

Math 20-1 Radical Expressions Operations

1. Order the radical expressions in each set from least to greatest.

a) $\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{9}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{8}$

b) $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{16}, \sqrt[3]{27}, \sqrt[3]{32}$

2. Use your knowledge of radicals to show that $\sqrt{800}$ is equivalent to

a) $10\sqrt{8}$ $\sqrt{800} = \sqrt{100 \cdot 8} = \sqrt{100} \cdot \sqrt{8} = 10\sqrt{8}$

b) $20\sqrt{2}$ $= \sqrt{400 \cdot 2} = 20\sqrt{2}$

c) $5\sqrt{32}$ $= \sqrt{25 \cdot 32} = 5\sqrt{32}$

Which one of these equivalent expressions would be $\sqrt{800}$ expressed in lowest terms? Explain.

b) \rightarrow the radicand is in simplest form.

3. Express each radical in simplest form as a mixed radical, $a\sqrt{b}$.

a) $\sqrt{40} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 10}$
 $= 2\sqrt{10}$

b) $2\sqrt{135} = 2\sqrt{9 \cdot 15}$
 $= 2 \cdot 3\sqrt{15}$
 $= 6\sqrt{15}$

c) $-\sqrt[3]{250}$
 $-\sqrt[3]{125 \cdot 2}$
 $= -5\sqrt[3]{2}$

d) $\sqrt{1000a^5b^6}, a \geq 0, b \geq 0$
 $\sqrt{100 \cdot 10 \cdot a^4 \cdot a \cdot b^6}$
 $= 10a^2b^3\sqrt{10a}$

4. Express each as an entire radical.

a) $-2\sqrt{20}$
 $= -\sqrt{2^2 \cdot 20} = -\sqrt{80}$

b) $3mn^3\sqrt{5m} = \sqrt{3^2 m^6 (n^3)^2 \cdot 5m}$
 $= \sqrt{45m^3n^6}$

c) $2\sqrt[3]{3}$
 $\sqrt[3]{2^3 \cdot 3} = \sqrt[3]{96}$

d) $5\sqrt{x+1}$
 $\sqrt{5^2(x+1)} = \sqrt{5x+25}$

5. Simplify $\sqrt{25} - \sqrt{36} \times \sqrt{8} + \sqrt[3]{16}$.

$5 - 6 \cdot 2 + 2$
 $5 - 12 + 2 = -5$

6. True or False. Correct all false statements.

a) $-m^2 = m^2$
False
 $-1(m)^2$

b) $\sqrt{(-9)^2} = -9$
 \downarrow
 $\sqrt{81} = 9$
 $9 \neq -9$
False.

c) $\sqrt{r^2} = \pm r$
true.

7. The horizontal distance, d , in kilometers that can be viewed from a given height, h , in metres above the ground is given by $d = 80\sqrt{2h}$. What distance can be seen from a height of 100 meters? Express the answer in simplest terms.

$$d = 80\sqrt{2(100)}$$

$$d = 80\sqrt{200}$$

$$d = 80 \cdot 10\sqrt{400}$$

$$= 800\sqrt{2}$$

8. Simplify each and express in the form $a\sqrt{b}$.

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

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

c) $7\sqrt{12} - 8\sqrt{75} - 3\sqrt{27}$

$$= 7 \cdot 2\sqrt{3} - 8 \cdot 5\sqrt{3} - 3 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$= 14\sqrt{3} - 40\sqrt{3} - 9\sqrt{3}$$

$$= -35\sqrt{3}$$

e) $5\sqrt{2} \cdot 2\sqrt{5}$

$$10\sqrt{10}$$

g) $(4\sqrt{7} + 3\sqrt{5})(2\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5})$

