

# PC11 Radicals Solutions (DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAPER)

1. Evaluate  $\sqrt{25}$

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2. Solve  $x^2 = 25$

$x = \pm 5$

3. Write as a mixed radical:

a.  $\sqrt{8}$

$2\sqrt{2}$

b.  $\sqrt{1575}$

$\sqrt{5 \times 5 \times 3 \times 3 \times 7}$

$15\sqrt{7}$

4. Write as an entire radical

a.  $2\sqrt{3}$

$\sqrt{3 \times 2 \times 2}$

$\sqrt{12}$

b.  $3\sqrt[3]{2}$

$\sqrt[3]{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}$

$\sqrt[3]{54}$

c.  $-2\sqrt[3]{3}$

$-\sqrt[3]{24}$  or  $\sqrt[3]{3(-2)(-2)(-2)} = \sqrt[3]{-24}$

5. If possible, evaluate

a.  $\sqrt{-9}$

No solution

b.  $\sqrt[3]{-8}$

-2

c.  $\sqrt{4\,000\,000}$

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d.  $\sqrt{0.25}$

0.5

e.  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}}$

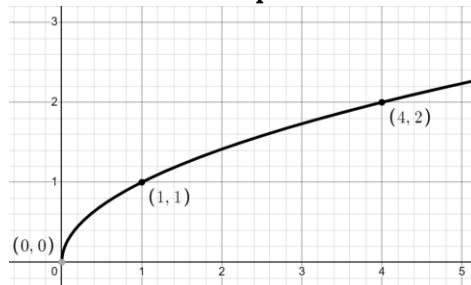
$\frac{\sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{9}}$

$\frac{2}{3}$

6. Order from least to greatest:  $\sqrt{9}, 2\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{30}, \pi$   
 $\sqrt{9}, \sqrt{12}, \sqrt{30}, \sqrt{\pi^2}$   
 $\sqrt{9}, \pi, \sqrt{12}, \sqrt{30}$

7.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

a. Sketch and label 3 points



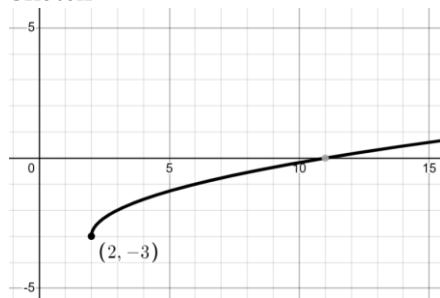
b. Evaluate  $f(25)$

$f(25) = \sqrt{25} = 5$

i.e. (25, 5) is a point on the radical graph

8.  $y = \sqrt{x - 2} - 3$

a. Sketch



b. Domain?

$x \geq 2$  or  $[2, \infty)$

c. Range?

$y \geq -3$  or  $[-3, \infty)$

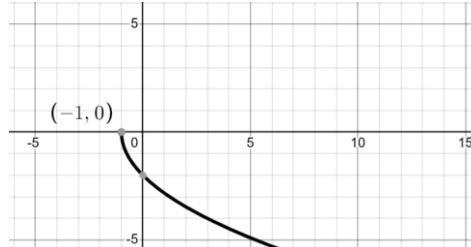
9.  $y = \sqrt{x - a} + b$ . Given  $a, b > 0$ ,

describe the transformation.

Shift  $a$  units left and  $b$  units up

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

a. Sketch and describe the transformation



Multiply  $y$ 's by a factor of  $-2$   
Then shift unit left

b. Domain?

$$x + 1 \geq 0 \\ x \geq -1$$

c. Range?

$$y \leq 0$$

11.  $y = a\sqrt{x+b}+c$

Given  $a, b, c > 0$  describe the transformation.

