

Prerequisites Chapter: Algebra 1 ReviewP-1: Modeling the Real World

**Model:** - a mathematical depiction of a real world condition.

- it can be a formula (equations with meaningful variables), a properly drawn graph, a clearly labelled diagram with quantitative measurements.

**Modelling:** - the process of discovering the mathematical model.

**Example 1:** To convert temperature measurements from degree Celsius to Fahrenheit, we can use the formula,  $T_F = \frac{9}{5}T_C + 32$ .

- What is the temperature in Fahrenheit when the outside temperature is  $-10^\circ\text{C}$ ?
- What is the temperature in degree Celsius for a patient with a temperature of 105 F?
- At what temperature when its numerical value of degree Celsius is equivalent to that of Fahrenheit?

a.  $T_F = \frac{9}{5}T_C + 32$        $T_F = \frac{9}{5}(-10) + 32$

$$T_F = -18 + 32$$

$$T_F = 14 \text{ F}$$

- b. We can manipulate the formula first before substitution.

$$T_F = \frac{9}{5}T_C + 32$$

$$T_F - 32 = \frac{9}{5}T_C$$

$$\frac{5}{9}(T_F - 32) = T_C$$

$$\frac{5}{9}((105) - 32) = T_C$$

$$T_C = 40.6^\circ\text{C}$$

- c. At the same numerical value, we can set  $x = T_F = T_C$

$$T_F = \frac{9}{5}T_C + 32$$

$$x = \frac{9}{5}x + 32$$

$$1x - \frac{9}{5}x = 32$$

$$-\frac{4}{5}x = 32$$

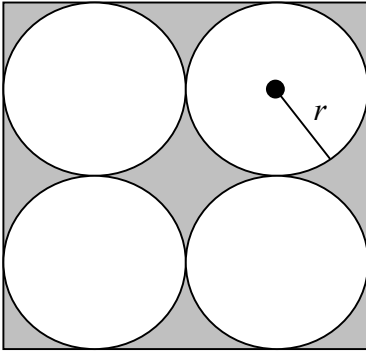
$$x = \left(-\frac{5}{4}\right)32$$

$$x = -40 \text{ F} = -40^\circ\text{C}$$

**Example 2:** A rectangular box has a width measured twice its height and its length is three times its width.

- Find the volume of the box if it has a height of 8 cm.
- Write a formula for the volume  $V$  of this box in terms of its height  $x$ .
- What are the dimensions of this box if it has a volume of 768 cubic feet?

**Example 3:** Four identical circles are enclosed by a square as shown below. Determine the cut out area  $A$  in terms of  $r$  as represents by the shaded area.



## P-2: Real Numbers

**Set:** - a group of objects (called **elements** of the set).

- we commonly use fancy brackets,  $\{ \}$ , to include elements of a set.

**Natural Numbers ( $N$ ):** - counting numbers.

$$N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$$

**Whole Numbers ( $W$ ):** - counting numbers with 0.

$$W = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$$

**Integers ( $I$ ):** - positive and negative whole numbers.

$$I = \{\dots, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$$

**Set Notation ( $\in$ ):** - a symbol to indicate an object belongs in the a particular set.

**Example:**  $0 \in W$  but  $0 \notin N$  (0 belongs to in a set of whole numbers but not in a set of natural numbers.)

**Set-Building Notation:** - a set notation that involves a series of number.

**Example:**  $Z = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  can be written as  $Z = \{x \mid 2 \leq x \leq 7 \text{ and } x \in N\}$

( $Z$  is a set such that the elements, represented by  $x$ , are between 2 to 7 and they are natural numbers)

**(Note:** when a set-building notation does not include the type of numbers it is assumed  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$  real numbers)

**Rational Numbers ( $Q$ ):** - numbers that can be turned into a fraction  $\frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a, b \in I$ , and  $b \neq 0$ .

- include all Terminating or Repeating Decimals.

- include all Natural Numbers, Whole Numbers and Integers.

- include any perfect roots (radicals).

a. **Terminating Decimals:** - decimals that stops. **Examples:**  $0.25 = \frac{1}{4}$      $-0.7 = -\frac{7}{10}$

b. **Repeating Decimals:** - decimals that repeats in a pattern and goes on.

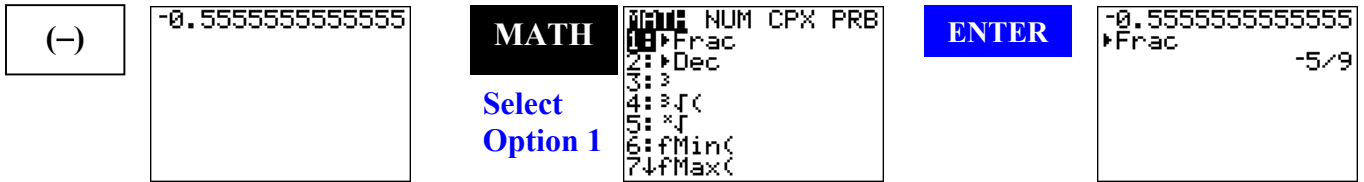
**Examples:**  $0.3\overline{3} = \frac{1}{3}$      $-1.\overline{7} = -\frac{16}{9}$

c. **Perfect Roots:** - radicals when evaluated will result in either Terminating or repeating decimals, or fractions  $\frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a, b \in I$ , and  $b \neq 0$ .

**Examples:**  $\sqrt{0.16} = \pm 0.4$      $\sqrt{0.111\overline{1}} = \pm 0.3\overline{3} = \pm \frac{1}{3}$      $\sqrt{\frac{1}{25}} = \pm \frac{1}{5}$      $\sqrt[3]{0.008} = 0.2$

**To Convert a Decimal into Fraction using TI-83 Plus**

**Example:** Convert  $-0.\overline{5}$  into a fraction.



Repeat entering 5 to the edge of the screen

**Irrational Numbers ( $\overline{Q}$ ):** - numbers that **CANNOT** be turned into a fraction  $\frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a, b \in I$ , and  $b \neq 0$ .

- include all non-terminating, non-repeating decimals.
- include any non-perfect roots (radicals).

a. **Non-terminating, Non-repeating Decimals:** - decimals that do not repeat but go on and on.

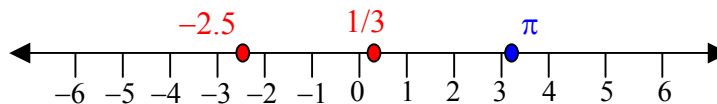
**Examples:**  $\pi = 3.141592654\dots$        $0.123\ 123\ 312\ 333\ 123\ 333\ \dots$

b. **Non-Perfect Roots:** radicals when evaluated will result in Non-Terminating, Non-Repeating decimals.

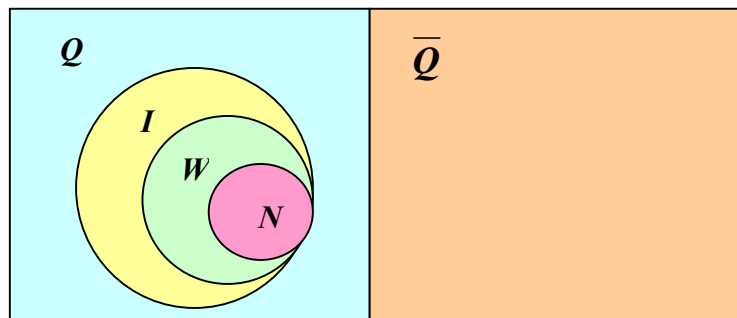
**Examples:**  $\sqrt{5} = \pm 2.236067977\dots$      $\sqrt{0.52} = \pm 0.7211102551\dots$      $\sqrt[3]{-0.38} = -0.7243156443\dots$

**Real Numbers ( $\mathfrak{R}$ ):** - any numbers that can be put on a number line.

- include all natural numbers, whole numbers, integers, rational and irrational numbers.



**Real Numbers**

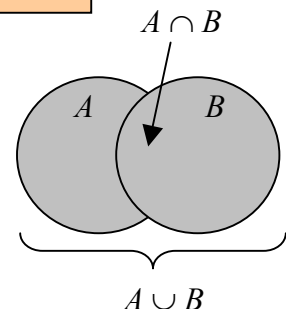


**Union ( $\cup$ ):** - the combined elements of two sets.

- for  $A \cup B$ , it means all elements in  $A$  or  $B$  (or in both).

