sqrt{16}}{8} = \frac{10 \times 4}{8} = 5$$

$$6. \quad \frac{2\sqrt{7}}{3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{7}}{3\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{14}}{3 \times 2} = \frac{2\sqrt{14}}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{14}}{3}$$

$$7. \quad \frac{4\sqrt{8}}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{4\sqrt{8}}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2\sqrt{40}}{5} = \frac{2\sqrt{4}\sqrt{10}}{5} = \frac{4\sqrt{10}}{5}$$

$$8. \frac{8\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10}} = 4\sqrt{\frac{5}{10}} = 4\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{2} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$9. \frac{2\sqrt{5} + 4}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{(2\sqrt{5} + 4)}{\sqrt{10}} \times \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{2\sqrt{50} + 4\sqrt{10}}{10} = \frac{2\sqrt{25}\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{10}}{10} = \frac{10\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{10}}{10}$$

$$= \frac{2(5\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{10})}{10} = \frac{5\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{10}}{5}$$

$$10. \frac{2\sqrt{6} - 4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{(2\sqrt{6} - 4\sqrt{3})}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{18} - 4\sqrt{9}}{3} = \frac{2\sqrt{9}\sqrt{2} - 4 \times 3}{3}$$

$$= \frac{6\sqrt{2} - 12}{3} = 2\sqrt{2} - 4$$

8 minute video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azaP5n6nmOY>

- Two terms in denominator


Multiply numerator and denominator by the *conjugate* of the denominator (change middle sign of denominator)

If you have $\frac{7}{\sqrt{5}-2}$, multiply top and bottom by $\sqrt{5}+2$. Note change in sign.

Remember: rationalize the denominator means get rid of the radical symbol from the bottom

Examples. Rationalize the denominator.

$$1. \quad \frac{2}{3+\sqrt{6}} = \frac{2}{3+\sqrt{6}} \times \frac{3-\sqrt{6}}{3-\sqrt{6}} = \frac{6-2\sqrt{6}}{9-\sqrt{36}} = \frac{6-2\sqrt{6}}{9-6} = \frac{6-2\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

 Remember conjugates from, the previous lesson.

$$2. \quad \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}+3\sqrt{2}}{5-2} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}+3\sqrt{2}}{3} = \sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}-4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}-4} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+4}{\sqrt{5}+4} = \frac{\sqrt{15}+4\sqrt{3}}{5-16} = \frac{\sqrt{15}+4\sqrt{3}}{-11} = -\frac{\sqrt{15}+4\sqrt{3}}{11} = \frac{-\sqrt{15}-4\sqrt{3}}{11}$$

Note: the answer is NOT $\frac{-\sqrt{15}+4\sqrt{3}}{11}$

The negative is out front or in both parts of numerator.

$$4. \quad \frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{10}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{10}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{10}} = \frac{\sqrt{18}+\sqrt{30}-\sqrt{30}+\sqrt{50}}{6-10} \\ = \frac{\sqrt{9}\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{25}\sqrt{2}}{-4} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}+5\sqrt{2}}{-4} = \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{-4} = -2\sqrt{2}$$

$$5. \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2}-3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2}-3\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{3\sqrt{2}+3\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2}+3\sqrt{3}} =$$

11 minute video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByNJ3T6Kb9I>

Days 5&6 (5.3) Solving Radical Equations

Goal: Be able to solve radical equations and inequalities.

Background

- Solve the following:

Read p 294 - 300

Do p 300- 303

- $x = \sqrt{25}$

- $x^2 = 25$

- Why do you get different answers?

- Is it possible for $\sqrt{x-2} + 3 = 0$ to be true for any value of x ?

- extraneous roots:

Examples.

- Solve and check (always check your answer(s) if you square both sides during the solving process).

1. $\sqrt{x+2} - 5 = 0$

Steps for solving radical equations.

- ① **Isolate the radical**

$$\sqrt{x+2} = 5$$

- ② **Square both sides to remove radical**

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{x+2})^2 &= 5^2 \\ x+2 &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

- ③ **Solve for variable. (Quadratic Formula if needed)**

$$x = 23$$

- ④ **Check to ensure your answer is correct.**

It is possible that by squaring the equation, you may have created an extraneous root. (An answer that does not work)
See questions 2, 4 & 7 below.

