

Section 6-3 Binomial Radical Expressions

Learning Goal: To understand how to add and subtract radical expressions.

Essential Questions: How can you simplify the n th root of an expression that contains an n th root as a factor?

When you square each side of an equation, is the resulting equation equivalent to the original?

How are function and its inverse function related?

Warm Up:

1. Can you simplify the product $\sqrt[4]{64} \cdot \sqrt[4]{32}$? Explain.

2. What is the simplest form of $\sqrt[4]{162x^6}$?

3. What is the simplest form of $\sqrt{54x^4y^3} \cdot \sqrt{72xy^6}$?

4. What is the simplest form of $\frac{\sqrt{64x^7}}{\sqrt{4x^3}}$?

5. What is the simplest form of $\sqrt[3]{\frac{7x^2}{15yz^2}}$?

Vocabulary:

Like Radicals– radical expression that have the same index and radicand

Examples: $\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} =$

$$\sqrt[3]{7} - 5\sqrt[3]{7} =$$

$$\sqrt{5xy} + 8\sqrt{5xy} =$$

$$\sqrt[3]{9x^2y} - 8\sqrt[3]{9x^2y} =$$

Combining Radical Expressions: Sums and Differences- Use the distributive property to add or subtract like radicals.

$$a^n\sqrt[n]{x} + b^n\sqrt[n]{x} = (a + b)^n\sqrt[n]{x}$$

$$a^n\sqrt[n]{x} - b^n\sqrt[n]{x} = (a - b)^n\sqrt[n]{x}$$

Try some:

What is the simplified form of each expression?

1. $3\sqrt{5x} - 2\sqrt{5x}$

2. $6x^2\sqrt{7} + 4x\sqrt{5}$

3. $12\sqrt[3]{7xy} - 8\sqrt[5]{7xy}$

4. $7\sqrt[3]{5} - 4\sqrt{5}$

5. $3x\sqrt{xy} + 4x\sqrt{xy}$

6. $17\sqrt[5]{3x^2} - 15\sqrt[5]{3x^2}$

*Note: You must simplify radicals first, you might be able to combine radicals.

7. $\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{75} - \sqrt{3}$

8. $\sqrt[3]{250} + \sqrt[3]{54} - \sqrt[3]{16}$

9. $\sqrt{28} - \sqrt{175} + \sqrt{63}$

You can multiply two binomials with radical expressions (FOIL).

10. $(4 + 2\sqrt{2})(5 + 4\sqrt{2})$

11. $(3 - \sqrt{7})(5 + \sqrt{7})$

12. $(3 - 2\sqrt{5})(2 - 4\sqrt{5})$

13. $(1 + 2\sqrt{7})(4 - 3\sqrt{7})$

14. $(5 - \sqrt{7})(5 + \sqrt{7})$

15. $(6 - \sqrt{12})(6 + \sqrt{12})$

16. What do you notice about #14 & #15?

Rationalizing the Denominator

17. $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}}$

18. $\frac{2\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}}$

19. $\frac{4x}{3 - \sqrt{6}}$

20. $\frac{11}{6 + \sqrt{3}}$

Closure: What process do you use to identify like radicals?

Assignment: section 6.3 # 10,12,14,17,20,21,23,25,27,31,32,34,35,39,40,41,42,45,51(19 problems)