$\times$   $y$ 's by  $a$

$b$  units left or right

$c$  units up or down

12. Find the domain of:

a.  $\sqrt{3-5x}$   
 $3-5x \geq 0$

$$3 \geq 5x$$

$$\frac{3}{5} \geq x$$

$$x \leq \frac{3}{5}$$

b.  $\frac{\sqrt{1-2x}}{x}$

$$x \neq 0$$

$$1-2x \geq 0$$

$$1 \geq 2x$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \geq x$$

$$x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

c.  $\frac{\sqrt{3x-2}}{x^2-9}$

$$x^2 - 9 \neq 0$$

$$x^2 \neq 9$$

$$x \neq \pm 3$$

$$3x - 2 \geq 0$$

$$3x \geq 2$$

$$x \geq \frac{2}{3}$$

d.  $\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{x^2+x-20}$   
 $\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{(x+5)(x-4)}$

$$x \neq -5, 4$$

$$x \geq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$x \neq 4, x \geq 0$$

e.  $\frac{\sqrt{2+5x}}{3x^2+13x-10}$   
 $(3x-2)(x+5)$

$x \neq -5$

$3x-2 \neq 0$

$x \neq \frac{2}{3}$

$2+5x \geq 0$

$5x \geq -2$

$x \geq -\frac{2}{5}$

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$$x^2 - 9 \neq 0$$

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$$x \neq \pm 3$$

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$$x \neq 4, x \geq 0$$

13. Rationalize:

a.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$   
 $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

b.  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{8}}$   
 $\frac{4}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}$

c.  $\frac{9}{6-\sqrt{3}}$   
 $\frac{9}{6-\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{(6+\sqrt{3})}{(6+\sqrt{3})}$   
 $\frac{9(6+\sqrt{3})}{36-3} = \frac{3}{11}(6+\sqrt{3})$

d.  $\frac{5}{5+\sqrt{5}}$   
 $\frac{5}{5+\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{5-\sqrt{5}}$   
 $\frac{5(5-\sqrt{5})}{25-5} = \frac{5}{20}(5-\sqrt{5}) = \frac{1}{4}(5-\sqrt{5})$

e.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}} \times \left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{3}}{\sqrt[3]{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{3}}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{9}}{3}$

14. Simplify  $\sqrt{8} + 3\sqrt{2}$

$$2\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} = 5\sqrt{2}$$

15. Simplify  $\sqrt{8} - \sqrt[3]{32} + 3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{4}$

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

$$5\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt[3]{4} + \sqrt[3]{4}$$

$$5\sqrt{2} - \sqrt[3]{4}$$

16. Simplify  $\frac{\sqrt{12}}{2}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3}}{2} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3}$$

17. Simplify  $\frac{-2+\sqrt{12}}{-2}$

$$\frac{-2 + \sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3}}{-2} = 1 - 2\sqrt{3}$$

18.  $2\sqrt{3} \times 3\sqrt{2}$   
 $6\sqrt{6}$

19.  $(5\sqrt{5})(2\sqrt{5})$   
 $10(5) = 50$

20.  $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{5}$   
 $\sqrt{30}$

21.  $a^b \cdot \sqrt{d} \cdot a^c \cdot \sqrt{e}$   
 $a^{b+c}\sqrt{de}$

22. Expand and simplify:

a.  $2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{4} - 3\sqrt{2} + 1)$   
 $2\sqrt{2}(2 - 3\sqrt{2} + 1)$   
 $2\sqrt{2}(3 - 3\sqrt{2})$   
 $6\sqrt{2} - 6(2)$   
 $6\sqrt{2} - 12$

b.  $(2 - \sqrt{2})^2$   
 $4 - 4\sqrt{2} + 2$   
 $6 - 4\sqrt{2}$

c.  $(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})$   
 $3 - 2 = 1$

d.  $3(\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{2})(1 - \sqrt{8})$   
 $3(2\sqrt{2} - 1\sqrt{2})(1 - 2\sqrt{2})$   
 $3\sqrt{2}(1 - 2\sqrt{2})$   
 $3\sqrt{2} - 6(2)$   
 $3\sqrt{2} - 12$

e.  $(\sqrt{8} - 1)^3$   
 $(2\sqrt{2} - 1)(2\sqrt{2} - 1)^2$   
 $(2\sqrt{2} - 1)[4(2) - 4\sqrt{2} + 1]$   
 $(2\sqrt{2} - 1)[8 - 4\sqrt{2} + 1]$   
 $(2\sqrt{2} - 1)[9 - 4\sqrt{2}]$   
 $18\sqrt{2} - 8(2) - 9 + 4\sqrt{2}$   
 $18\sqrt{2} - 16 - 9 + 4\sqrt{2}$   
 $22\sqrt{2} - 25$

f.  $(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})(2 + \sqrt{6} + 3)$   
 $(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})(5 + \sqrt{6})$   
 $5\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{12} - 5\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{18}$   
 $5\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3} - 5\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{2}$   
 $2\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}$