**Intersection ( $\cap$ ):** - includes all elements that are in both sets.

- for  $A \cap B$ , it means all elements in  $A$  and  $B$ .



**Empty Set ( $\emptyset$ ):** - when the set consists of no elements.

**Example 1:** If  $F = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $G = \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and  $H = \{6, 7, 8\}$ , find

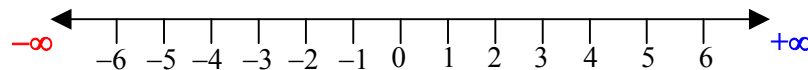
a.  $F \cup G$

b.  $F \cap G$

c.  $G \cap H$

**Infinity ( $\infty$ ):** - use to denote that the patterns go on and on in a specific direction of the real number line.

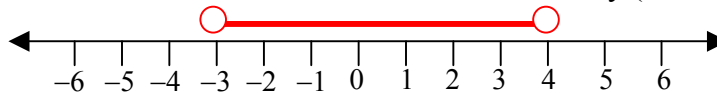
- positive infinity ( $\infty$ ) means infinity towards the right of the number line.
- negative infinity ( $-\infty$ ) means infinity towards the left of the number line.



**Open Interval:** - when the boundary numbers are not included (exclusive).

- we use normal brackets for open intervals.
- on the number line, we use open circles at the endpoints.

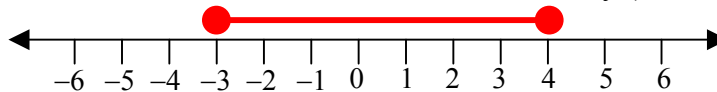
**Example:**  $(-3, 4)$  means all numbers between  $-3$  and  $4$  exclusively (not including  $-3$  and  $4$ )



**Closed Interval:** - when the boundary numbers are included (inclusive).

- we use square brackets for open intervals.
- on the number line, we use closed (filled in) circles at the endpoints.

**Example:**  $[-3, 4]$  means all numbers between  $-3$  and  $4$  inclusively (including  $-3$  and  $4$ )



**Inequalities and Intervals**

| Notation                 | Meaning and Set Description                    | Graphs |
|--------------------------|--|--------|
| $>$ or $(a, \infty)$     | Greater than $\{x \mid x > a\}$                |        |
| $<$ or $(-\infty, a)$    | Less than $\{x \mid x < a\}$                   |        |
| $\geq$ or $[a, \infty)$  | Greater than or equal to $\{x \mid x \geq a\}$ |        |
| $\leq$ or $(-\infty, a]$ | Less than or equal to $\{x \mid x \leq a\}$    |        |

| Notation  | Meaning and Set Description  | Graphs |
|---|--|--------|
| $(b_{lower}, b_{upper})$                        | $x$ is between the lower and upper boundaries (exclusive).<br>$\{x \mid b_{lower} < x < b_{upper}\}$   |        |
| $[b_{lower}, b_{upper}]$                        | $x$ is between the lower and upper boundaries (inclusive).<br>$\{x \mid b_{lower} \leq x \leq b_{upper}\}$   |        |
| $(b_{lower}, b_{upper}]$                        | $x$ is between the lower (open) and upper (closed) boundaries.<br>$\{x \mid b_{lower} < x \leq b_{upper}\}$  |        |
| $[b_{lower}, b_{upper})$                        | $x$ is between the lower (closed) and upper (open) boundaries.<br>$\{x \mid b_{lower} \leq x < b_{upper}\}$  |        |
| $(-\infty, b_{lower}] \cup [b_{upper}, \infty)$ | $x$ is less than the lower boundary and $x$ is greater than the upper boundary (inclusive).<br>$\{x \mid x \leq b_{lower} \cup x \geq b_{upper}\}$ |        |
| $(-\infty, b_{lower}) \cup (b_{upper}, \infty)$ | $x$ is less than the lower boundary and $x$ is greater than the upper boundary (exclusive).<br>$\{x \mid x < b_{lower} \cup x > b_{upper}\}$       |        |

**Example 2:** Express each interval in terms of inequalities (set descriptions), and then graph the intervals.

a.  $[-4, 9)$

b.  $(-\infty, -2) \cup [3, \infty)$

**Example 3:** Graph each set.

a.  $(1, 8] \cap [3, 4)$

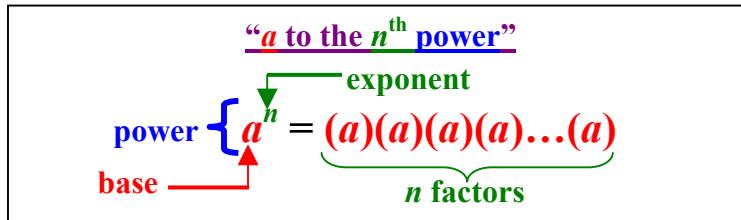
b.  $(1, 8] \cup [3, 4)$

**P-1 Assignment:** pg. 7–10 #5, 12, 25, 31, 38 and 41; Honours: #43

**P-2 Assignment:** pg. 19–21 #34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 45, 47, 49, 53, 57 and 75; Honour: #77

**P-3: Integer Exponents****Integer Exponent:** - an exponent that belongs in an integer set.

- an exponent indicates how many factors the base is multiplying itself.

**Note:** The exponent only applies to the immediate number, variable or bracket preceding it.**Example 1:** Evaluate the followings.

a.  $(-2)^4$

$$(-2)^4 = (-2)(-2)(-2)(-2)$$

$$(-2)^4 = 16$$

b.  $-2^4$

$$-2^4 = -(2)(2)(2)(2)$$

$$-2^4 = -16$$

Note that the exponent only applies to the immediate number preceding it and exclude the negative sign.

**Laws of Exponents**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Multiply Powers of the Same Base = Adding Exponents    | $(a^m)(a^n) = a^{m+n}$  |
| Divide Powers of the Same Base = Subtracting Exponents | $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$   |
| Power Rule = Multiplying Exponents                     | $(a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}$  |
| Zero Exponent = 1                                      | $a^0 = 1$   |
| Distribution of Exponent with Multiple Bases           | $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$<br>$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$  |
| Negative Exponent = Reciprocal                         | $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$<br>$\frac{a^{-m}}{b^{-n}} = \frac{b^n}{a^m}$   |
| Distribution of Negative Exponent with Multiple Bases  | $(ab)^{-n} = a^{-n} b^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n b^n}$<br>$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^n = \frac{b^n}{a^n}$ |

**Example 2:** Simplify. Express all answers in positive exponents only.

a.  $(7c^{11}d^4)(-6c^8d^5)$

$$= -42c^{11+9}d^{4+5}$$

$$= -42c^{19}d^9$$

b.  $\frac{9a^5b^{10}}{-36a^{15}b^4}$

$$= \frac{1a^{5-15}b^{10-4}}{-4}$$

$$= -\frac{a^{-10}b^6}{4}$$

$$= -\frac{b^6}{4a^{10}}$$

c.  $(3x^5y^2)^3$

$$= (3)^3(x^{5 \times 3})(y^{2 \times 3})$$

$$= 27x^{15}y^6$$

d.  $\frac{(5x^3y^2)^3(3x^5y^9)^2}{(-6x^7y^3)^4}$

$$= \frac{(125x^9y^6)(9x^{10}y^{18})}{(1296x^{28}y^{12})}$$

$$= \frac{1125x^{9+10-28}y^{6+18-12}}{1296}$$

$$= \frac{125x^{-9}y^{12}}{144}$$

$$= \frac{125y^{12}}{144x^9}$$

e.  $(4m^4n^{-7})^3(2m^3n^5)^{-4}$

$$= \frac{(4m^4n^{-7})^3}{(2m^3n^5)^4}$$

**When reciprocating an entire bracket, do NOT mess with its content.**

$$= \frac{64m^{12}n^{-21}}{16m^{12}n^{20}}$$

$$= 4m^{12-12}n^{-21-20}$$

$$= 4(1)n^{-41}$$

$$= \frac{4}{n^{41}}$$

f.  $\left(\frac{-5p^{-4}q^3}{4p^{-7}q^{-3}}\right)^{-2}$

$$= \left(\frac{4p^{-7}q^{-3}}{-5p^{-4}q^3}\right)^2 = \frac{16p^{-14}q^{-6}}{25p^{-8}q^6}$$

