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8.6 Radical Expressions and Radical Functions

◆ Skill A Evaluating cube-root expressions

Recall $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{x}$ and $x^{\frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{x^2} = (\sqrt[3]{x})^2$

◆ Example

Evaluate each expression.

a. $(\sqrt[3]{64})^2 + 7$

b. $5\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{-108}{4}}\right)$

c. $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt[3]{27^2}$

◆ Solution

a. $(\sqrt[3]{64})^2 + 7 = 4^2 + 7$
 $= 23$

b. $5\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{-108}{4}}\right) = 5\sqrt[3]{-27}$
 $= 5(-3)$
 $= -15$

c. $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt[3]{27^2} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3^2$
 $= 3$

Evaluate each expression without using a calculator.

1. $(\sqrt[3]{125^2})$ _____

2. $\sqrt[3]{125^2}$ _____

3. $(-8)^{\frac{1}{3}} + 2$ _____

4. $\frac{1}{3}\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{81}{3}}\right)$ _____

5. $\left[\frac{1}{2}\sqrt[3]{-216}\right]^{-1}$ _____

6. $(27^4)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ _____

◆ Skill B Using transformations to graph square root functions

Recall The domain of a square root function is the set of all x such that the radicand (expression under the radical sign) is greater than or equal to 0.

◆ Example

For the function $g(x) = -3\sqrt{x+1} + 5$

a. state the domain and

b. use transformations to sketch a graph.

◆ Solution

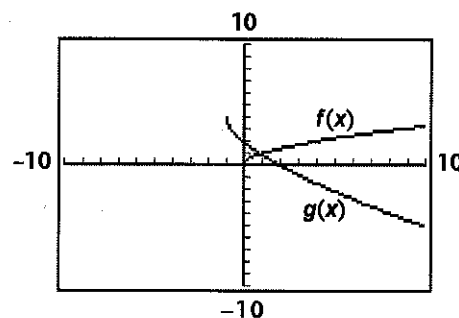
a. Since the radicand must be nonnegative, $x + 1 \geq 0$. The domain is $x \geq -1$.

b. Write $g(x) = -3\sqrt{x+1} + 5$ in the form $g(x) = a\sqrt{b(x-h)} + k$, where $|a|$ is the vertical stretch/compression factor, $|b|$ is the horizontal stretch/compression factor, h gives the horizontal translation, and k gives the vertical translation.

In this function, $a = -3$, $b = 1$, $h = -1$, and $k = 5$.

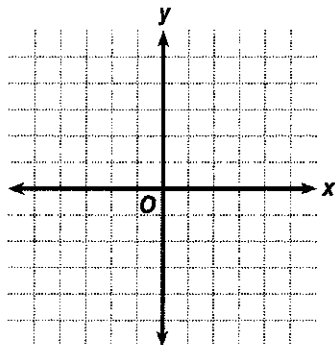
$$g(x) = -3\sqrt{1(x - (-1))} + 5$$

Start with \sqrt{x} and stretch vertically by a factor of 3; reflect across the x -axis (since $a < 0$); there is not a horizontal stretch; translate 1 unit to the left and 5 units up.

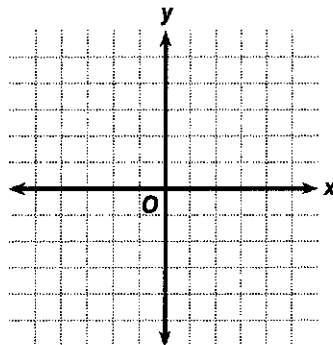


Find the domain and sketch a graph for each radical function. Check with a graphics calculator.

7. $f(x) = 2\sqrt{3(x-1)} - 3$ _____



8. $f(x) = -2\sqrt{x+5} + 2$ _____



◆ Skill C Finding and graphing the inverse of a quadratic function

Recall To find the inverse of a function, interchange x and y .

◆ Example

Find the inverse of $f(x) = x^2 - 3x - 4$.
Then graph both the function and its inverse.