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x+2} - 5 &= 0 \\ \sqrt{23+2} - 5 &= 0 \\ \sqrt{25} - 5 &= 0 \\ 5 - 5 &= 0 \\ 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. $\sqrt{x+2} + 5 = 0$

$$\sqrt{x+2} = -5$$

$$\sqrt{x+2}^2 = -5^2$$

$$x+2 = 25$$

$$x = 23$$

But, does 23 work in the original equation?

$$\sqrt{x+2} = -5$$

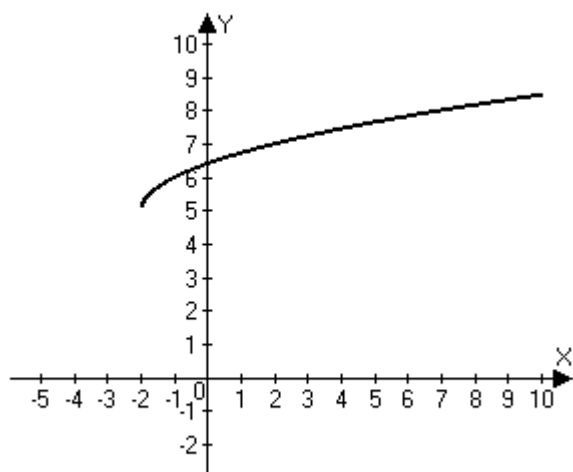
$$\sqrt{23+2} = -5$$

$$\sqrt{25} = -5$$

$$5 \neq -5$$

This equation has no solution.

As proof, graph $\sqrt{x+2} + 5$ in y_1 on your calculator



Notice how the graph NEVER equals 0.
No solution.

3. Find the roots. $\sqrt{3x+3} - x = 1$

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

$$\sqrt{3x+3}^2 = (x+1)^2$$

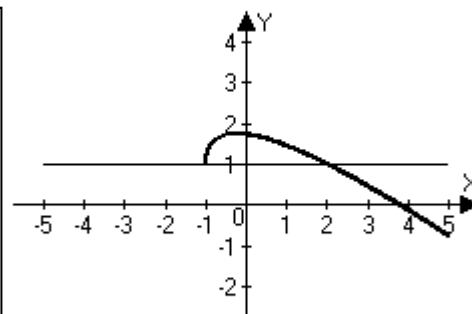
$$3x+3 = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$0 = x^2 - x - 2$$

$$0 = (x-2)(x+1)$$

$$x = 2, -1$$

Insert 2 or -1 into the original equation and both work. The graph also shows both values of x (2 & -1) work.



