

# INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA

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7.3 OPERATIONS ON RADICAL EXPRESSIONS I

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## Useful Guidelines:

If  $\sqrt[n]{a}$  and  $\sqrt[n]{b}$  are real numbers, and  $b \neq 0$  and  $n$  is a natural number, then

\*  $\sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{ab}$  and  $\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}}$ . For example:  $\sqrt[4]{8} \cdot \sqrt[4]{2} = \sqrt[4]{8 \cdot 2} = 2$  and  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{27}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{8}}{\sqrt[3]{27}} = \frac{2}{3}$

\* NOTE:  $\sqrt[n]{a} + \sqrt[n]{b} \neq \sqrt[n]{a+b}$  and  $\sqrt[n]{a} - \sqrt[n]{b} \neq \sqrt[n]{a-b}$

Only radical expression with the same index and the same radicand may be combined (combining the like terms or same family only).

For example:  $\sqrt[3]{5} + 2\sqrt[3]{5} + 4\sqrt[3]{7} + 2\sqrt[3]{7} = 3\sqrt[3]{5} + 6\sqrt[3]{7}$ .

Assume all variables represent positive real numbers. Simplify the following (if possible):

1. a)  $\sqrt[3]{15} + 6\sqrt[3]{15} = 7\sqrt[3]{15}$

b)  $\sqrt{20} - \sqrt{45} = \sqrt{(4)(5)} - \sqrt{(9)(5)}$   
 $= 2\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{5}$   
 $= -\sqrt{5}$

c)  $2\sqrt{45a} + \sqrt{20a}$   
 $= 2\sqrt{(9)(5)(a)} + \sqrt{(4)(5)(a)}$   
 $= 6\sqrt{5a} + 2\sqrt{5a}$   
 $= 8\sqrt{5a}$

d)  $3\sqrt{5} - 5\sqrt{2}$   
 Cannot simplify

2. a)  $3\sqrt[3]{16} - 2\sqrt[3]{250}$   
 $= 3\sqrt[3]{(8)(2)} - 2\sqrt[3]{(125)(2)}$   
 $= 6\sqrt[3]{2} - 10\sqrt[3]{2}$   
 $= -4\sqrt[3]{2}$

b)  $5\sqrt{12} - 3\sqrt{27} = 5\sqrt{(4)(3)} - 3\sqrt{(9)(3)}$   
 $= 10\sqrt{3} - 9\sqrt{3}$   
 $= \sqrt{3}$

c)  $\sqrt[4]{81x^2y} + \sqrt[4]{16x^6y^5}$   
 $= \sqrt[4]{(3^4)(x^2)(y)} + \sqrt[4]{(2^4)(x^2)(x^4)(y^4)(y)}$   
 $= \sqrt[4]{x^2y} + 2xy\sqrt[4]{x^2y}$   
 $= (3 + 2xy)\sqrt[4]{x^2y}$

d)  $\sqrt[3]{8m^2n} + 3\sqrt[3]{m^5n^7}$   
 $= 2\sqrt[3]{m^2n} + 3\sqrt[3]{(m^3)(m^2)(n^3)(n^4)}$   
 $= 2\sqrt[3]{m^2n} + 3mn^2\sqrt[3]{m^2n}$   
 $= 2 + 3mn^2\sqrt[3]{m^2n}$

3. a)  $2\sqrt{\frac{32}{25}} + 3\sqrt{\frac{32}{8}} = 2\frac{\sqrt{32}}{\sqrt{25}} + 3\frac{\sqrt{32}}{\sqrt{8}} = 2\frac{\sqrt{(4)(2)}}{5} + 3\frac{\sqrt{(4)(2)}}{\sqrt{(4)(2)}} =$   
 $\frac{8\sqrt{2}}{5} + \frac{12\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{5} + 6$

c)  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{8x^3}{x^{12}}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{16}{x^9}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{8x^3}}{\sqrt[3]{x^{12}}} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{16}}{\sqrt[3]{x^9}} = \frac{2x}{x^4} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{(8)(2)}}{x^3} = \frac{2x}{x^4} + \frac{2\sqrt[3]{2}}{x^3} =$   
 $\frac{2}{x^3} + \frac{2\sqrt[3]{2}}{x^3} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt[3]{2}}{x^3}$

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7.3 OPERATIONS ON RADICAL EXPRESSIONS II

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## Useful Guidelines:

\* To rationalize denominator with one radical term:

Multiply both the numerator and the denominator by that radical term in the denominator.

For example:  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$

\* To rationalize denominator with binomials involving radicals:

Multiply both the numerator and the denominator by the conjugate of the denominator.