$$8(7) - 4\sqrt{35} + 6\sqrt{35} - 3(5)$$

$$56 + 2\sqrt{35} - 15$$

$$41 + 2\sqrt{35}$$

ii) $(2\sqrt{5} - 5)^2$

$$(2\sqrt{5} - 5)(2\sqrt{5} - 5)$$

$$4(5) - 10\sqrt{5} - 10\sqrt{5} + 25$$

$$20 - 20\sqrt{5} + 25$$

$$45 - 20\sqrt{5}$$

b) $6\sqrt{45} - 4\sqrt{125}$

$$= 6 \cdot 3\sqrt{5} - 4 \cdot 5\sqrt{5}$$

$$= 18\sqrt{5} - 20\sqrt{5}$$

d) $\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{8} + \sqrt{54}$

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

f) $5\sqrt{3}(2\sqrt{6} - 4\sqrt{3})$

$$10\sqrt{18} - 20\sqrt{9}$$

$$10 \cdot 3\sqrt{2} - 20(3)$$

$$30\sqrt{2} - 60$$

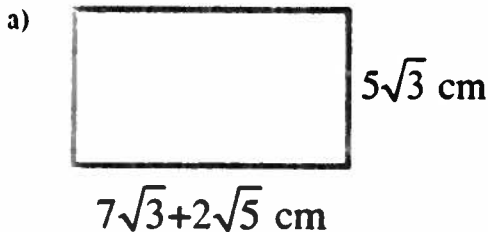
h) $(\sqrt{7a} - \sqrt{11a})(\sqrt{7a} + \sqrt{11a})$

$$7a + \sqrt{77a^2} - \sqrt{77a^2} - 11a$$

$$= -4a$$

k) $\frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{6}} = \sqrt{\frac{12}{6}} = \sqrt{2}$

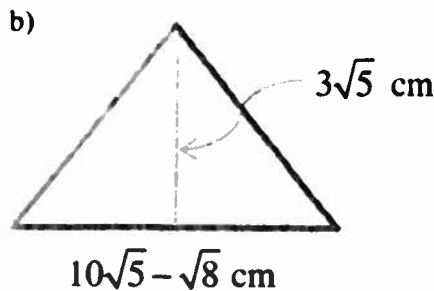
9. Determine the exact value in simplest form for the area of each figure.



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

$$= 35(3) + 10\sqrt{15}$$

$$= 105 + 10\sqrt{15}$$



$$= \frac{(3\sqrt{5})(10\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{8})}{2}$$

$$= \frac{30(5) - 3\sqrt{40}}{2} = \frac{150 - 6\sqrt{10}}{2}$$

10. Express each in simplest form with a rational denominator.

a) $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$

b) $\frac{3\sqrt{35}}{\sqrt{7}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{3\sqrt{245}}{7} = \frac{3\sqrt{49 \cdot 5}}{7}$
 $= \frac{21\sqrt{5}}{7} = 3\sqrt{5}$

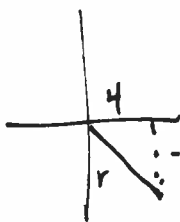
c) $\frac{10\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{12}} = 10\sqrt{\frac{6}{12}}$
 $= 10\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$

d) $\frac{(3\sqrt{2}+7)(4\sqrt{3}+2)}{(4\sqrt{3}-2)(4\sqrt{3}+2)}$
 $= \frac{12\sqrt{6} + 6\sqrt{2} + 28\sqrt{3} + 14}{12(3) - 4}$
 $= \frac{12\sqrt{6} + 6\sqrt{2} + 28\sqrt{3} + 14}{32}$

should have just $\frac{3\sqrt{35}}{\sqrt{7}} = 3\sqrt{\frac{35}{7}} = 3\sqrt{5}$

$$= \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{10\sqrt{2}}{2} = 5\sqrt{2}$$

11. Determine the exact value of the primary trig ratios given the point (4, -8) on the terminal arm of an angle in standard position. Radicals must be in simplest form with a rational denominator.



$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$4^2 + (-8)^2 = r^2$$

$$\sqrt{80} = r$$

$$r = 4\sqrt{5}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{-8}{4\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{-8\sqrt{5}}{20} = \frac{-4\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{4}{4\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{-8}{4} = -2$$