$$= \frac{16p^{-14-(-8)}q^{-6-6}}{25}$$

$$= \frac{16p^{-6}q^{-12}}{25}$$

$$= \frac{16}{25p^6q^{12}}$$

g.  $\frac{3^{-1} - (-3)^2}{(-3)^{-3} + (-\frac{1}{3})^{-4}}$

$$= \frac{(\frac{1}{3}) - 9}{(\frac{-1}{3})^3 + (-3)^4} = \frac{(\frac{1}{3}) - 9}{(\frac{-1}{27}) + 81} = \frac{(\frac{-26}{3})}{(\frac{2186}{27})}$$

$$= \left(\frac{-26}{3}\right) \div \left(\frac{2186}{27}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{117}{1093}$$

h.  $\frac{(-6h^{-2}k^3)^3}{(9h^5k^{-1})^{-2}(-3h^{-4}k^{-2})^4}$

$$= \frac{(9h^5k^{-1})^2}{(-6h^{-2}k^3)^3(-3h^{-4}k^{-2})^4}$$

$$= \frac{(81h^{10}k^{-2})}{(-216h^{-6}k^9)(81h^{-16}k^{-8})}$$

$$= \frac{h^{10-(-6)-(-16)}k^{-2-9-(-8)}}{-216}$$

$$= -\frac{h^{32}}{216k^3}$$

**Scientific Notation:** - commonly used to state very big or very small numbers.

**$(1 \text{ to } 9.999...) \times 10^n$  where  $n$  is an integer**  
**If  $n < 0$ , then the actual number was between 0 and 1**  
**If  $n > 0$ , then the actual number was greater than 10**

**Example 3:** Convert the following standard notations to scientific notations or vice versa.

a. Speed of Light =  $3 \times 10^5$  km/s = **300,000 km/s** (moved 5 decimal places to the right)

b. Mass of an Electron =  $9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  kg = **0.000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 911 kg** (moved 31 decimal places to the left)

c. Diameter of a Red Blood Cell = 0.000 007 5 m =  **$7.5 \times 10^{-6}$  m** (moved 6 decimal places to the right)

d. 2003 US Debt = \$6,804,000,000,000 =  **$\$6.804 \times 10^{12}$**  (moved 12 decimal places to the left)

**Example 4:** In astronomy, one light year is the distance light can travel in one year. Light has a constant speed of  $3 \times 10^5$  km/s in the vacuum of space.  
 a. Calculate the distance of one light year.  
 b. The closest star to the Sun, Alpha Centuri, is  $3.78 \times 10^{13}$  km. How many light years is it to our sun?

a. **One Light Year** =  $(3 \times 10^5 \text{ km/s})(365 \text{ days/yr})(24 \text{ hr/day})(60 \text{ min/hr})(60 \text{ s/min})$

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3E5\*365\*24\*60\*60

9.4608E12

**One Light Year =  $9.4608 \times 10^{12}$  km/yr**

b.  $\frac{3.78 \times 10^{13} \text{ km}}{9.4608 \times 10^{12} \text{ km/yr}}$  **4 light years**

3.78E13/9.4608E12

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**P-3 Assignment: pg. 27–28 #9, 13, 17, 21, 27, 35, 39, 47, 49, 53, 63, 80; Honours: #82a**

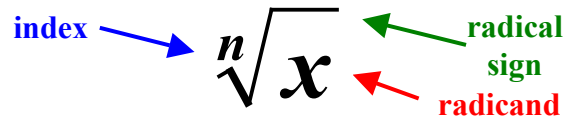
**P-4: Rational Exponents and Radicals**

**Radicals:** - the result of a number after a root operation.

**Radical Sign:** - the mathematical symbol  $\sqrt{\quad}$ .

**Radicand:** - the number inside a radical sign.

**Index:** - the small number to the left of the radical sign indicating how many times a number (answer to the radical) has to multiply itself to equal to the radicand.



|                            |                             |                               |                              |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $\sqrt{\quad}$ square root | $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$ cube root | $\sqrt[4]{\quad}$ fourth root | $\sqrt[5]{\quad}$ fifth root |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|

To call up the **cube root**  $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$  or **higher root functions**  $\sqrt[n]{\quad}$ , press

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NUM CPX PRB

1: Frac

2: Dec

3:  $\sqrt{\quad}$

4:  $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$

5:  $\sqrt[n]{\quad}$

6: fMin()

7: fMax()

Choose Option 4 for cube root

Choose Option 5 for higher root. But be sure to enter the number for the index first!

**Example 1:** Evaluate.

|  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| a. $\sqrt{25}$<br>= <b>±5</b><br>$5^2 = (5)(5) = 25$<br>$(-5)^2 = (-5)(-5) = 25$ | b. $\sqrt[3]{-64}$<br>= <b>-4</b><br>$(-4)^3 = (-4)(-4)(-4) = -64$ | c. $\sqrt[4]{16}$<br>= <b>±2</b><br>$2^4 = (2)(2)(2)(2) = 16$<br>$(-2)^4 = (-2)(-2)(-2)(-2) = 16$ | d. $\sqrt[5]{243}$<br>= <b>3</b><br>$(3)^5 = (3)(3)(3)(3)(3) = 243$ |
|--|--|---|---|

**A radical with an even index always has two answers (±), and can only have a radicand greater than or equal to 0 inside a radical sign.**

**A radical with an odd index always has one answer only and can have a negative radicand inside the radical sign.**



**Example 2:** A formula  $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$  can be used to find the final velocity (speed) of an accelerated object, where  $v_f$  = final velocity,  $v_i$  = initial velocity,  $a$  = acceleration, and  $d$  = distance travelled. An apple is thrown from the tall building 300 m high with an initial velocity of 6 m/s. The acceleration due to gravity is  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ . What is the final velocity of the apple as it reaches the ground?

**Solve for  $v_f$ :**

|                          |                            |                                     |                           |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| $v_f = ?$                | $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$      | $v_f = \sqrt{(6)^2 + 2(9.81)(300)}$ | $v_f = 76.95 \text{ m/s}$ |
| $v_i = 6 \text{ m/s}$    | $v_f = \sqrt{v_i^2 + 2ad}$ | $v_f = \sqrt{36 + 5886}$            |                           |
| $d = 300 \text{ m}$      |                            | $v_f = \sqrt{5922}$                 |                           |
| $a = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ |                            |                                     |                           |

**Example 3:** Evaluate using only positive roots.

- a.  $\sqrt{36-25} = \sqrt{11} \approx 3.31662$       b.  $\sqrt{36}-\sqrt{25} = 6-5 = 1$       c.  $\sqrt{36 \times 25} = \sqrt{900} = 30$       d.  $\sqrt{36} \times \sqrt{25} = 6 \times 5 = 30$

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| $\sqrt{a+b} \neq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$ | $\sqrt{a \times b} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$ |
| $\sqrt{a-b} \neq \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}$ | $\sqrt{a \div b} = \sqrt{a} \div \sqrt{b}$     |

**Example 4:** Evaluate using only positive roots. Verify by using a calculator.

- a.  $5\sqrt[3]{-64} + 2\sqrt[3]{27} = 5(-4) + 2(3) = -20 + 6 = -14$       b.  $\sqrt[4]{81} - 7\sqrt[4]{16} = 3 - 7(2) = 3 - 14 = -11$

**Properties of Radicals**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Distribution of Radicals of the Same Index</b><br>(where $a \geq 0$ and $b \geq 0$ if $n$ is even) | $\sqrt[n]{ab} = (\sqrt[n]{a})(\sqrt[n]{b})$<br>$\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}}$ |
| <b>Power Rule of Radicals = Multiplying Exponents</b>   | $\sqrt[m]{\sqrt[n]{a}} = \sqrt[m \times n]{a}$   |
| <b>Reverse Operations of Radicals and Exponents</b>   | $\sqrt[n]{a^n} = a$ (if $n$ is odd)<br>$\sqrt[n]{a^n} =  a $ (if $n$ is even)                            |

**Entire Radicals:** - radicals that have no coefficient in front of them.      **Examples:**  $\sqrt{52}$  and  $\sqrt[3]{48}$

**Mixed Radicals:** - radicals that have coefficients in front of them.      **Examples:**  $2\sqrt{13}$  and  $2\sqrt[3]{6}$   
- the coefficient is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of the radicand's perfect  $n^{\text{th}}$  factor.