For example:  $\frac{3}{4+\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3}{(4+\sqrt{5})} \cdot \frac{(4-\sqrt{5})}{(4-\sqrt{5})} = \frac{3(4-\sqrt{5})}{16-5} = \frac{3(4-\sqrt{5})}{11}$

Rationalize the denominator in each expression. Assume all variables represent positive real numbers.

1. a)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2}$

b)  $\frac{12}{\sqrt{7}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{12\sqrt{7}}{7}$

c)  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{11}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{11}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{\sqrt{33}}{11}$

d)  $-\sqrt{\frac{13}{x}} = -\frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{-\sqrt{13x}}{x}$

e)  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{27}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{27}}{\sqrt[3]{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}}{\sqrt[3]{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt[3]{4}}{2}$

f)  $-\sqrt[4]{\frac{16}{y}} = \frac{-\sqrt[4]{16}}{\sqrt[4]{y}} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt[4]{y}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[4]{y^3}}{\sqrt[4]{y^3}} = \frac{-2\sqrt[4]{y^3}}{y}$

Rationalize the denominator in each expression. Assume all variables represent positive real numbers and no denominators are 0.

2. a)  $\frac{8}{(3-\sqrt{5})(3+\sqrt{5})} = \frac{24+8\sqrt{5}}{9-5} = \frac{24+8\sqrt{5}}{4} = 6+2\sqrt{5}$

b)  $\frac{4}{(\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2k})(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2k})} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}+4\sqrt{2k}}{3-2k}$

c)  $\frac{(\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{4}-\sqrt{3})}{(\sqrt{4}+\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{4}-\sqrt{3})} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}-2\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{6}-3}{4-3} = 2\sqrt{2}-2\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{6}-3$

d)  $\frac{(3+\sqrt{2x})(-\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2x})}{(\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2x})(-\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2x})} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{6x}+3\sqrt{2x}+2x}{3-2x}$

$2\sqrt{2}-2\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{6}-3$

$\frac{3\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{6x}+3\sqrt{2x}+2x}{3-2x}$

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7.4 RADICAL FUNCTIONS

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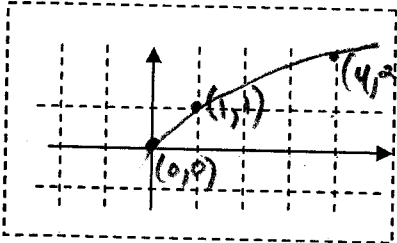
## Useful Guidelines:

- \* Square Root and Cube Root: The cube root function is defined for all inputs, whereas the square root function is defined only for nonnegative inputs.
- \* Square Root Property: If  $k$  is a nonnegative numbers and  $x^2 = k$ , then  $x = \pm\sqrt{k}$ .
- \* Solve Equations with Cube Roots: The solution to the equation  $x^3 = k$  is  $x = \sqrt[3]{k}$ .
- \* Power function:  $f(x) = x^p$ , where  $p$  is a rational number.
- \* Root function:  $f(x) = \sqrt[n]{x}$ , where  $n \geq 2$ .

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1. Graph each function. Give the domain and the range.

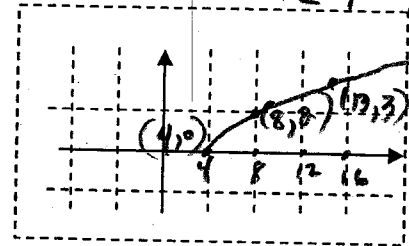
a.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$



x	f(x)
0	0
1	1
4	2

D:  $[0, \infty)$   
R:  $[0, \infty)$

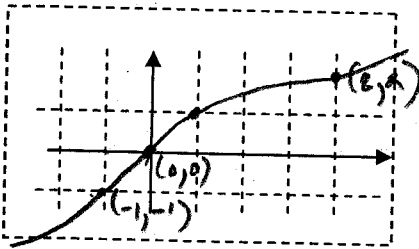
b.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-4}$



D:  $[4, \infty)$   
R:  $[0, \infty)$

x	f(x)
4	0
8	2
13	3

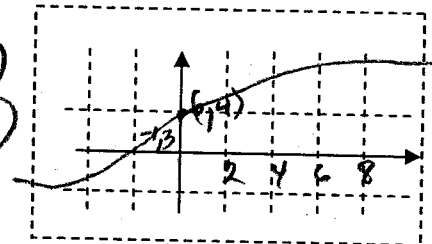
c.  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$



x	f(x)
0	0
1	1
8	2
27	3
-1	-1

D:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
R:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

