

Mth 28, Homework 8 on sections 8.5, 8.6

Due by Wed, Nov 19.

Write all your working out and answers neatly, using lots of space between questions, and showing your steps clearly. Each exercise is worth 2 points.

Section 8.5 Divide radical expressions

(1) Simplify:

(a) $\frac{\sqrt{50}}{\sqrt{2}}$ (b) $\sqrt{\frac{3}{40}}$

(Remember, for a square root expression to be simplified there should be no perfect squares or fractions inside the square root, and no square roots in the denominator of a fraction.)

(2) Simplify:

(a) $\frac{\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{x}}$ (b) $\frac{-4\sqrt{75t}}{5\sqrt{2}}$

(Use here that $\sqrt{x}\sqrt{x} = x$. Also be careful when looking at what is inside a radical; for example $\sqrt{75t}$ and $\sqrt{7}5t$ mean different things.)

(3) Simplify:

(a) $\frac{\sqrt[3]{y}}{\sqrt[3]{4}}$ (b) $\frac{\sqrt[3]{-16w}}{\sqrt[3]{5}}$

(This time, for cube roots, $\sqrt[3]{x}\sqrt[3]{x}\sqrt[3]{x} = \sqrt[3]{x}\sqrt[3]{x^2} = x$. Did you get $\frac{-2\sqrt[3]{50w}}{5}$ for (b)?)

(4) Rationalize the denominator: $\frac{5\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}}$

(5) Rationalize the denominators:

(a) $\frac{6}{4 + \sqrt{10}}$ (b) $\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{3 - \sqrt{2}}$

(Hint: this needs the trick of multiplying top and bottom by the conjugate of the bottom. So for part (a) use $4 - \sqrt{10}$.)

(6) Rationalize the denominator: $\frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{3}}$

Section 8.6 Radical equations

(7) Solve: $\sqrt{3x - 2} = 5$

(The method to solve square root equations is to get the square root alone on one side and then square both sides.)

(8) Solve: $\sqrt{4x + 8} + 6 = 0$

(Make sure to check that the solution you find works in the original equation.)

(9) Solve: $\sqrt{2x - 6} + 3 = x$

(The method produces two solutions this time; make sure they are valid.)

(10) Solve: $\sqrt{12 - x} = 3\sqrt{x - 2}$

(11) Solve: $\sqrt{x} + 2 = \sqrt{2x + 4}$

(This one is a little harder. First, square both sides. There is still a \sqrt{x} term, so move it to be alone on one side and then square both sides again.)

If you get stuck on a question or aren't sure if you understand it:

- Go over the relevant class notes and section in the textbook.
- Check if you get the right answer for a similar odd-numbered question in the textbook (answers at the back of the book).
- Ask me about it after class.
- Come to my office hours: Mon 11:30 - 12:30, Wed 11:30 - 12:30 in CP 317.
- Go to the Math Tutorial Lab in-person in CP 303 or online.