

**Chapter 1 – Operations with Radicals**  
**1.1 Adding and Subtracting Radicals**

\*You should be able to demonstrate your understanding of these concepts without using a calculator.

1. Review from Math 10: Convert to a mixed radical in lowest terms.

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| a. $\sqrt{48}$ | b. $\sqrt{96}$ | c. $\sqrt[3]{54}$ |
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2. Review from Math 10: Convert to an entire radical.

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| a. $6\sqrt{3}$ | b. $-4\sqrt{5}$ | c. $2\sqrt[3]{5}$ |
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3. Simplify.

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| a. $3\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5} - 6\sqrt{5}$ | b. $6\sqrt{7} - 2\sqrt{3} - 10\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7}$ | c. $-4\sqrt{10} + 6\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{10} - 14\sqrt{7}$ |
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4. Simplify by first reducing each radical to lowest terms.

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| a. $\sqrt{150} - \sqrt{216}$ | b. $3\sqrt{20} - \sqrt{45} + 2\sqrt{72}$ | c. $\sqrt{98} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{20} - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{18}$ |
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5. Determine the perimeter of a rectangle whose length is  $\sqrt{27} + \sqrt{12}$  and whose width is  $\sqrt{32} + \sqrt{18}$ .

## 1.2 Multiplying Radicals

\*You should be able to demonstrate your understanding of these concepts without using a calculator.

1. Multiply the following monomials. Simplify each answer.

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| a. $(5\sqrt{3})(-4\sqrt{2})$ | b. $(\sqrt{32})(\sqrt{6})$ | c. $(3\sqrt{x})(-4\sqrt{x})$ |
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2. Write as a single radical in lowest terms.

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| a. $(3\sqrt{5})^2$ | b. $-(\sqrt{10})^2$ | c. $(-2\sqrt{8})(3\sqrt{3})(2\sqrt{2})$ |
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3. Expand each expression. Write the answers in lowest terms.

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| a. $2\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{6}-3\sqrt{12})$ | b. $\sqrt{8}(\sqrt{6}-2\sqrt{2})$ | c. $\sqrt{a}(\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{a})$ |
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4. Expand each expression. Write the answers in lowest terms.

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| a. $2\sqrt{5}(3\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{125}+\sqrt{3})$ | b. $(5+\sqrt{27})(-1-\sqrt{12})$ | c. $(11\sqrt{2}+3)^2$ |
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5. Can you state the conjugate of a monomial expression, such as  $-2\sqrt{3}$ ? Explain your answer.

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6. When stating the conjugate of a binomial expression, do you change the negative sign to a positive sign? For example,  $-2 + \sqrt{3}$  becomes  $2 + \sqrt{3}$ ?

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7. State the conjugate of each binomial expression.

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| a. $\sqrt{5} + 1$ | b. $2 - \sqrt{7}$ | c. $\sqrt{18} + \sqrt{3}$ |
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8. Multiply each binomial expression by its conjugate. Simplify the answers.

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| a. $\sqrt{5} + 1$ | b. $2 - \sqrt{7}$ | c. $\sqrt{18} + \sqrt{3}$ |
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9. What do you notice happens when a binomial is multiplied by its conjugate?

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### 1.3 Dividing by Monomial Radical Expressions

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1. Simplify each part (the rational and then the irrational) of the fraction, and then divide.

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| a. $\frac{8\sqrt{54}}{6\sqrt{8}}$ | b. $\frac{\sqrt{96}}{2\sqrt{3}}$ | c. $\frac{15\sqrt{30}}{12\sqrt{5}}$ |
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2. Simplify.

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| a. $\frac{6\sqrt{150}}{\sqrt{24}}$ | b. $\frac{-7\sqrt{24}}{\sqrt{162}}$ | c. $\frac{a\sqrt{ab^3}}{b\sqrt{ab}}$ |
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3. Divide each term in the numerator by the denominator. Write each answer in lowest terms.

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| a. $\frac{\sqrt{48} + \sqrt{96} - \sqrt{108}}{\sqrt{12}}$ | b. $\frac{10\sqrt{20} - 3\sqrt{125}}{2\sqrt{5}}$ |
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4. Think and explain: What happens when a radical is multiplied by itself? WHY does this happen?

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5. Simplify each fraction, with rationalized denominators.

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| a. $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}}$ | b. $\frac{3}{4\sqrt{6}}$ | c. $\frac{\sqrt{32}}{\sqrt{50}}$ |
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6. Express each fraction with a rational denominator. Radicals must be in lowest terms.

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| a. $\frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$ | b. $\frac{\sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{3}}{-3\sqrt{2}}$ | c. $\frac{10\sqrt{40} + 8\sqrt{45}}{-2\sqrt{5}}$ |
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## 1.4 Dividing by Binomial Denominators

\*You should be able to demonstrate your understanding of these concepts without using a calculator.

\*For this section, use your knowledge of conjugates from section 2.

1. Recall ....

A conjugate consists of \_\_\_\_ terms.

To create a "conjugate", you \_\_\_\_\_.

When you multiply an expression by its conjugate, you ALWAYS get \_\_\_\_\_ as a result.

2. Simplify by rationalizing the denominator (case 1: monomial numerators).

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| a. $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10}+2}$ | b. $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10}+\sqrt{5}}$ | c. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}-\sqrt{8}}$ |
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3. Simplify by rationalizing the denominator (case 2: binomial numerators).

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| a. $\frac{\sqrt{11}+3}{\sqrt{11}-3}$ | b. $\frac{\sqrt{12}+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}-\sqrt{2}}$ | c. $\frac{6-\sqrt{15}}{3+\sqrt{15}}$ |
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4. Simplify by rationalizing the denominator.

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| a. $\frac{3\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{6}}$ | b. $\frac{5}{2\sqrt{a}+5}$ | c. Think: $\frac{*}{*-\sqrt{\quad}}$ |
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