

2.1 Simplifying Radical Expressions

Remember different forms
mixed to entire

$$2\sqrt[3]{5} = \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5} = \sqrt[3]{40}$$

entire to mixed

$$\sqrt{\frac{32}{135}} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}}{\sqrt{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \sqrt{2}}{3 \sqrt{3 \cdot 5}} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{15}} \text{ OR } \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{15}}$$

When is a radical defined?

1. \sqrt{x}

TEST $x=1 \rightarrow \sqrt{1} = 1 \checkmark$
 $x=0 \rightarrow \sqrt{0} = 0 \checkmark$
 $x=-1 \rightarrow \sqrt{-1}$ NOT a Real

$$x \geq 0$$

2. $\sqrt{x^3}$

TEST $x=1 \rightarrow \sqrt{1} = 1 \checkmark$
 $x=0 \rightarrow \sqrt{0} = 0 \checkmark$
 $x=-1 \rightarrow \sqrt{-1}$ NOT a R.

$$x \geq 0$$

3. $\sqrt{5x}$

$x=1 \rightarrow \sqrt{5} \checkmark$
 $x=0 \rightarrow \sqrt{0} \checkmark$
 $x=-1 \rightarrow \sqrt{-5} \times$

$$x \geq 0$$

4. $\sqrt[3]{x}$

$x=1 \rightarrow \sqrt[3]{1} \checkmark$

x is ALL Real numbers

$$4. \sqrt[3]{x}$$

$$x=1 \rightarrow \sqrt[3]{1} \checkmark$$

$$x=0 \rightarrow \sqrt[3]{0} \checkmark$$

$$x=-1 \rightarrow \sqrt[3]{-1} \checkmark$$

x is All Real numbers

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$5. \sqrt[4]{-2x^3}$$

$$x=1 \rightarrow \sqrt[4]{-2} \times$$

$$x=0 \rightarrow \sqrt[4]{0} \checkmark$$

$$x=-1 \rightarrow \sqrt[4]{2} \checkmark$$

$$x \leq 0$$

Simplify radicals with variables

$$1. \sqrt{27x^3} = \sqrt{27}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$9 \cdot 3$$

$$= 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$= 3x\sqrt{3x}$$

$$\sqrt{x^3} \rightarrow$$

$$\text{xxx}$$

$$x\sqrt{x}$$

highest exponent
that you can $\div 2$
evenly

$$x^2 \downarrow x$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\div 2$$

$$x\sqrt{x}$$

$$2. \sqrt{x^{43}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^{42} \cdot x}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\div 2$$

$$x^{21} \sqrt{x}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{x^{43}} =$$

$$x^{14} \cdot x$$

$$\div 3$$

$$x^{14} \sqrt[3]{x}$$

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

$$x^{14}$$

$$3. \sqrt[3]{16x^{16}} = \sqrt[3]{16}$$

$$\downarrow \sqrt[3]{x^{16}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. \quad \sqrt[3]{16x^{16}} &= \sqrt[3]{16} \sqrt[3]{x^{16}} \\
 &= 2\sqrt[3]{2} x^5 \sqrt[3]{x} \\
 &= 2x^5 \sqrt[3]{2x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$4. \quad \sqrt{45a^7} = \sqrt{45} \sqrt{a^7} \\ = \sqrt{9 \times 5} \sqrt{a^6 a^1} \\ = 3\sqrt{5} \cdot a^3 \sqrt{a} \\ = 3a^3 \sqrt{5a}$$

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