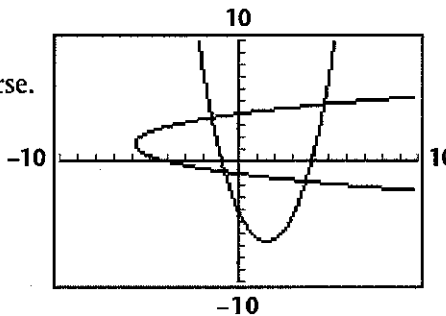
◆ Solution

$x = y^2 - 3y - 4$
 $y^2 - 3y - 4 - x = 0$
 Let $a = 1$, $b = -3$, and $c = -4 - x$.
 Use the quadratic formula to solve for y .

$$y = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(-4-x)}}{2(1)}$$

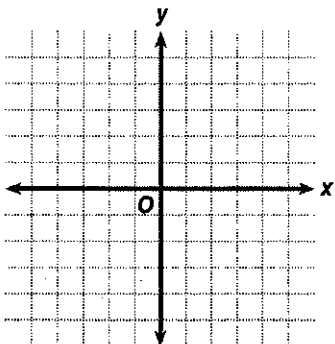
$$= \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{25 + 4x}}{2}$$

Graph $y_1 = x^2 - 3x - 4$, $y_2 = \frac{3 + \sqrt{4x + 25}}{2}$, and $y_3 = \frac{3 - \sqrt{4x + 25}}{2}$.

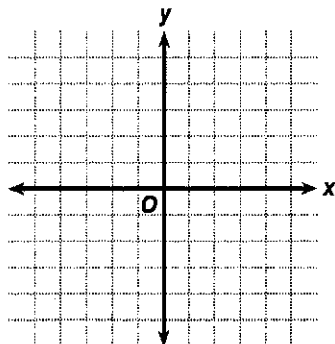


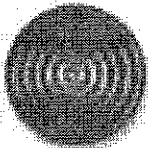
Find the inverse of each quadratic function. Then graph the function and its inverse in the same coordinate plane.

9. $f(x) = x^2 - 4$ _____



10. $f(x) = x^2 + 3x$ _____





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8.7 Simplifying Radical Expressions

◆ Skill A Simplifying radicals

Recall If n is an even integer, then $\sqrt[n]{a^n} = |a|$; for example, $\sqrt[4]{(-2)^4} = |-2| = 2$.

If n is an odd integer, then $\sqrt[n]{a^n} = a$; for example, $\sqrt[3]{(-2)^3} = -2$.

◆ Example

Simplify $\sqrt{50a^3bc^4}$.

◆ Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{50a^3bc^4} &= \sqrt{25a^2c^4 \cdot 2ab} \\ &= \sqrt{25a^2c^4} \cdot \sqrt{2ab} \\ &= 5|a|c^2\sqrt{2ab}\end{aligned}$$

Make one monomial a perfect square.

Product Property of Radicals

c^2 is always nonnegative. Thus, absolute value is not needed.

Simplify each radical expression by using the Properties of n th Roots.

1. $\sqrt{48x^3y^4}$ _____
2. $\sqrt{8x^6y^5}$ _____
3. $\sqrt{150m^{12}}$ _____
4. $\sqrt{175a^2b^3c^4}$ _____
5. $\sqrt[3]{54x^6}$ _____
6. $\sqrt[5]{32r^{12}x^{10}}$ _____

◆ Skill B Simplifying products and quotients of radical expressions

Recall Product Property of Radicals: $\sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b}$

Quotient Property of Radicals: $\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}}$ where $b \neq 0$

◆ Example

Simplify each expression. Assume that the value of each variable is positive.

a. $(18xy^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{2xz^3}$ b. $\frac{(24x^3y^7)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\sqrt[3]{3y^2}}$

◆ Solution

a. $(18xy^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{2xz^3} = \sqrt{18xy^2 \cdot 2xz^3}$ Product Property of Radicals
 $= \sqrt{36x^2y^2z^2 \cdot z}$
 $= \sqrt{36x^2y^2z^2} \cdot \sqrt{z}$
 $= 6xyz\sqrt{z}$

No absolute value is necessary, since values of variables are assumed to be positive.

b. $\frac{(24x^3y^7)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\sqrt[3]{3y^2}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{24x^3y^7}{3y^2}}$
 $= \sqrt[3]{8x^3y^5} = \sqrt[3]{8x^3y^3 \cdot y^2} = \sqrt[3]{8x^3y^3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{y^2} = 2xy\sqrt[3]{y^2}$

Simplify each product or quotient. Assume that the value of each variable is positive.

7. $\sqrt{6x^2} \cdot \sqrt{6x^2}$ _____ 8. $\sqrt{3x^4} \cdot \sqrt{12x^3}$ _____ 9. $(15x^4y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{5y^6}$ _____
10. $\frac{\sqrt{54x^4y^6}}{\sqrt{6xy^4}}$ _____ 11. $\frac{(216a^9)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\sqrt[3]{a^6}}$ _____ 12. $\frac{\sqrt[3]{108a^{15}b^{10}}}{(2b)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$ _____

◆ Skill C Performing operations on radical expressions

Recall By using "FOIL," $(a + \sqrt{b})(c + \sqrt{d}) = ac + a\sqrt{d} + c\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{bd}$.

