

Unit 9 Day 6

Solving Radical Equations

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HW 9-5

1. You can take the cube root of -27 followed by raising that answer to the fourth power making the answer 81.

2. $3x^2$

3. a. $x^{\frac{8}{15}}$ b. $3^{\frac{5}{12}}$

4. a. $\frac{1}{a^{\frac{1}{3}}}$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a}}$ b. $\frac{1}{b^{\frac{1}{16}}}$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt[16]{b}}$ c. $\frac{1}{b^{\frac{7}{16}}}$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt[16]{b^7}}$

5. -1 index 3 radicand -1

6. 3 index 4 radicand 81

7. $4a^2b^2\sqrt{2b}$

8. $2a^3b^4\sqrt[4]{3b^2}$

9. $3x^3$

10. $a^4\sqrt{7}$

11. $2b^3$

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1. Explain how $(-27)^{\frac{4}{3}}$ can be evaluated using properties of rational exponents to result in an integer answer.

See explanation on first slide

2. Given the equal terms $\sqrt[5]{27x^6}$ and $y^{\frac{3}{5}}$, determine and state y , in terms of x . State your answer in simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[5]{27x^6} &= y^{\frac{3}{5}} & (27x^6)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= y \\ (27x^6)^{\frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{3}} &= y^{\frac{5}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{3}} & y &= \sqrt[3]{27x^6} = 3x^2 \end{aligned}$$

3. Write as a single term with a rational exponent.

a. $\sqrt[5]{x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{x}$

$$x^{\frac{1}{5}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$x^{\frac{3}{15}} \cdot x^{\frac{5}{15}}$$

$$x^{\frac{8}{15}}$$

b. $\sqrt[4]{3} \cdot \sqrt[6]{3}$

$$3^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$3^{\frac{3}{12}} \cdot 3^{\frac{2}{12}}$$

$$3^{\frac{5}{12}}$$

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4. Using the rules for positive and negative exponents, simplify the following expressions.

a. $\left(\frac{a^{\frac{1}{3}}}{a^{\frac{1}{6}}}\right)^{-2}$

$$= \left(\frac{a^{\frac{1}{6}}}{a^{\frac{1}{3}}}\right)^2 = \frac{a^{\frac{2}{6}}}{a^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{1}{a^{\frac{1}{3}}} \text{ or } \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a}}$$

b. $\left(\frac{b^2}{b^{\frac{9}{8}}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} : \left(\frac{b^{\frac{9}{8}}}{b^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$= \frac{b^{\frac{9}{16}}}{b^1} = \frac{1}{b^{\frac{7}{16}}}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{\sqrt[16]{b^7}}$$

c. $\left(b^{\frac{7}{8}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = b^{-\frac{7}{16}}$

$$= \frac{1}{b^{\frac{7}{16}}}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{\sqrt[16]{b^7}}$$

Simplify. Identify the index and the radicand.

5. $\sqrt[3]{-1}$

Answer -1

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Radicand -1

6. $\sqrt[4]{81}$

Answer 3

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Radicand 81

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Simplify.

7. $\sqrt{32a^4b^5}$

$$= \sqrt{16a^4b^4} \sqrt{2b}$$

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

8. $\sqrt[4]{48a^{12}b^6}$

$$= \sqrt[4]{16a^{12}b^4} \sqrt[4]{3b^2}$$

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

9. $\sqrt[3]{27x^9} = 3x^3$

Divide and Simplify.

$$10. \frac{\sqrt{14a^{13}}}{\sqrt{2a^5}} = \sqrt{\frac{14a^{13}}{2a^5}} = \sqrt{7a^8}$$

$$= a^4\sqrt{7}$$

$$11. \frac{\sqrt[4]{32b^{20}}}{\sqrt[4]{2b^8}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{32b^{20}}{2b^8}}$$

$$= \sqrt[4]{16b^{12}} = 2b^3$$

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Warmup:

Express the fraction $\frac{2x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(16x^4)^{\frac{1}{4}}}$ in simplest radical form.

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Steps: Example:

1. Isolate the expression containing the radical.
(Be sure to have only one radical per side.)
2. Square both sides.
3. Solve the resulting equation.
4. Check (extraneous roots)
5. Write the solution set { }

Solve and check.

1. $\sqrt{x^2+7} = x+1$

$$(\sqrt{x^2+7})^2 = (x+1)^2$$

$$x^2+7 = (x+1)(x+1)$$

$$x^2+7 = x^2+x+x+1$$

$$x^2+7 = x^2+2x+1$$

$$7 = 2x+1$$

$$6 = 2x$$

$$x = 3$$

Check:

$$\sqrt{9+7} = 3+1$$

$$\sqrt{16} = 4$$

$$4 = 4$$

$\{3\}$

2. $\sqrt{x+7}-1 = x$

$$(\sqrt{x+7}-1)^2 = (x)^2$$

$$x+7 - 2\sqrt{x+7} + 1 = x^2$$

$$x+8 - 2\sqrt{x+7} = x^2$$

$$-2\sqrt{x+7} = x^2 - x - 8$$

$$\sqrt{x+7} = \frac{x^2 - x - 8}{-2}$$

$$\sqrt{x+7} = \frac{-x^2 + x + 8}{2}$$

$$x+7 = \frac{(-x^2 + x + 8)^2}{4}$$

$$4x+28 = (-x^2 + x + 8)^2$$

$$4x+28 = x^4 - 2x^3 + 16x^2 - 16x + 64$$

$$0 = x^4 - 2x^3 + 12x^2 - 20x + 36$$

$$(x-3)(x-2)(x^2-4) = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-2)(x-2)(x+2) = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-2)^2(x+2) = 0$$

$$x = 3, x = 2, x = -2$$

Check:

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

$$\sqrt{10}-1 = 3$$

$$\sqrt{10} = 4$$

$$4 \neq 4$$

$\{3\}$

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3. $\sqrt{3x-4} - \sqrt{2x+3} = 0$

$$\sqrt{3x-4} = \sqrt{2x+3}$$

$$(\sqrt{3x-4})^2 = (\sqrt{2x+3})^2$$

$$3x-4 = 2x+3$$

$$x = 7$$

Check:

$$\sqrt{21-4} - \sqrt{14+3} = 0$$

$$\sqrt{17} - \sqrt{17} = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

$\{7\}$

4. $\sqrt{3x+13} - 5 = x$

$$\sqrt{3x+13} = x+5$$

$$(\sqrt{3x+13})^2 = (x+5)^2$$

$$3x+13 = x^2+10x+25$$

$$-x^2-7x-12 = 0$$

$$(x+3)(x+4) = 0$$

$$x = -3, x = -4$$

Check:

$$\sqrt{9+13} - 5 = -3$$

$$\sqrt{22} - 5 = -3$$

$$\sqrt{22} = 2$$

$$2 \neq 2$$

$\{-4, -3\}$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} -x \quad -x \\ \hline (\sqrt{2x+1})^2 = (1-x)^2 \end{array}$$

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

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

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x-1 \quad -1-2x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 4x = 0 \quad \text{*Think GCF}$$

$$x(x-4) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x=0 \quad | \quad x-4=0 \\ \quad \quad \quad x=4 \end{array}$$

Check

$$x=0$$

$$\sqrt{0+1} + 0 = 1$$

$$\sqrt{1} + 0 = 1$$

$$1 = 1$$

reject

$$x=4$$

$$\sqrt{8+1} + 4 = 1$$

$$\sqrt{9} + 4 = 1$$

$$3+4 = 1$$

$$7 \neq 1$$

$$\{0\}$$

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