d.  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} + 4$



x	f(x)
0	4
1	5
8	6

2. Use the square root property to solve each equation and give the solution set.

a.  $x^2 = 49$

$x = \pm\sqrt{49}$   
 $x = \pm 7$

Sol set  $\{x | x = \pm 7\}$

c.  $(x-4)^2 = 25$

$x-4 = \pm 5$

$x-4 = 5$  or  $x-4 = -5$

$x = 9$  or  $x = -1$

Sol set  $\{x | x = 9 \text{ or } x = -1\}$

b.  $x^2 - 8 = 0$   $x = 8$

$x = \pm\sqrt{8}$   
 $x = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$

Sol set:  $\{x | x = \pm 2\sqrt{2}\}$

d.  $(2x-5)^2 = 12$

$2x-5 = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$

$2x-5 = 2\sqrt{3}$  or  $2x-5 = -2\sqrt{3}$

$2x = 5 + 2\sqrt{3}$

$x = \frac{5 + 2\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$2x = 5 - 2\sqrt{3}$

$x = \frac{5 - 2\sqrt{3}}{2}$

D:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
R:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

3. Use the cube roots to solve each equation and give the solution set.

a.  $x^3 = 125$

$x = \sqrt[3]{125}$

$x = 5$

Sol set  $\{5\}$

b.  $\frac{3(y-1)^3}{3} = \frac{81}{3} \Rightarrow (y-1)^3 = 27$

$y-1 = \sqrt[3]{27}$

$y-1 = 3$

$y = 4$  Sol set  $\{4\}$

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7.6 COMPLEX NUMBERS

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## Useful Guidelines:

- \* Imaginary Unit:  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $i^2 = -1$  Example:  $\sqrt{-5} = i\sqrt{5}$ .
- \* Standard Form:  $a+bi$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.
- \* Real Part of  $a+bi$ :  $a$
- \* Imaginary Part of  $a+bi$ :  $b$
- \* Complex conjugate of  $a+bi$ :  $a-bi$

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1. Use the imaginary unit to write the expression.

a.  $\sqrt{-36} = \sqrt{(-1)(36)} \Rightarrow \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{36} \Rightarrow 6i$

b.  $\sqrt{-81} = \sqrt{(-1)(81)} \Rightarrow \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{81} = 9i$

c.  $\sqrt{-72} = \sqrt{(-1)(36)(2)} = \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{36} \sqrt{2} = 6i\sqrt{2}$

d.  $\sqrt{-20} = \sqrt{(-1)(4)(5)} = 2i\sqrt{5}$

2. Write each sum or difference in standard form.

a.  $(2+i) + (9-2i) = 2+1+9-2i = 11-i$

b.  $(4-5i) - (1-i) = 4-5i-1+i = 3-4i$

c.  $(-3+2i) + (4-4i) = -3+2i+4-4i = 1-2i$

d.  $(6-5i) - (2+5i) = 6-5i-2-5i = 4-10i$

3. Write each product in standard form.

a.  $(3-i)(2+2i) = 6-2i+2i-2(-1) = 8+4i$  ( $i^2 = -1$ )

b.  $(7+i)(5-2i) = 35+5i-14i-2(-1) = 37-9i$

c.  $(-4+3i)(2+8i) = -8+6i-32i+24i^2 = -32-26i$  ( $i^2 = -1$ )

d.  $(5-4i)(1-3i) = 5-4i-15i+12i^2 = -7-19i$  ( $i^2 = -1$ )

4. Write each quotient in standard form.

a.  $\frac{3}{4-3i} \frac{(4+3i)}{(4+3i)} \Rightarrow \frac{12+9i}{16-9i^2} =$

b.  $\frac{2i}{2+5i} \frac{(2-5i)}{(2-5i)} \Rightarrow \frac{4i-10i^2}{4-25i^2} =$

$\frac{12+9i}{16-9(-1)} \Rightarrow \frac{12+9i}{25} = \frac{12}{25} + \frac{9i}{25}$

$\frac{4i-10(-1)}{4-25(-1)} \Rightarrow \frac{4i+10}{29} =$

$\frac{10}{29} + \frac{4i}{29}$

c.  $\frac{(2-i)(3-4i)}{3+4i(3-4i)} \Rightarrow \frac{6-3i-8i+4i^2}{9-16i^2} =$

d.  $\frac{1+2i}{5i} \frac{(-5i)}{(-5i)} \Rightarrow \frac{-5i-10i^2}{-25i^2} =$

$\frac{6-11i+4(-1)}{9-16(-1)} = \frac{2-11i}{25} =$

$\frac{-5i-10(-1)}{(25)(-1)} = \frac{-5i+10}{25}$

$\frac{2}{25} - \frac{11i}{25}$

$-\frac{5i}{25} + \frac{10}{25} = \frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{5}i$