◆ Example 1

Simplify by performing the indicated operations: $(2 + \sqrt{8})(5 - \sqrt{2}) + 3\sqrt{2}$.

◆ Solution

$$\begin{aligned} (2 + \sqrt{8})(5 - \sqrt{2}) + 3\sqrt{2} &= 10 - 2\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{16} + 3\sqrt{2} \\ &= 10 - 2\sqrt{2} + 10\sqrt{2} - 4 + 3\sqrt{2} \\ &= 10 - 4 + \sqrt{2}(-2 + 10 + 3) \\ &= 6 + 11\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

◆ Example 2

Rationalize the denominator of each expression. a. $\frac{8}{\sqrt{2}}$ b. $\frac{6}{\sqrt{3} + 2}$

◆ Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } \frac{8}{\sqrt{2}} &= \frac{8}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} && \text{Multiply by } \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}. && \text{b. } \frac{6}{\sqrt{3} + 2} &= \frac{6}{\sqrt{3} + 2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3} - 2}{\sqrt{3} - 2} \\ &= \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{2} && && &= \frac{6\sqrt{3} - 12}{(\sqrt{3})^2 - (2)^2} \\ &= 4\sqrt{2} && && &= \frac{6\sqrt{3} - 12}{-1} \end{aligned}$$

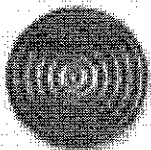
Find each sum, difference, or product. Give your answer in simplest radical form. Assume that the value of each variable is positive.

13. $(\sqrt{11} - \sqrt{13})(\sqrt{11} + \sqrt{13})$ _____ 14. $(2\sqrt{x} + 1)(\sqrt{x} - 4)$ _____
15. $3\sqrt{7}(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{14})$ _____ 16. $(3\sqrt{y} - 1)(2\sqrt{y} + 4) - 10\sqrt{y}$ _____

Write each expression with a rational denominator and in simplest form.

17. $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ _____ 18. $\frac{3\sqrt{7}}{7\sqrt{3}}$ _____ 19. $\frac{4}{3 - 2\sqrt{2}}$ _____

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8.8 Solving Radical Equations and Inequalities

◆ **Skill A** Solving radical equations and inequalities without graphs

Recall When you raise both sides of an equation or inequality to a power, you must check for possible extraneous (false) solutions.

◆ **Example 1**

Solve $\sqrt{8x + 1} + 1 = 2x$. Check your solution(s).

◆ **Solution**

$$\sqrt{8x + 1} + 1 = 2x$$

$$\sqrt{8x + 1} = 2x - 1$$

Isolate the radical.

$$(\sqrt{8x + 1})^2 = (2x - 1)^2$$

Square each side.

$$8x + 1 = 4x^2 - 4x + 1$$

$$4x^2 - 12x = 0$$

Collect like terms and set equal to 0.

$$4x(x - 3) = 0$$

Factor.

$$4x = 0 \text{ or } x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 3$$

$$\text{Check. } \sqrt{8 \cdot 0 + 1} + 1 = 2 \cdot 0$$

$$2 \neq 0$$

$$\sqrt{8 \cdot 3 + 1} + 1 = 2 \cdot 3$$

$$6 = 6$$

The only solution is $x = 3$.

◆ **Example 2**

Solve $\sqrt{2 - x} \geq 3$. Check with a table.

◆ **Solution**

$$\sqrt{2 - x} \geq 3$$

$$2 - x \geq 9$$

$$-x \geq 7$$

Multiply by -1 and reverse the inequality sign.

$$x \leq -7$$

Check. Let $y = \sqrt{2 - x}$ and use a table.

When $x \leq -7$, $y \geq 3$.

X	Y ₁
-10	3.4641
-9	3.3166
-8	3.1623
-7	3
-6	2.8284
-5	2.6458
-4	2.4495

X = -10

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Solve each radical equation by using algebra. Check your solution(s).

1. $\sqrt{2x + 3} = 5$

2. $x + \sqrt{x - 1} = 3$

3. $\sqrt{7 - 6x} = 2 - 3x$

Solve each radical inequality by using algebra. Check your solution(s).

4. $\sqrt{x^2 - 9} \geq 4$

5. $\sqrt[3]{4x - 1} \leq 3$

6. $\sqrt{3x + 5} < 3$

◆ Skill B Solving radical equations and inequalities using graphs

Recall If there is more than one radical, you must start by raising both sides to the same power.

◆ Example 1

Solve $\sqrt{2x} + 1 = \sqrt{x - 2}$. Check your solution with a graph.