4. Solve for x. $\sqrt{2x-1} = x-2$

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

$$2x-1 = x^2 - 4x + 4$$

$$0 = x^2 - 6x + 5$$

$$0 = x-5 \quad x-1$$

$$x = 5, 1$$

Put 1 back into the equation

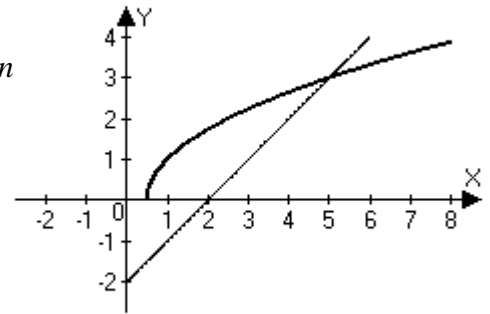
$$\sqrt{2x-1} = x-2$$

$$\sqrt{2(1)-1} = 1-2$$

$$\sqrt{2-1} = -1$$

$$1 \neq -1$$

1 does not work



5. Solve: $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+16} = 8$

More Questions

When squaring to get rid of radical sign,
always check answer

6. $\sqrt{2x-3}=3$ **ANS: 6**

$$\sqrt{2x-3}=3$$

$$\left[\sqrt{2x-3}\right]^2 = 3^2 \text{ square both sides}$$

$$2x-3=9$$

$$2x=12$$

$$x=6$$

7. $\sqrt{2x-3}+3=x$ **ANS: 6, ~~8~~**

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

$$\sqrt{2x-3}=x-3$$

$$\left[\sqrt{2x-3}\right]^2 = [x-3]^2$$

$$2x-3=x^2-6x+9$$

$$0=x^2-8x+12$$

$$x=6, \cancel{8}$$

8. $\sqrt{3x-2}=2\sqrt{x-3}$ **ANS: 10**

$$\sqrt{3x-2}=2\sqrt{x-3}$$

$$\left[\sqrt{3x-2}\right]^2 = \left[2\sqrt{x-3}\right]^2$$

$$3x-2=4(x-3)$$

$$3x-2=4x-12$$

$$x=10$$

9. $\sqrt{x+1}=\sqrt{2x-2}$ **(IB) ANS: ~~8~~, 9**

10. $\sqrt{x+7}-\sqrt{2x}=\sqrt{x-1}$ **(IB) ANS: ~~8~~, 2**

11. $\sqrt{3x+1}=\sqrt{x}-1$

$$\left(\sqrt{3x+1}\right)^2 = \left(\sqrt{x}-1\right)^2$$

$$3x+1=x-2\sqrt{x}+1$$

$$2x=-2\sqrt{2x}$$

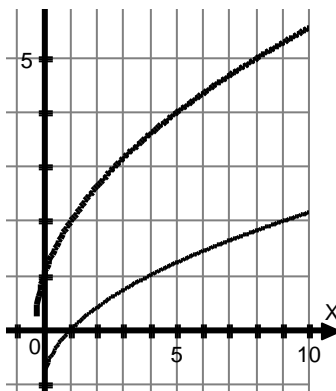
$$(x)^2 = (-\sqrt{x})^2$$

$$x^2 = x$$

$$x^2 - x = x(x-1) = 0$$

$$x=0 \text{ or } 1$$

neither solution works



Examples (Graphically):

Get everything to one side of equation and then type into y=.

Solve for x-intercepts (zeros)

12. $\sqrt{x+5} = \sqrt{2x+7} - 1$ **ANS:** 5.47

Solve algebraically.

a. $\sqrt{2x-3} = 3$ **ANS:** 6 b. $\sqrt{2x-3} + 3 = x$ **ANS:** 6, ~~8~~

c. $\sqrt{3x-2} = 2\sqrt{x-3}$ **ANS:** 10 d. $\sqrt{x+1} = \sqrt{2x-2}$ **(IB)** **ANS:** ~~8~~, 9

e. $\sqrt{x+7} - \sqrt{2x} = \sqrt{x-1}$ **(IB)** **ANS:** ~~8~~, 2

f. Solve graphically: $\sqrt{x+5} = \sqrt{2x+7} - 1$ **ANS:** 5.47

Word Problem: Baseballs and Tennis Balls

The radius, r , of a sphere is related to the surface area, A , by the equation

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}}$$

A. The surface area of a baseball is about 172 cm^2

Find the radius of a baseball, to the nearest tenth of a cm.

B. The radius of a tennis ball is about 3.3 cm. Find the surface area to the nearest square cm.

Solution

A. $r = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}}$ $r = ? \text{ when } A = 172 \text{ cm}^2$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{172}{\pi}}$$

$$r = 3.69963\dots$$

$$\boxed{r = 3.7 \text{ cm}}$$

B. $r = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}}$ $A = ? \text{ when } r = 3.3 \text{ cm}$

$$3.3 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}}$$

$$6.6 = \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}}$$

$$(6.6)^2 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}} \right)^2$$

$$43.56 = \frac{A}{\pi}$$

$$43.56\pi = A$$

$$A = 136.84777\dots$$

$$\boxed{A = 137 \text{ cm}^2}$$

Assignment

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plus: **(IB)**

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|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1. $\sqrt{2x+3} = \sqrt{5x+9}$ | ANS: 0, 8 | 2. $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2x-7} = \sqrt{x+5}$ | ANS: 9 , 4 |
| 3. $\sqrt{3x+2} = 3\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{2}$ | ANS: 0 , 2 | 4. $\sqrt{\sqrt{x^2+6x}} = 2$ | ANS: -8, 2 |
| 5. $\sqrt[3]{x^2-12x} - 4 = 0$ | ANS: 16, -4 | | |

Math 20-1

Radical Operations

Day 7

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Day 9 Quiz