To convert an entire radical to a mixed radical, find the **largest perfect  $n^{\text{th}}$  factor** of the radicand and **write its root as a coefficient** follow by the radicand factor that remains.

**Example 5:** Simplify. (Convert them to mixed radicals.)

a.  $\sqrt[3]{192x^6y^5}$

$$= \sqrt[3]{64\sqrt[3]{x^6}\sqrt[3]{y^3}\sqrt[3]{2y^2}}$$

$$= 4 \sqrt[3]{(x^2)^3} y \sqrt[3]{2y^2}$$

$$\boxed{4x^2y \sqrt[3]{2y^2}}$$

b.  $\sqrt[4]{48a^9b^4}$

$$= \sqrt[4]{16\sqrt[4]{a^8}\sqrt[4]{b^4}(\sqrt[4]{3a})}$$

$$= 2 \sqrt[4]{(a^2)^4} |b| (\sqrt[4]{3a})$$

$$\boxed{2a^2b \sqrt[4]{3a}}$$

c.  $\frac{\sqrt{168p^7q^9}}{\sqrt{6p^2q^6}}$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{168p^7q^9}{6p^2q^6}} = \sqrt{28p^5q^3}$$

$$= \sqrt{4} \sqrt{(p^2)^2} \sqrt{q^2} (\sqrt{7pq})$$

$$\boxed{2p^2q \sqrt{7pq}}$$

**Example 6:** Evaluate using only positive roots.

a.  $\sqrt{\sqrt{625}}$

$$= \sqrt{(2 \times 2)\sqrt{625}}$$

$$= \sqrt[4]{625} \quad \boxed{5}$$

$$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{625}}}$$

$$\boxed{5}$$

b.  $\sqrt[3]{\sqrt[3]{729c^5d^6}}$

$$= \sqrt{(2 \times 3)\sqrt[3]{729c^5d^6}} = \sqrt[6]{729c^5d^6}$$

$$= \sqrt[6]{729} \sqrt[6]{c^5} \sqrt[6]{d^6} \quad \boxed{3d \sqrt[6]{c^5}}$$

To convert a mixed radical to an entire radical, raise the coefficient to the index,  $n^{\text{th}}$  power, and multiply the result to the radicand.

**Example 7:** Write the followings as entire radicals.

a.  $5x^3 \sqrt{8}$

$$= \sqrt{(5x^3)^2(8)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(25x^6)(8)}$$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{200x^6}}$$

b.  $-4ab^2 \sqrt[3]{7b^2}$

$$= \sqrt[3]{(-4ab^2)^3(7b^2)}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{(-64a^3b^6)(7b^2)}$$

$$\boxed{\sqrt[3]{-448a^3b^8}}$$

**Example 8:** Order  $9\sqrt{2}$ ,  $5\sqrt{3}$ , and  $4\sqrt{13}$  from least to greatest.

$$9\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{81 \times 2} = \sqrt{162}$$

$$5\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{25 \times 3} = \sqrt{75}$$

$$4\sqrt{13} = \sqrt{16 \times 13} = \sqrt{208}$$

$$\sqrt{75} < \sqrt{162} < \sqrt{208}$$

$$\boxed{5\sqrt{3} < 9\sqrt{2} < 4\sqrt{13}}$$

**Adding and Subtracting Radicals:**

- Radicals can be added or subtracted **if and only if** they have the **same index and radicand**.
- Convert any entire radicals into mixed radicals first. Then, combine like terms (radicals with the same radicand) by adding or subtracting their coefficients.

**Example 9:** Simplify.

a.  $\sqrt{32} - \sqrt{108} + \sqrt{27} - \sqrt{50}$

$$= 4\sqrt{2} - 6\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3} - 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$= 4\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{2} - 6\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\boxed{-\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{3}}$$

b.  $-3\sqrt[3]{24} + 2\sqrt[3]{40} - \sqrt[3]{375} + 3\sqrt[3]{135}$

$$= -3(2\sqrt[3]{3}) + 2(2\sqrt[3]{5}) - 5\sqrt[3]{3} + 3(3\sqrt[3]{5})$$

$$= -6\sqrt[3]{3} + 4\sqrt[3]{5} - 5\sqrt[3]{3} + 9\sqrt[3]{5}$$

$$\boxed{-11\sqrt[3]{3} + 13\sqrt[3]{5}}$$

**Rationalization:** - turning radical denominator into a natural number denominator.

$$\text{For } m < n, \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b^m}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b^m}} \times \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{b^{(n-m)}}}{\sqrt[n]{b^{(n-m)}}} \right) = \frac{\sqrt[n]{ab^{(n-m)}}}{b}$$

**Example 10:** Simplify.

a.  $\sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$   
 $= \frac{\sqrt{24}}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{6}}{3}$   
 $\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$

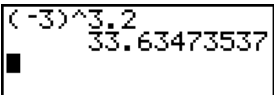
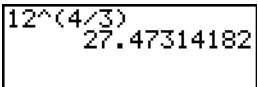
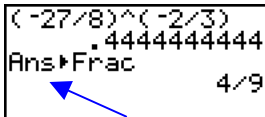
b.  $\frac{2\sqrt[5]{4}}{\sqrt[5]{x^3}} = \frac{2\sqrt[5]{4}}{\sqrt[5]{x^3}} \times \left( \frac{\sqrt[5]{x^{(5-3)}}}{\sqrt[5]{x^{(5-3)}}} \right)$   
 $= \frac{2\sqrt[5]{4}}{\sqrt[5]{x^3}} \times \left( \frac{\sqrt[5]{x^2}}{\sqrt[5]{x^2}} \right)$   
 $= \frac{2\sqrt[5]{4x^2}}{\sqrt[5]{x^5}}$   
 $\frac{2\sqrt[5]{4x^2}}{x}$

**Rational Exponents**

$$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}$$

The index of the radical is the denominator of the fractional exponent.

**Example 11:** Evaluate using a calculator.

a.  $(-3)^{3.2}$   b.  $12^{\frac{4}{3}}$   c.  $\left(\frac{-27}{8}\right)^{\frac{-2}{3}}$  

**Example 12:** Simplify using only positive exponents.

a.  $\sqrt{2a^3} = (2a^3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{\frac{3}{2}}$

b.  $(\sqrt[4]{x^3 y^2})^{-5} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt[4]{x^3 y^2})^5} = \frac{1}{(x^3 y^2)^{\frac{5}{4}}} = \frac{1}{x^{\frac{15}{4}} y^{\frac{5}{2}}}$

c.  $\sqrt[4]{\sqrt{256x^9}} = \sqrt[4]{(256x^9)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = (256x^9)^{\frac{1}{8}} = (256^{\frac{1}{8}})(x^{\frac{9}{8}}) = 2x^{\frac{9}{8}}$

d.  $(81a^{\frac{2}{5}} b^{-\frac{3}{2}})^{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{(81a^{\frac{2}{5}} b^{-\frac{3}{2}})^{\frac{1}{4}}} = \frac{1}{81^{\frac{1}{4}} a^{\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1}{4}} b^{(-\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{4})}} = \frac{1}{3a^{\frac{1}{10}} b^{-\frac{3}{8}}} = \frac{b^{\frac{3}{8}}}{3a^{\frac{1}{10}}}$

e.  $(\sqrt{x^5})(\sqrt[4]{x^{-3}}) = (x^{\frac{5}{2}})(x^{-\frac{3}{4}}) = x^{\frac{5}{2} + (-\frac{3}{4})} = x^{-\frac{11}{20}} = \frac{1}{x^{\frac{11}{20}}}$

**P-4 Assignment: pg. 33–35 #3, 11, 15, 17, 23, 27, 35, 39, 43, 49, 53, 57, 61, 65; Honours: #74**

**P-5: Algebraic Expressions**

**Expressions:** - mathematical sentences with no equal sign.

**Example:**  $3x + 2$

**Equations:** - mathematical sentences that are equated with an equal sign. **Example:**  $3x + 2 = 5x + 8$

**Terms:** - are separated by an addition or subtraction sign.  
 - each term begins with the sign preceding the variable or coefficient.