◆ Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2x} + 1 &= \sqrt{x - 2} \\ (\sqrt{2x} + 1)^2 &= (\sqrt{x - 2})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$2x + 2\sqrt{2x} + 1 = x - 2$$

$$2\sqrt{2x} = -x - 3$$

$$(2\sqrt{2x})^2 = (-x - 3)^2$$

$$4 \cdot 2x = x^2 + 6x + 9$$

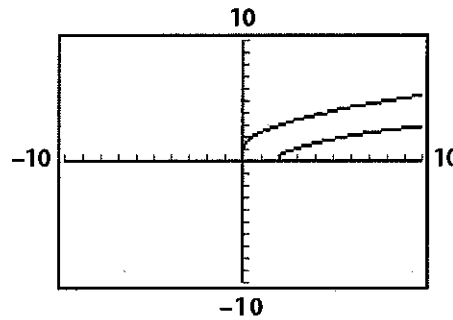
$$x^2 - 2x + 9 = 0$$

Use the quadratic formula.

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(9)}}{2(1)} = 1 \pm 2i\sqrt{2}$$

There are no real solutions.

The graphs show that $y_1 = \sqrt{2x} + 1$ and $y_2 = \sqrt{x - 2}$ will never intersect.



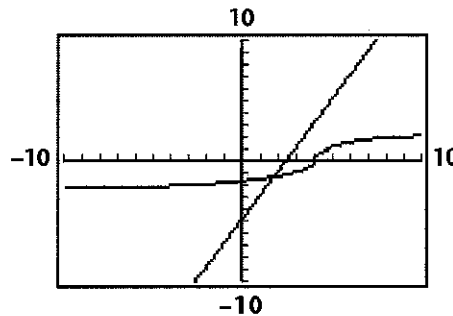
◆ Example 2

Solve $2x - 5 \geq \sqrt[3]{x - 4}$ by graphing.

◆ Solution

Graph $y_1 = 2x - 5$ and $y_2 = \sqrt[3]{x - 4}$. To the nearest tenth, the x -coordinate of the point of intersection is 1.9.

When $x \geq 1.9$, the graph of $y_1 = 2x - 5$ is above the graph of $y_2 = \sqrt[3]{x - 4}$. So the solution is approximately $x \geq 1.9$.



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Solve each radical equation by using a graph. Round solutions to the nearest tenth. Check your solution by any method.

7. $\sqrt{x - 3} + 2 = 4$ _____

8. $\sqrt{x + 4} = 2x - 7$ _____

9. $\sqrt{3x + 28} = x$ _____

Solve each radical inequality with a graphics calculator. Round your solution to the nearest tenth, if necessary.

10. $\sqrt{3x + 2} - 1 \geq \sqrt{x + 5}$ _____

11. $\sqrt{x} \geq \sqrt{2x} - 1$ _____

Packet #9

Simplify.

1) $\sqrt[3]{48}$

2) $\sqrt{384}$

3) $\sqrt{147}$

4) $\sqrt[3]{750}$

5) $\sqrt[3]{384n}$

6) $\sqrt{48n^3}$

7) $\sqrt[3]{384b^7}$

8) $\sqrt[3]{-625n^5}$

Solve each equation. Remember to check for extraneous solutions.

9) $\sqrt{4-8n} = 6$

10) $\sqrt{22-v} = \sqrt{v-4}$

11) $\sqrt{6-m} = \sqrt{m+10}$

12) $\sqrt{10-2v} = \sqrt{3v-5}$

13) $\sqrt{3x+33} = \sqrt{-17-2x}$

14) $-5 = -9 + \sqrt{8x}$

Packet #10 (Formal)

Simplify.

1) $\sqrt{98n^4}$

2) $\sqrt[3]{56m^4}$

3) $\sqrt[3]{80r^6}$

4) $\sqrt{64r}$

Solve each equation. Remember to check for extraneous solutions.