12. Use the quadratic formula to determine the exact roots of the equation $x^2 - 4x + 8 = 0$.

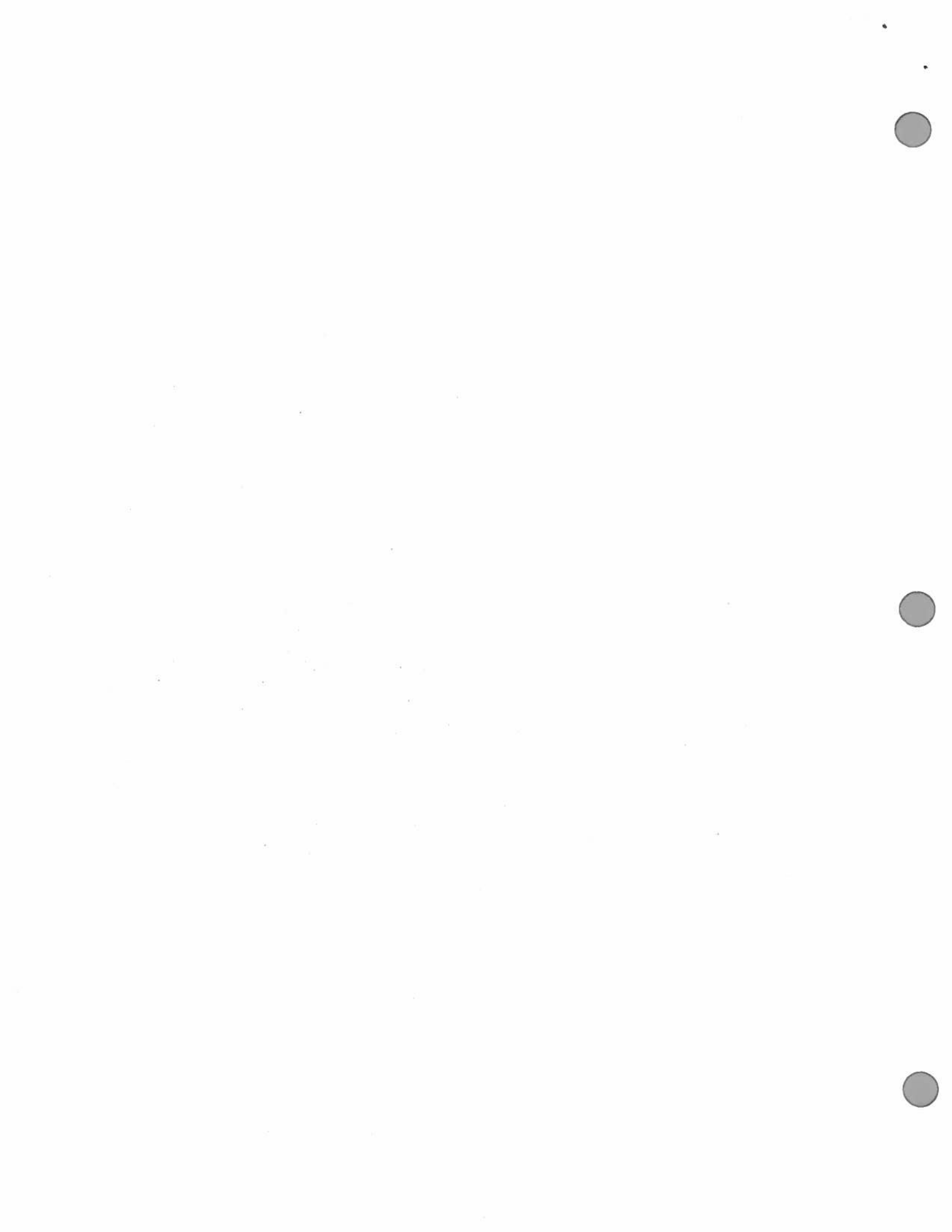
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(-8)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 8 = 0$$

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$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 32}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{48}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 \cdot 3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm 4\sqrt{3}}{2} = 2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$



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Operations on Radicals Quiz (AN2)

1. $12x^2y\sqrt{5x}$ written as an entire radical is

$$\sqrt{720x^5y^2}$$

2. When written in simplest form, $\sqrt[3]{875}$ can be written as $a\sqrt[3]{b}$. The value of $a + b$ is

$$5\sqrt[3]{7} = 5 + 7 = \underline{12}$$

3. Simplify $3\sqrt{175} + 6\sqrt{63}$

$$15\sqrt{7} + 18\sqrt{7} = 33\sqrt{7}$$

4. The product of $10 - 3\sqrt{5}$ and its conjugate, to the nearest whole number, is

$$(10 - 3\sqrt{5})(10 + 3\sqrt{5}) \\ = 100 - 45 = \underline{55}$$

5. Fully simplify $\left(\frac{\sqrt{8+3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{4-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{4\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{16} + 12 - 3\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{3}} &= \frac{5\sqrt{2} + 8}{2\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{8\sqrt{2} - 4 + 12 - 3\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{3}} &= \frac{5\sqrt{6} + 8\sqrt{3}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

6. Fully simplify $\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10+3\sqrt{2}}} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{10} - 3\sqrt{2})}{(\sqrt{10} - 3\sqrt{2})}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2\sqrt{50} - 6\sqrt{10}}{10 - 18} = \frac{10\sqrt{2} - 6\sqrt{10}}{-8} \\ &= \frac{-5\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{10}}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{3\sqrt{10} - 5\sqrt{2}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