**Numerical Coefficient**

**Example:**  $5x^2$  ← **Exponent**

← **Variable**

**Example:**  $5x^2 + 5x$

**Example:**  $x^2 + 5x + 6$

**Monomial:** - one term expression.

**Binomial:** - two terms expression.

**Trinomial:** - three terms expression.

**Polynomial:** - many terms (more than one) expression with whole number exponents.

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

where  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are real number coefficients, and  $n$  is a whole number exponents to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree.

**Degree:** - the term of a polynomial that contains the largest sum of exponents

**Example:**  $9x^5 + 4x^7 + 3x^4$       7<sup>th</sup> Degree Polynomial

**Example 1:** Fill in the table below.

| Polynomial            | Number of Terms | Classification | Degree | Classified by Degree |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|
| 9                     | 1               | monomial       | 0      | constant             |
| 4x                    | 1               | monomial       | 1      | linear               |
| 9x + 2                | 2               | binomial       | 1      | linear               |
| $x^2 - 4x + 2$        | 3               | trinomial      | 2      | quadratic            |
| $2x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 9$ | 4               | polynomial     | 3      | cubic                |
| $4x^4 - 9x + 2$       | 3               | trinomial      | 4      | quartic              |

**Like Terms:** - terms that have the same variables and exponents.

**Examples:**  $2x^2y$  and  $5x^2y$  are like terms       $2x^2y$  and  $5xy^2$  are NOT like terms

**To Add and Subtract Polynomials:**

- Combine like terms by adding or subtracting their numerical coefficients.

**Example 2:** Simplify.

a.  $3x^2 + 5x - x^2 + 4x - 6$   
 $= 3x^2 + 5x - x^2 + 4x - 6$   
 $= 2x^2 + 9x - 6$

b.  $(9x^2y^3 + 4x^3y^2) + (3x^3y^2 - 10x^2y^3)$   
 $= 9x^2y^3 + 4x^3y^2 + 3x^3y^2 - 10x^2y^3$   
 $= -x^2y^3 + 7x^3y^2$

c.  $(9x^2y^3 + 4x^3y^2) - (3x^3y^2 - 10x^2y^3)$   
 $= 9x^2y^3 + 4x^3y^2 - 3x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3$   
 $= 19x^2y^3 + x^3y^2$

(drop brackets and switch signs in the bracket that had - sign in front of it)

**Multiplying Monomials with Polynomials**

**Example 3:** Simplify.

a.  $2x(3x^2 + 2x - 4)$

$$= 2x(3x^2 + 2x - 4)$$

$$= 6x^3 + 4x^2 - 8x$$

b.  $3x(5x + 4) - 4(x^2 - 3x)$

$$= 3x(5x + 4) - 4(x^2 - 3x)$$

(only multiply brackets right after the monomial)

$$= 15x^2 + 12x - 4x^2 + 12x$$

$$= 11x^2 + 24x$$

c.  $8(a^2 - 2a + 3) - 4 - (3a^2 + 7)$

$$= 8(a^2 - 2a + 3) - 4 - (3a^2 + 7)$$

$$= 8a^2 - 16a + 24 - 4 - 3a^2 - 7$$

$$= 5a^2 - 16a + 13$$

**Multiplying Polynomials with Polynomials**

**Example 4:** Simplify.

a.  $(3x + 2)(4x - 3)$

$$= (3x + 2)(4x - 3)$$

$$= 12x^2 - 9x + 8x - 6$$

$$= 12x^2 - x - 6$$

b.  $(x + 3)(2x^2 - 5x + 3)$

$$= (x + 3)(2x^2 - 5x + 3)$$

$$= 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 6x^2 - 15x + 9$$

$$= 2x^3 + x^2 - 12x + 9$$

c.  $3(x + 2)(2x + 3) - (2x - 1)(x + 3)$

$$= 3(x + 2)(2x + 3) - (2x - 1)(x + 3)$$

$$= 3(2x^2 + 3x + 4x + 6) - (2x^2 + 6x - x - 3)$$

$$= 3(2x^2 + 7x + 6) - (2x^2 + 5x - 3)$$

$$= 6x^2 + 21x + 18 - 2x^2 - 5x + 3$$

$$= 4x^2 + 16x + 21$$

d.  $(x^2 - 2x + 1)(3x^2 + x - 4)$

$$= (x^2 - 2x + 1)(3x^2 + x - 4)$$

$$= 3x^4 + x^3 - 4x^2 - 6x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x + 3x^2 + x - 4$$

$$= 3x^4 - 5x^3 - 3x^2 + 9x - 4$$

**Special Products**

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ | $(A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - B^2$            |
| $(A - B)^2 = A^2 - 2AB + B^2$ | $(A + B)^3 = A^3 + 3A^2B + 3AB^2 + B^3$ |
|                               | $(A - B)^3 = A^3 - 3A^2B + 3AB^2 - B^3$ |

**Example 5:** Simplify.

a.  $(2x + 3)^2$

Let  $A = 2x$  and  $B = 3$

$$(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$$

$$(2x + 3)^2 = (2x)^2 + 2(2x)(3) + (3)^2$$

$$= 4x^2 + 12x + 9$$

b.  $(3x - 4)^3$

Let  $A = 3x$  and  $B = 4$

$$(A - B)^3 = A^3 - 3A^2B + 3AB^2 - B^3$$

$$(3x - 4)^3 = (3x)^3 - 3(3x)^2(4) + 3(3x)(4)^2 - (4)^3$$

$$= 27x^3 - 108x^2 + 144x - 64$$

**P-5 Assignment: pg. 39–40 #17, 21, 27, 31, 33, 37, 41, 47, 57, 61; Honours: #60**

**P-6: Factoring (Part 1)**

**Factoring**: - a reverse operation of expanding (multiplying).  
 - in essence, we are dividing, with the exception that the factors can be polynomials.

**Common Factors**: - factors that are common in each term of a polynomial.

- a. **Numerical GCF**: - Greatest Common Factor of all numerical coefficients and constant.
- b. **Variable GCF**: - the lowest exponent of a particular variable.

After obtaining the GCF, use it to divide each term of the polynomial for the remaining factor.

**Factor by Grouping (Common Brackets as GCF)**

$$a(c + d) + b(c + d) = (c + d)(a + b)$$

Common Brackets
Take common bracket out as GCF

**Example 1:** Factor each expression.

a.  $4a^2b - 8ab^2 + 6ab$   
 $= 2ab(2a - 4b + 3)$  GCF =  $2ab$

b.  $3x(2x - 1) + 4(2x - 1)$   
 $= (2x - 1)(3x + 4)$  GCF =  $(2x - 1)$

c.  $2ab + 3ac + 4b^2 + 6bc$   
 $= (2ab + 3ac) + (4b^2 + 6bc)$   
 $= a(2b + 3c) + 2b(2b + 3c)$  GCF =  $(2b + 3c)$   
 $= (2b + 3c)(a + 2b)$

d.  $3x^2 - 6y^2 + 9x - 2xy^2$   
 $= (3x^2 - 6y^2) + (9x - 2xy^2)$  Brackets are NOT the same! We might have to first rearrange terms.  
 $= 3(x^2 - 2y^2) + x(9 - 2y^2)$   
 Try again after rearranging terms!  
 $= 3x^2 + 9x - 2xy^2 - 6y^2$   
 $= (3x^2 + 9x) - (2xy^2 + 6y^2)$  **Switch Sign in Second Bracket!**  
 $= 3x(x + 3) - 2y^2(x + 3)$  **We have put a minus sign in front of a new bracket!**  
 $= (x + 3)(3x - 2y^2)$

**Factoring  $x^2 + bx + c$  (Leading Coefficient is 1)**

$$x^2 + bx + c$$

What two numbers multiply to give  $c$ , but add up to be  $b$ ?

