

NOTES: Section 12.2 – Operations with Radical Expressions

Goals: #1 - I can add, subtract, multiply, and divide radical expressions.

Homework: Section 12.2 Worksheet



Warm Up:

1. Evaluate the function for the given value of x .

a. $\sqrt{x-6}; 31$

$$\sqrt{31-6}$$

$$\sqrt{25}$$

$$\boxed{5}$$

3. Find the domain of the function.

b. $y = 2\sqrt{x-2} + 2$

$$x-2 \geq 0$$

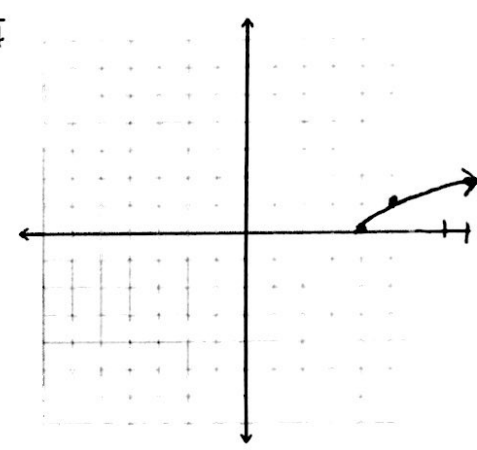
$$\boxed{x \geq 2}$$

2. Graph the function.

State the domain and range.

a. $y = \sqrt{x-4}$

| x | y |
|----|---|
| 4 | 0 |
| 5 | 1 |
| 8 | 2 |
| 13 | 3 |
| 20 | 4 |



Domain: $x \geq 4$

Range: $y \geq 0$

$$x-4 \geq 0$$

$$x \geq 4$$

Review:

When we simplify radical expressions, we look for perfect square numbers. (4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100)

Example: $\sqrt{32}$

$$\sqrt{16 \cdot 2}$$

$$\boxed{4\sqrt{2}}$$

You practice: Simplify the radical expression.

1. $\sqrt{40}$

$$\sqrt{4 \cdot 10}$$

$$\boxed{2\sqrt{10}}$$

2. $\sqrt{128}$

$$\sqrt{64 \cdot 2}$$

$$\boxed{8\sqrt{2}}$$

3. $\sqrt{300}$

$$\sqrt{100 \cdot 3}$$

$$\boxed{10\sqrt{3}}$$

Notes:

To multiply radical expressions, we use the product property.

• Radical Product Property $\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{a \cdot b}$

Example #1: Simplify the radical expression.

1. $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{8}$

$$\sqrt{8 \cdot 2}$$

$$\sqrt{16}$$

$$\boxed{4}$$

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

$$5\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} \cdot 2$$

$$\boxed{5\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}$$

3. $(2 + \sqrt{3})(2 - \sqrt{3})$

$$4 - 2\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3} \cdot 3$$

$$4 - \sqrt{9}$$

$$4 - 3$$

$$\boxed{1}$$

You practice: Simplify the radical expression.

1. $\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{2} + 1)$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{5}}$$

2. $(6 - \sqrt{2})(6 + \sqrt{2})$

$$36 + 6\sqrt{2} - 6\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} \cdot 2$$

$$36 - \sqrt{4}$$

$$36 - 2$$

$$\boxed{34}$$

3. $\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{12}$

$$\sqrt{3 \cdot 12}$$

$$\sqrt{36}$$

$$\boxed{6}$$

Notes:

To divide radical expressions, we use the quotient property.

• Radical Quotient Property $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$

Remember, we CANNOT have radicals in our denominator.

We rationalize the denominator:

Example: $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}}$

$$\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{25}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}}$$

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Example #2: Simplify the radical expression.

$$1. \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}$$

$$2. \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{30}}{\sqrt{9}} \quad \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{30}}{3}}$$

You practice: Simplify the radical expression.

$$1. \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{21}}{\sqrt{49}} \quad \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{21}}{7}}$$

$$2. \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4}}$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \boxed{\sqrt{2}}$$

Notes:

To add or subtract radical expressions, we combine "like" terms.

Example #3: Simplify the radical expression.

$$1. 1\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\boxed{4\sqrt{2}}$$

$$2. 2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5} - 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$\boxed{-4\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}}$$

$$3. 4\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{27}$$

$$\sqrt{9 \cdot 3}$$

$$4\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{3}}$$

You practice: Simplify the radical expression.

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

$$\boxed{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$2. \sqrt{18} + \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sqrt{9 \cdot 2}$$

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

$$\boxed{4\sqrt{2}}$$

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

$$\boxed{4\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{2}}$$