5) $-45 + \sqrt{98n} = -31$

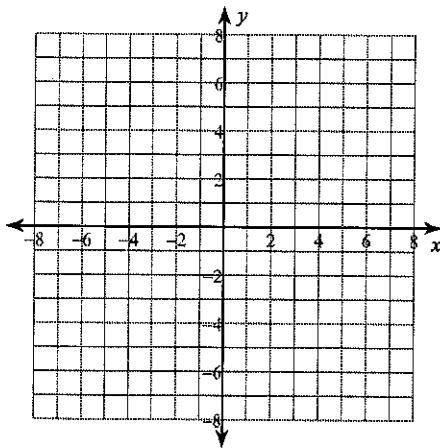
6) $-29\sqrt{17n+15} = -783$

7) $\sqrt{41-n} = \sqrt{60-2n}$

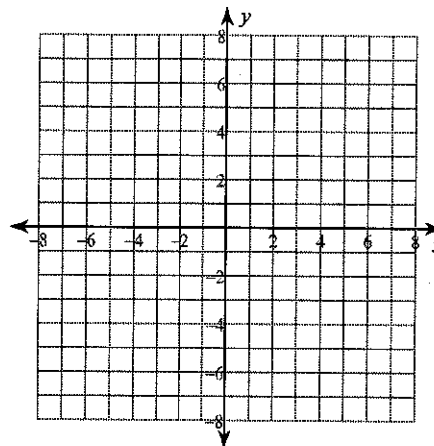
8) $\sqrt{2b+68} = \sqrt{-25-b}$

Sketch the graph of each function.

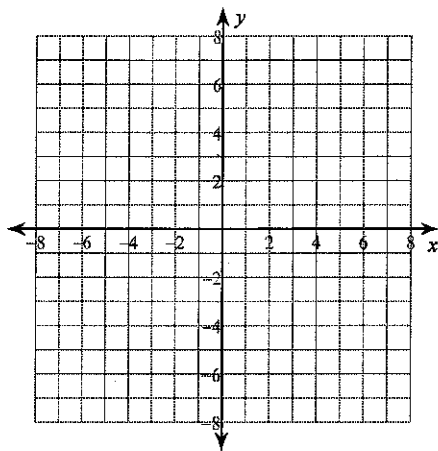
9) $y = \sqrt{x+3}$



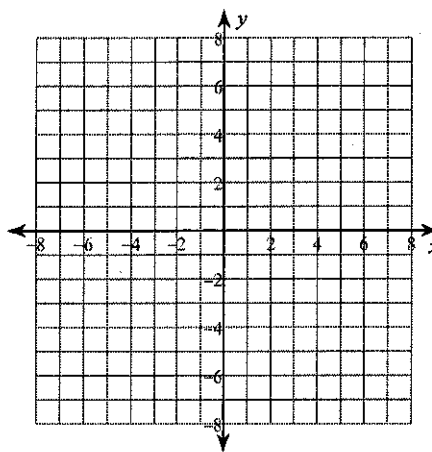
10) $y = \sqrt{x+1} + 1$



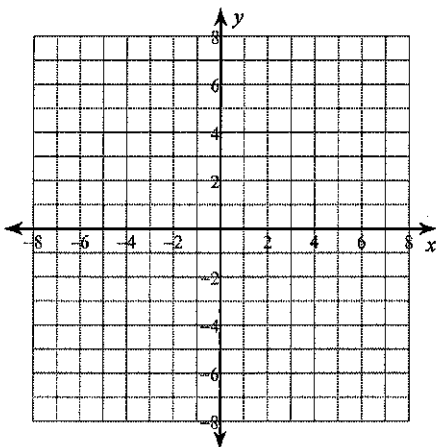
$$11) y = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x-1}$$



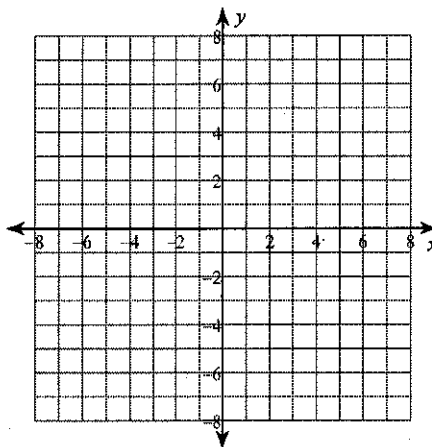
$$12) y = \sqrt{x+4}$$



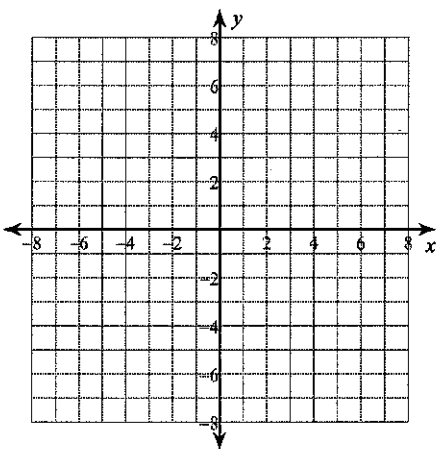
$$13) y = -4\sqrt{x-4}$$



$$14) y = 3\sqrt{x-1} - 5$$



$$15) y = \sqrt{x+1}$$



$$16) y = \sqrt{x+2}$$