**Example 2:** Completely factor each expression.

a.  $x^2 - 3x - 10$  **Factor Pairs of -10:**  
 $= (x + 2)(x - 5)$   
 $(-1 \times 10)$   $(1 \times -10)$   
 $(-2 \times 5)$   $(2 \times -5)$   
 $(2 + -5) = \text{sum of } -3$

b.  $a^2 - 8a + 15$  **Factor Pairs of 15:**  
 $= (a - 3)(a - 5)$   
 $(1 \times 15)$   $(-1 \times -15)$   
 $(3 \times 5)$   $(-3 \times -5)$   
 $(-3 + -5) = \text{sum of } -8$

c.  $x^2 - 7xy + 12y^2$

Factor Pairs of 12:  
 (1 × 12) (-1 × -12)  
 (2 × 6) (-2 × -6)  
 (3 × 4) (-3 × -4)

$(-3) + (-4) = \text{sum of } -7$

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

e.  $3ab^2 - 3ab - 60a$

$= 3a(b^2 - b - 20)$  Take out GCF  
 (+4)(-5) = -20  
 (+4) + (-5) = -1

$= 3a(b + 4)(b - 5)$

d.  $14 - 5w - w^2$

$= -w^2 - 5w + 14$  Rearrange in Descending Degree.  
 $= -(w^2 + 5w - 14)$  Take out -1 as common factor.  
 (+7)(-2) = -14  
 (+7) + (-2) = 5

$= -(w + 7)(w - 2)$

f.  $x^4 + 14x^2 - 32$

$= (x^2 + 16)(x^2 - 2)$  (+16)(-2) = -32  
 (+16) + (-2) = 14

Assume  $x^4 + bx^2 + c$  as the same as  $x^2 + bx + c$  and factor. The answer will be  $(x^2 + \quad)(x^2 + \quad)$ .

**Factoring  $ax^2 + bx + c$  (Leading Coefficient is not 1,  $a \neq 1$ )**

For factoring trinomial with the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , we will have to factor by grouping.

**Example 3:** Factor  $6x^2 + 11x + 4$

$6x^2 + 11x + 4$  Multiply  $a$  and  $c$ .

Factor Pairs of 24:  
 (1 × 24) (-1 × -24)  
 (2 × 12) (-2 × -12)  
 (3 × 8) (-3 × -8)  
 (4 × 6) (-4 × -6)

$(3 + 8) = \text{sum of } 11$

$= 6x^2 + 3x + 8x + 4$  Split the  $bx$  term into two separate terms.  
 $= (6x^2 + 3x) + (8x + 4)$  Group by brackets  
 $= 3x(2x + 1) + 4(2x + 1)$  Take out GCF for each bracket.  
 $= (2x + 1)(3x + 4)$  Factor by Common Bracket!

**Example 4:** Factor completely.

a.  $6x^3 - 14x^2 + 4x$

$= 2x(3x^2 - 7x + 2)$  GCF = 2x  
 $= 2x(3x^2 - x - 6x + 2)$  (-1)(-6) = 6  
 $= 2x[(3x^2 - x) - (6x - 2)]$  (-1) + (-6) = -7  
 $= 2x[x(3x - 1) - 2(3x - 1)]$  switch sign!  
 $= 2x(3x - 1)(x - 2)$  (- sign in front of bracket)

b.  $8m^2 - 6mn - 9n^2$

$= 8m^2 + 6mn - 12mn - 9n^2$   $8 \times -9 = -72$   
 $= (8m^2 + 6mn) - (12mn + 9n^2)$  (6)(-12) = -72  
 (6) + (-12) = -6  
 $= 2m(4m + 3n) - 3n(4m + 3n)$  switch sign!  
 $= (4m + 3n)(2m - 3n)$  (- sign in front of bracket)

c.  $4(3x - 2)^2 + 13(3x - 2) + 9$

$4(3x - 2)^2 + 13(3x - 2) + 9$  Let  $A = (3x - 2)$   
 $= 4A^2 + 13A + 9$   
 $= 4A^2 + 4A + 9A + 9$   $4 \times 9 = 36$   
 $= (4A^2 + 4A) + (9A + 9)$  (4)(9) = 36  
 $= 4A(A + 1) + 9(A + 1)$  (4) + (9) = 13  
 $= (A + 1)(4A + 9)$   
 $= [(3x - 2) + 1][4(3x - 2) + 9]$  Substitute  
 $= (3x - 1)(12x + 1)$  (3x - 2) back into A

d.  $18x^4 - 27x^2y + 4y^2$

$= 18x^4 - 3x^2y - 24x^2y + 4y^2$   $18 \times 4 = 72$   
 $= (18x^4 - 3x^2y) - (24x^2y - 4y^2)$  (-3)(-24) = 72  
 (-3) + (-24) = 72  
 $= 3x^2(6x^2 - y) - 4y(6x^2 - y)$  switch sign!  
 $= (6x^2 - y)(3x^2 - 4y)$  (- sign in front of bracket)

**P-6 (Part 1) Assignment: pg. 46-47 #5, 9, 13, 15, 37, 43**

**P-6: Factoring (Part 2)**

| <u>Special Expressions</u> |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Difference of Squares      | $A^2 - B^2 = (A + B)(A - B)$          |
| Perfect Trinomial Squares  | $A^2 + 2AB + B^2 = (A + B)^2$         |
| Perfect Trinomial Squares  | $A^2 - 2AB + B^2 = (A - B)^2$         |
| Sum of Cubes               | $A^3 + B^3 = (A + B)(A^2 - AB + B^2)$ |
| Difference of Cubes        | $A^3 - B^3 = (A - B)(A^2 + AB + B^2)$ |

**Example 1:** Factor completely.

a.  $x^2 + 9$

(NOT Factorable  
Sum of Squares)

b.  $3x^2 - 300$

$= 3(x^2 - 100)$  GCF = 3

$= 3(x - 10)(x + 10)$

c.  $x^4 - 81$

$= (x^2 - 9)(x^2 + 9)$

$= (x - 3)(x + 3)(x^2 + 9)$

d.  $9x^2 - 64y^2$

$= (3x - 8y)(3x + 8y)$

e.  $(2x + 3)^2 - (3x - 1)^2$

$= [(2x + 3) - (3x - 1)] [(2x + 3) + (3x - 1)]$  Look at  $(2x + 3)$  and  $(3x - 1)$  as individual items!

$= [-x + 4] [5x + 2]$  Watch Out! Subtracting a bracket!

$= -(x - 4)(5x + 2)$  Take out negative sign from the first bracket!

**Perfect Trinomial Square**

$ax^2 + bx + c = (\sqrt{ax} + \sqrt{c})^2$

$ax^2 - bx + c = (\sqrt{ax} - \sqrt{c})^2$

where  $a, c$  are square numbers, and  $b = 2(\sqrt{a})(\sqrt{c})$

**Example 2:** Expand  $(3x + 2)^2$ .

$(3x + 2)^2 = (3x + 2)(3x + 2)$   
 $= 9x^2 + 6x + 6x + 4$   
 $= 9x^2 + 12x + 4$

|                |                              |                |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| $\sqrt{9} = 3$ | $2(\sqrt{9})(\sqrt{4}) = 12$ | $\sqrt{4} = 2$ |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|

**Example 3:** Factor completely.

a.  $9x^2 + 30x + 25$

|                |                               |                 |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| $\sqrt{9} = 3$ | $2(\sqrt{9})(\sqrt{25}) = 30$ | $\sqrt{25} = 5$ |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|

$= (3x + 5)^2$

b.  $4x^2 - 28x + 49$

|                |                                 |                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| $\sqrt{4} = 2$ | $-2(\sqrt{4})(\sqrt{49}) = -28$ | $\sqrt{49} = 7$ |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|

$= (2x - 7)^2$

c.  $x^6 - 20x^3 + 100$

|                    |                                       |                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| $\sqrt{x^6} = x^3$ | $-2(\sqrt{x^6})(\sqrt{100}) = -20x^3$ | $\sqrt{100} = 10$ |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|

