

## 8.7 Simplifying Radical Expressions

- Obj: 1. Evaluate radical expressions  
 2. Simplify using properties of radicals.

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

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

$$\sqrt[4]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\vdots$$

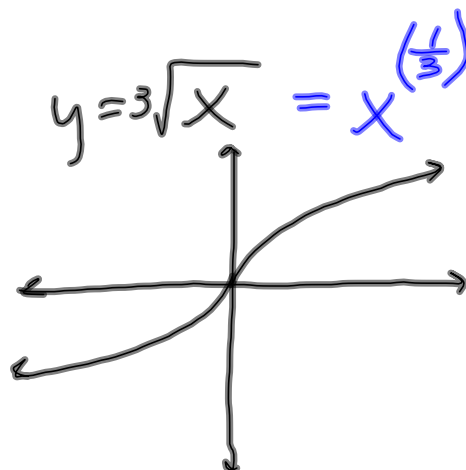
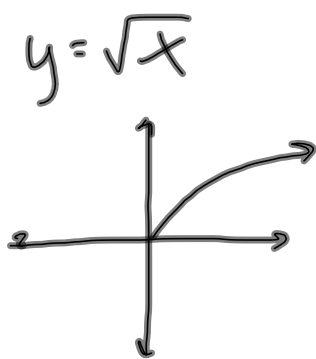
$$\sqrt{-16} \text{ imaginary}$$

$$\text{---} \cdot \text{---} = -16$$

$$\sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$$

$$\text{---} \cdot \text{---} \cdot \text{---} = -8$$

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Evaluate:

$$3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{27} - 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \cdot 3 - 5 \\ 9 - 5 \\ 4 \end{array}$$

$$-2 \sqrt[3]{-125} - 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \cdot -5 - 10 \\ 10 - 10 \end{array}$$

$$0$$

$$-6 \sqrt[3]{-8} - 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 \cdot -2 - 2 \\ 12 - 2 \end{array}$$

$$10$$

$$10$$

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Properties

For any real #  $a$ :

$$\sqrt[n]{a^n} = a$$

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

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Simplify:

$$\sqrt[3]{49x^2y^5z^6}$$

$$\boxed{7xy^2z^3\sqrt[3]{y}}$$

$$\sqrt{81x^3y^4z^6}$$

$$9xy^2z^3\sqrt{x}$$

$$\sqrt{64a^4b^6c^3}$$

$$8a^2c\sqrt{bc}$$

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$$\sqrt[3]{-27x^3y^3z^3}$$

$$-3x^2y\sqrt[3]{xz^3}$$

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$$(6 + \sqrt{12}) + (-7 + \sqrt{75})$$

$$\underline{6} + \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{4 \cdot 3}} - \underline{7} + \frac{\sqrt{75}}{\sqrt{25 \cdot 3}}$$

$$-1 + \underline{2\sqrt{3}} + \underline{5\sqrt{3}}$$

$$-1 + 7\sqrt{3}$$

$$(-5 - \sqrt{18}) - (6 + \sqrt{50})$$

$$\underline{-5} - \frac{\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{9 \cdot 2}} - \underline{6} - \frac{\sqrt{50}}{\sqrt{25 \cdot 2}}$$

$$-11 - 3\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$-11 - 8\sqrt{2}$$

$$\underline{-3} + \frac{\sqrt{32}}{\sqrt{16 \cdot 2}} + (\underline{6} + \frac{\sqrt{98}}{\sqrt{49 \cdot 2}})$$

$$3 + 4\sqrt{2} + 7\sqrt{2}$$

$$3 + 11\sqrt{2}$$

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

$$-12 - 6\sqrt{2} + 20\sqrt{2} + 10\sqrt{4}$$

$$-12 + 14\sqrt{2} + 20$$

$$8 + 14\sqrt{2}$$

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

$$-12 + 18\sqrt{5} + 20\sqrt{5} - 30\sqrt{25}$$

$$-12 + 38\sqrt{5} - 150$$

$$-162 + 38\sqrt{5}$$

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

$$8\sqrt{3} + 20 - 2\sqrt{9} - 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$20 + 3\sqrt{3} - 6$$

$$14 + 3\sqrt{3}$$

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