

6.5 Operations with Radical Expressions
Honors Algebra 2

1. Simplify:

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

$$= \sqrt{2^5 x^8}$$

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

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

$$= 4x^4 \sqrt{2}$$

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

$$= \sqrt[4]{2^4 a^{24} b^{12} b}$$

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

c. $\sqrt{12c^6d^8}$

$$= \sqrt{4 \cdot 3 c^6 d^2 d}$$

$$= 2c^3 d \sqrt{3d}$$

d. $\sqrt[3]{27y^{12}z^7}$

$$= \sqrt[3]{3^3 y^{12} z^6 z}$$

$$= 3y^4 z^2 \sqrt[3]{z}$$

e. $\sqrt{36ab^4c^5}$

$$= \sqrt{6^2 ab^4 c^4 c}$$

$$= 6b^2 c^2 \sqrt{ac}$$

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

*rationalize den.

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

$$= \frac{\sqrt{x^6 y}}{\sqrt{y^8}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{x^6 y}}{y^4}$$

g. $\sqrt[4]{\frac{6}{5x}}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[4]{6}}{\sqrt[4]{5x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[4]{5^3 x^3}}{\sqrt[4]{5^3 x^3}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[4]{750 x^3}}{\sqrt[4]{5^4 x^4}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[4]{750 x^3}}{5x}$$

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h. $\frac{\sqrt{a^9}}{\sqrt{b^5}} \cdot \sqrt{b}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{a^9 b}}{\sqrt{b^5}}$$

$$= \frac{a^4 \sqrt{ab}}{b^2}$$

j. $\sqrt[4]{\frac{5x}{8y}}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[4]{5x}}{\sqrt[4]{8y}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[4]{8^3 y^3}}{\sqrt[4]{8^3 y^3}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[4]{2500xy^3}}{8y}$$

i. $\sqrt[5]{\frac{3}{4y}}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[5]{3}}{\sqrt[5]{4y}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[5]{3}}{\sqrt[5]{4y}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[5]{4^4 y^4}}{\sqrt[5]{4^4 y^4}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[5]{768y^4}}{4y}$$

2. Simplify:

a. $5\sqrt[3]{-12ab^4} \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{18a^2b^2}$

$$= 15 \sqrt[3]{-216a^3b^6}$$

$$= 15 \sqrt[3]{-2^3 \cdot 3^3 a^3 b^3 b^2}$$

$$= 15(-2)(3)ab \sqrt[3]{b^2}$$

$$= -90ab \sqrt[3]{b^2}$$

* can multiply / divide $\sqrt{\quad}$
when index is same

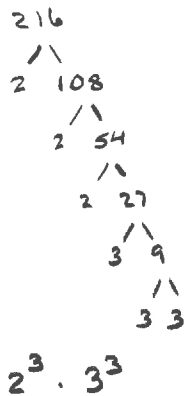
b. $6\sqrt{8c^3d^5} \cdot 4\sqrt{2cd^3}$ $\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{y}$
cant simplify

$$= 24 \sqrt{16c^4d^8}$$

$$= 24 \sqrt{4^2 c^2 c^2 d^2 d^2 d^2 d^2}$$

$$= 24 \cdot 4 \cdot c \cdot c \cdot d \cdot d \cdot d \cdot d$$

$$= 96c^2d^4$$



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$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } & 2\sqrt[4]{8x^3y^2} \cdot 3\sqrt[4]{2x^5y^2} \\ &= 6\sqrt[4]{16x^8y^4} \\ &= 6(2)x^2y \\ &= \boxed{12x^2y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d. } & 3\sqrt[3]{36xy} \cdot 2\sqrt[3]{6x^2y^2} \\ &= 6\sqrt[3]{216x^3y^3} \\ &= 6\sqrt[3]{6^3x^3y^3} \\ &= 6 \cdot 6xy \\ &= \boxed{36xy} \end{aligned}$$

* can add/sub term inside $\sqrt{\quad}$ only if index and the same *

3. Simplify:

$$\begin{array}{c} 98 \\ \wedge \\ 2 \quad 49 \\ \wedge \\ 7 \quad 7 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } & \sqrt{98} - 2\sqrt{32} \\ &= \sqrt{7^2 \cdot 2} - 2\sqrt{16 \cdot 2} \\ &= 7\sqrt{2} - 8\sqrt{2} \\ &= \boxed{-\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } & 4\sqrt{8} + 3\sqrt{50} \\ &= 4\sqrt{4 \cdot 2} + 3\sqrt{25 \cdot 2} \\ &= 4 \cdot 2\sqrt{2} + 3 \cdot 5\sqrt{2} \\ &= 8\sqrt{2} + 15\sqrt{2} \\ &= \boxed{23\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } & 5\sqrt{12} + 2\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{128} \\ &= 5\sqrt{4 \cdot 3} + 2\sqrt{9 \cdot 3} - \sqrt{2^7} \\ &= 5 \cdot 2\sqrt{3} + 2 \cdot 3\sqrt{3} - 2^3\sqrt{2} \\ &= 10\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3} - 8\sqrt{2} \\ &= \boxed{16\sqrt{3} - 8\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

4. Simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } & (4\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{2})(3\sqrt{2} - 6) \\ & \quad \text{First} \quad \quad \text{outer} \quad \quad \text{inner} \quad \quad \text{last} \\ &= 12\sqrt{6} - 24\sqrt{3} + 15\sqrt{4} - 30\sqrt{2} \\ &= 12\sqrt{6} - 24\sqrt{3} + 30 - 30\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

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b. $(6\sqrt{3} - 5)(2\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{2})$

$$= 12\sqrt{15} + 24\sqrt{6} - 10\sqrt{5} - 20\sqrt{2}$$

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

$$= 49\sqrt{4} + 21\sqrt{6} - 21\sqrt{6} - 9\sqrt{9}$$

$$= 49(2) - 9(3)$$

$$= 98 - 27$$

$$= 71$$

**conjugates*

5. Simplify:

a. $\frac{5}{2+\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}}$

$$= \frac{10 - 5\sqrt{3}}{4 - \sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \frac{10 - 5\sqrt{3}}{4 - 3}$$

$$= \boxed{10 - 5\sqrt{3}}$$

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$$\text{b. } \frac{8}{\sqrt{6}-5} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{6}+5}{\sqrt{6}+5}$$

$$= \frac{8\sqrt{6} + 40}{\sqrt{36} + 5\sqrt{6} - 5\sqrt{6} - 25}$$

$$= \frac{8\sqrt{6} + 40}{6 - 25}$$

$$= \frac{8\sqrt{6} + 40}{-19} = \boxed{\frac{-8\sqrt{6} - 40}{19}}$$

$$\text{c. } \frac{4+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}-3}$$

$$= \frac{4+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}-3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+3}{\sqrt{2}+3}$$

$$= \frac{4\sqrt{2} + 12 + \sqrt{4} + 3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4} - 9}$$

$$= \frac{7\sqrt{2} + 14}{-7}$$

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