$= (x^3 - 10)^2$

Assumes  $x^6 + bx^3 + c$  is the same as  $x^2 + bx + c$ .  
 But the answer will be in the form of  $(x^3 + \quad)(x^3 + \quad)$ .



|                     |                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sum of Cubes        | $A^3 + B^3 = (A + B)(A^2 - AB + B^2)$ |
| Difference of Cubes | $A^3 - B^3 = (A - B)(A^2 + AB + B^2)$ |

**Example 4:** Factor completely.

a.  $27x^3 + 8y^3$

Let  $A^3 = 27x^3$  and  $B^3 = 8y^3$   
Hence,  $A = 3x$  and  $B = 2y$

$$A^3 + B^3 = (A + B)(A^2 - AB + B^2)$$

$$27x^3 + 8y^3 = (3x + 2y)((3x)^2 - (3x)(2y) + (2y)^2)$$

$$= (3x + 2y)(9x^2 - 6xy + 4y^2)$$

b.  $9a^3b - 72b$

$$9a^3b - 72b = 9b(a^3 - 8) \quad \text{GCF} = 9b$$

Let  $A^3 = a^3$  and  $B^3 = 8$   
Hence,  $A = a$  and  $B = 2$

$$A^3 - B^3 = (A - B)(A^2 + AB + B^2)$$

$$a^3 - 8 = (a - 2)(a^2 + (a)(2) + (2)^2)$$

$$9b(a^3 - 8) = 9b(a - 2)(a^2 + 2a + 4)$$

**Factoring Non-Polynomial Expressions**

- always take out the GCF with the lowest exponents of any common variables.
- divide each term by the GCF. Be careful with fractional exponents.

**Example 5:** Factor completely.

a.  $y^{\frac{4}{3}} - 5y^{\frac{1}{3}} - 24y^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

$$= y^{-\frac{2}{3}}(y^2 - 5y - 24) \quad \text{GCF} = y^{-\frac{2}{3}} \text{ (lowest exponent)}$$

$$= y^{-\frac{2}{3}}(y - 8)(y + 3) \quad \text{Factor form } x^2 + bx + c$$

$$\frac{y^{\frac{4}{3}}}{y^{-\frac{2}{3}}} = y^{\frac{4}{3} - (-\frac{2}{3})} = y^2$$

$$\frac{-5y^{\frac{1}{3}}}{y^{-\frac{2}{3}}} = -5y^{\frac{1}{3} - (-\frac{2}{3})} = -5y$$

b.  $r(4r + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3(4r + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

Let  $A = (4r + 1)$

$$r(4r + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3(4r + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = rA^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3A^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= A^{-\frac{1}{2}} [rA - 3] \quad \text{GCF} = A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (lowest exponent)}$$

$$= (4r + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [r(4r + 1) - 3] \quad \text{Substitute } (4r + 1) \text{ back into } A$$

$$= (4r + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [4r^2 + r - 3] \quad \text{Factor form } ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$= (4r + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (4r - 3)(r + 1)$$

**Factoring Cubic Polynomials by Grouping**

- for cubic polynomials consists of four terms, we can sometimes factor them by grouping.

**Example 6:** Factor  $x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 20$  completely.

$$= (x^3 - 5x^2) - (4x - 20) \quad \text{switch sign! (- sign in front of bracket)}$$

$$= x^2(x - 5) - 4(x - 5) \quad \text{Factor GCF from each group}$$

$$= (x - 5)(x^2 - 4) \quad \text{GCF} = (x - 5)$$

$$= (x - 5)(x + 2)(x - 2) \quad \text{Factor Difference of Squares}$$

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**P-7: Rational Expressions**

**Fractional Expression:** - a quotient of two algebraic expressions.

- the variable(s) can have negative and fractional exponents (or in radical form).

Examples:  $\frac{2x^2 + 3}{x^2 + 4x - 2}$        $\frac{\sqrt{x} + 6}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}}$        $\frac{x^{3/2} + 2x^{1/2} - 3x^{-1/2}}{x + 2}$

**Rational Expression:** - fractional expressions with polynomials as denominator and / or numerator.

Examples:  $\frac{2x^2 + 3}{x^2 + 4x - 2}$        $\frac{x^3 + 4x^2 - 6x + 7}{3x - 1}$        $\frac{7x}{3x^2 - 8x + 2}$

**Domain:** - all possible x-values from an algebraic expression.

- some algebraic expressions have a certain “no go zone”. This might involve **not being able to divide by zero** or **x has to be positive because it is in an even indexed radical**.

Examples:  $\frac{1}{x}$  Domain is  $\{x \mid x \neq 0\}$        $\sqrt{x}$  Domain is  $\{x \mid x \geq 0\}$        $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$  Domain is  $\{x \mid x > 0\}$

**Example 1:** Find the domain of the following expressions.

a.  $2x^2 - 4x + 7$

There is **no restriction** on x as **x can be anything in the real number set**. Hence, the domain is  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

b.  $\frac{x + 3}{x^2 - x - 12}$

Since there is a **polynomial** expression in the **denominator**, we need to **solve** it when it is **not equal to zero by factoring** to find the domain.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - x - 12 &\neq 0 \\ (x - 3)(x + 4) &\neq 0 \\ x - 3 &\neq 0 \text{ or } x + 4 \neq 0 \\ \text{Domain: } x &\neq 3 \text{ or } x \neq -4 \end{aligned}$$

c.  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{2x - 5}$

We need to find the **domain of the numerator (radical)** as well as the **denominator (polynomial)**.

|  |                             |
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| $2x - 5 \neq 0$  | For $\sqrt{x}$ , $x \geq 0$ |
| $x \neq \frac{5}{2}$   | Combine Domain              |
| <b>Domain: <math>x \geq 0</math> and <math>x \neq \frac{5}{2}</math></b> |                             |

**Simplifying Rational Expressions:**

- factor both the numerator and denominator and cancel out the common factors / brackets between them.

- this is similar to reducing a numerical fraction by cancelling out the common factors between the numerator and denominator.

- **the final domain is the domain of the original rational expression**, not the domain of the reduced form.

Examples:  $\frac{30}{24} = \frac{\cancel{6} \times 5}{\cancel{6} \times 4} = \frac{5}{4}$        $\frac{x^2 - 6x + 9}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{\cancel{(x-3)}(x-3)}{\cancel{(x-3)}(x+3)} = \frac{(x-3)}{(x+3)}$       Domain:  $x \neq 3$  or  $x \neq -3$

**Note:** we **cannot** cancel  $\frac{x-3}{x+3} \neq \frac{\cancel{x-3}}{\cancel{x+3}} \rightarrow -1$

This is because  $\frac{x-3}{x+3}$  really means  $\frac{(x-3)}{(x+3)}$  and we have to do the parenthesis first before division.

**Example 2:** Simplify the following expressions and state their domains.

a.  $\frac{3x}{x^2 + 6x}$

$$= \frac{\cancel{3x}}{\cancel{x}(x+6)}$$

$$= \frac{3}{x+6}$$

$x^2 + 6x \neq 0$   
 $x(x+6) \neq 0$   
 $x \neq 0$  or  $x+6 \neq 0$   
**Domain:  $x \neq 0$  or  $x \neq -6$**

b.  $\frac{2x^2 - 7x + 3}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x-3)}(2x-1)}{(x-2)\cancel{(x-3)}}$$

$$= \frac{(2x-1)}{(x-2)}$$

$x^2 - 5x + 6 \neq 0$   
 $(x-2)(x-3) \neq 0$   
 $x-2 \neq 0$  or  $x-3 \neq 0$   
**Domain:  $x \neq 2$  or  $x \neq 3$**

**Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions:**

- much like multiplying and dividing fractions, we factor all numerators and denominators and reduce common bracket(s) / factors between them.
- for division, we must “flip” (take the reciprocal) of the fraction behind the ÷ sign.
- **the final domain is the domain of both the original rational expressions**, not the domain of the reduced answer.

