

# ROOTS - PART II

Exercises: Simplify

two radicals are "like" if they have the same index and the same radicand

1)  $\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \overline{) 2} \\ 6 \overline{) 2} \\ 3 \overline{) 3} \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{2^2 \cdot 3} + \sqrt{3} = \\ 2 \overline{) 2} \\ \underline{2} \\ 0 \end{array} \right\} = 2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

1 → exp out  
0 → exp in

2)  $\sqrt[3]{27a^4} + 2\sqrt[3]{-a} + 3\sqrt[3]{64a^7}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 27 \overline{) 3} \\ 9 \overline{) 3} \\ 3 \overline{) 3} \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 64 \overline{) 2} \\ 32 \overline{) 2} \\ 16 \overline{) 2} \\ 8 \overline{) 2} \\ 4 \overline{) 2} \\ 2 \overline{) 2} \end{array} \left. \right\} = \sqrt[3]{3^3 a^4} + 2\sqrt[3]{(-1)a} + 3\sqrt[3]{2^6 a^7}$$

$$= 3a\sqrt[3]{a} + 2(-1)\sqrt[3]{a} + 3 \cdot 2^2 a^2 \sqrt[3]{a}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \overline{) 3} \\ \underline{3} \\ 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 3 \overline{) 4} \\ \underline{3} \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 3 \overline{) 6} \\ \underline{6} \\ 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 3 \overline{) 7} \\ \underline{6} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

1 → out      1 →      2 → out      2 →

0 → in           0 →      1

$$= 3a\sqrt[3]{a} - 2\sqrt[3]{a} + 12a^2\sqrt[3]{a}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{a} (3a - 2 + 12a^2)$$

RATIONALIZING DENOMINATORS

Exercises: Rationalize (Get rid of roots in the denominator)

$$1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{1.41}$$

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

$$\sqrt{2} \approx 1.41$$

$$2 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 2 \\ \hline 2 \\ 0 \end{array}} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{out} \\ \\ \\ \rightarrow \text{in} \end{array}$$

$$\approx \frac{1.41}{2} \approx 0.7$$

$$2) \frac{5}{\sqrt[3]{2}} = \frac{5 \cdot \sqrt[3]{2}}{\sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 2}} = \frac{5 \sqrt[3]{2}}{\sqrt[3]{2^2}} \quad \times$$

$$= \frac{5 \cdot \sqrt[3]{2^2}}{\sqrt[3]{2} \sqrt[3]{2^2}} = \frac{5 \sqrt[3]{4}}{\sqrt[3]{2^3}} = \frac{2 \sqrt[3]{4}}{2}$$

$$3) \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{a^5}} = \frac{2}{a \sqrt[3]{a^2}} = \frac{2 \sqrt[3]{a}}{a \sqrt[3]{a^2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{a}} = \frac{2 \sqrt[3]{a}}{a \sqrt[3]{a^3}}$$

$$3 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 3 \\ \hline 3 \\ 0 \end{array}} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{out} \\ \\ \\ \rightarrow \text{in} \end{array}$$

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

$$4) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1 \cdot (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})}{(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}}{-1} = -(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})$$

conjugate

$$(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{9} = 2 - 3 = -1$$

Using Rational Exponents

Simplify

$$\sqrt[3]{x^2} \cdot \sqrt{x} =$$

$$= x^{2/3} \cdot x^{1/2} = x^{2/3 + 1/2} = x^{7/6} = \sqrt[6]{x^7}$$

$$\text{lcm}(3, 2) = 6$$

$$= \boxed{x \sqrt[6]{x}}$$

$$6 \overline{) 7} \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \underline{6} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 1}{6} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{ab}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{x^m} = x^{m/n}$$

$$x^n \cdot x^m = x^{n+m}$$