Examples:  $\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{10}{21} = \frac{\cancel{3} \times \cancel{5} \times 2}{\cancel{5} \times \cancel{3} \times 7} = \frac{2}{7}$

$\frac{24}{7} \div \frac{15}{28} = \frac{24}{7} \div \frac{28}{15} = \frac{8 \times \cancel{3}}{\cancel{7}} \times \frac{\cancel{7} \times 4}{\cancel{3} \times 5} = \frac{32}{5}$

**Example 3:** Perform the indicated operations, simplify and state their domains.

a.  $\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + x - 6} \times \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 3}{2x^2 - x - 1}$

$$= \frac{(x+1)\cancel{(x-1)}}{(x-2)\cancel{(x+3)}} \times \frac{(2x+1)\cancel{(x+3)}}{(2x+1)\cancel{(x-1)}}$$

$$= \frac{(x+1)}{(x-2)}$$

$(x-2) \neq 0$  or  $(x+3) \neq 0$   
 $(2x-1) \neq 0$  or  $(x-1) \neq 0$   
**Domain:  $x \neq 2$  or  $x \neq -3$  or  $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$  or  $x \neq 1$**

b.  $\frac{x^2 + 6x + 9}{3x^2 - 4x - 4} \div \frac{x^2 - 9}{3x^2 + 8x + 4}$

$$= \frac{x^2 + 6x + 9}{3x^2 - 4x - 4} \times \frac{3x^2 + 8x + 4}{x^2 - 9}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x+3)}(x+3)}{\cancel{(3x+2)}(x-2)} \times \frac{\cancel{(3x+2)}(x+2)}{(x-3)\cancel{(x+3)}}$$

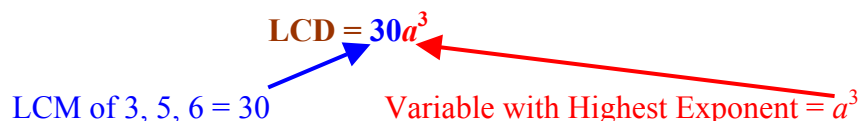
$$= \frac{(x+3)(x+2)}{(x-2)(x-3)}$$

Domain is taken from the numerator **and** the denominator of the fraction after the ÷ sign.  
 $(3x+2) \neq 0$  or  $(x-2) \neq 0$   
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**Domain:  $x \neq -\frac{2}{3}, 2, -2, 3$  or  $-3$**

**Lowest Common Denominator (LCD) of Monomials:**

- LCD of monomial coefficient, and the variable(s) with its / their **highest exponent(s)**.

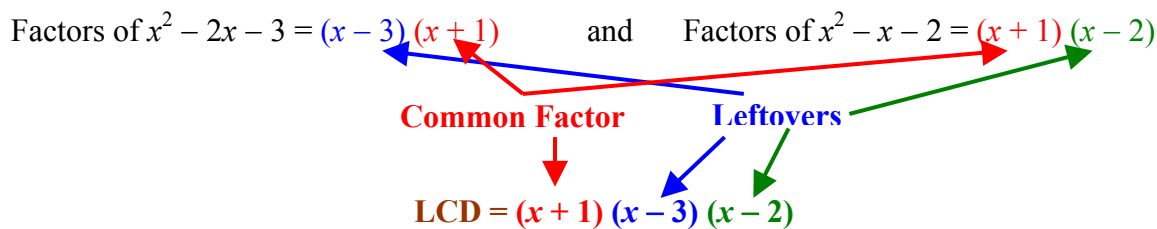
Example: LCD of  $3a^2, 5a, 6a^3$



**Lowest Common Denominator (LCM) of Polynomials:**

- common factor(s) (written once) along with any uncommon (leftover) factor(s).

**Example:** LCD of  $x^2 - 2x - 3$  and  $x^2 - x - 2$



**Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions:**

- much like adding and subtracting fractions, we first find the LCD of the denominators. Then, we convert each fraction into their equivalent fractions before adding or subtracting the numerators.  
 - **the final domain is the domain of both the original rational expressions**, not the domain of the reduced answer.

**Example:**  $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{6}$  (LCD = 12)  $\frac{3 \times 3}{4 \times 3} + \frac{5 \times 2}{6 \times 2} = \frac{9}{12} + \frac{10}{12} = \frac{19}{12}$

**Example 4:** Perform the indicated operations, simplify and state their domains.

a.  $\frac{5}{x+2} + \frac{3x+1}{3x+6}$

$$= \frac{5}{x+2} + \frac{3x+1}{3(x+2)} \quad \text{LCD} = 3(x+2)$$

$$= \frac{(5)(3) + (3x+1)}{3(x+2)} = \frac{15+3x+1}{3(x+2)}$$

$$= \frac{3x+16}{3(x+2)} \quad (x+2) \neq 0 \quad \text{Domain: } x \neq -2$$

b.  $\frac{2x}{9x^2-4} - \frac{3x}{9x^2-12x+4}$       LCD = (3x-2)(3x+2)(3x+2)

$$= \frac{2x}{(3x-2)(3x+2)} - \frac{3x}{(3x-2)(3x-2)} \quad \text{Common Factor Leftovers}$$

$$= \frac{(2x)(3x-2) - (3x)(3x+2)}{(3x-2)(3x-2)(3x+2)}$$

$$= \frac{6x^2 - 4x - 9x^2 - 6x}{(3x-2)^2(3x+2)} = \frac{-3x^2 - 10x}{(3x-2)^2(3x+2)}$$

$$= \frac{-x(3x+10)}{(3x-2)^2(3x+2)} \quad (3x-2) \neq 0 \text{ or } (3x+2) \neq 0$$

**Domain:  $x \neq \frac{2}{3}$  or  $-\frac{2}{3}$**

**Compound Fraction:** - a fraction where the numerator and / or denominator themselves contain fraction(s).

**Simplifying Compound Fractions:**

- simplify each of the numerator and denominator into single fractions. Then, divide the numerator's fraction by the denominator's fraction.

**Example:** Simplify  $\frac{1+x^{-1}}{1-x^{-1}}$

$$= \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)} = \frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right)}{\left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)} = \left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right) \div \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right) = \left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right) \times \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$$

**Example 5:** Simplify  $\frac{y^2 + \frac{y-3}{2}}{y^2 - \frac{5y-2}{3}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2(y^2) + y - 3}{2} \\ &= \frac{2(y^2) + y - 3}{3(y^2) - (5y - 2)} \\ &= \frac{2y^2 + y - 3}{3} = \frac{(2y+3)(y-1)}{(3y-2)(y-1)} \\ &= \frac{(2y+3)\cancel{(y-1)}}{2} \times \frac{3}{(3y-2)\cancel{(y-1)}} = \frac{3(2y+3)}{2(3y-2)} \end{aligned}$$

**Conjugates:** - binomials that have the exact same terms by opposite signs in between.

**Examples:**  $(a + b)$  and  $(a - b)$        $(a\sqrt{b} + c\sqrt{d})$  and  $(a\sqrt{b} - c\sqrt{d})$

**Multiplying Conjugate Radicals:**

- multiplying conjugate radicals will **always** give a **Rational Number** (radical terms would cancel out).

**Example 6:** Simplify  $(\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{6})(\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{6})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{6})(\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{6}) \\ &= \sqrt{25} - 3\sqrt{30} + 3\sqrt{30} - 9\sqrt{36} \quad \text{Notice the middle two radical terms always cancel out!} \\ &= 5 - 9(6) = \mathbf{-49} \end{aligned}$$

**Rationalizing Binomial Radical Denominator:**

- multiply the radical expression by a fraction that consists of the conjugate of the denominator over itself.

**Example 7:** Simplify  $\frac{3}{5 + \sqrt{7}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3}{(5 + \sqrt{7})} \times \frac{(5 - \sqrt{7})}{(5 - \sqrt{7})} = \frac{3(5 - \sqrt{7})}{25 - 5\sqrt{7} + 5\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{49}} \\ &= \frac{3(5 - \sqrt{7})}{25 - 7} = \frac{3(5 - \sqrt{7})}{18} = \frac{(5 - \sqrt{7})}{6} \end{aligned}$$

**P-7 Assignment: pg. 55–57 #9, 15, 17, 21, 25, 29, 31, 39, 45, 51, 55, 59, 77, 81 and 99; Honours: #97**