23. A rectangle has a base of  $4\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}$  and a height of  $\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{3}$

a. Area in simplified form?  
 $(4\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3})(2\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})$   
 $8(2) - 4\sqrt{6} - 4\sqrt{6} + 2(3)$   
 $22 - 8\sqrt{6}$

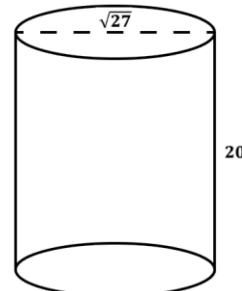
b. Perimeter in simplified form?  
 $2(4\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}) + 2(2\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})$   
 $8\sqrt{2} - 4\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}$   
 $12\sqrt{2} - 6\sqrt{3}$

24. A cylinder has a diameter of  $\sqrt{8}$  and a height of 10

a. Volume?  
 $V = \pi r^2 h$   
 $d = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$   
 $r = \sqrt{2}$   
 $V = \pi(\sqrt{2})^2(10)$   
 $= 20\pi$

b. Area including the bottom?  
 $A = 2\pi r^2 + \pi d h$   
 $2\pi(\sqrt{2})^2 + \pi(2\sqrt{2})(10)$   
 $4\pi + 20\sqrt{2}\pi$   
or  $\pi(4 + 20\sqrt{2})$

25. See cylinder below:



a. Volume?  
 $d = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3} \rightarrow r = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3}$   
 $V = \pi r^2 h$   
 $= \pi \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 (20)$   
 $= \pi \left(\frac{27}{4}\right) (20)$   
 $= 135\pi$

- b. Area including the bottom?

$$A = 2\pi r^2 + \pi d h$$

$$2\pi \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 + \pi(3\sqrt{3})(20)$$

$$2\pi \left(\frac{27}{4}\right) + 60\sqrt{3}\pi$$

$$\frac{27}{2}\pi + 60\sqrt{3}\pi$$

$$\text{or } \pi \left(60 + \frac{27}{2}\right) \text{ or } 73.5\pi$$

26. Solve:

a.  $\sqrt{x} = 3$

$$x = 9$$

b.  $2\sqrt{x} = 4$

$$\sqrt{x} = 2$$

$$x = 4$$

c. Solve  $\sqrt{x-2} = 3$

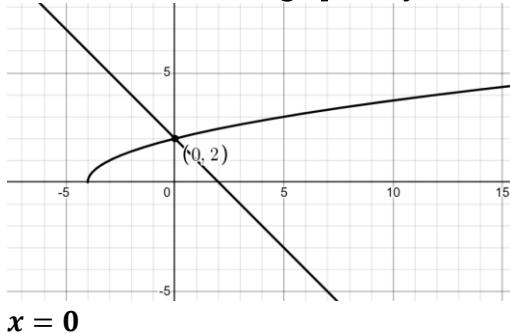
Square both sides

$$x - 2 = 9$$

$$x = 11$$

27.  $\sqrt{x+4} = 2 - x$

- a. Estimate the solution graphically



$$x = 0$$

- b. Find the point of intersection algebraically

$$\sqrt{x+4} = 2 - x$$

Square both sides

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

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

$$0 = x^2 - 5x$$

$$0 = x(x - 5)$$

$$x = 0, 5$$

But we reject  $x = 5$

- c. Check for extraneous roots

$$\text{Since LS} = \sqrt{x+4} = \sqrt{5+4} = 3$$

$$\text{But RS} = 2 - x = 2 - 5 = -3$$

$LS \neq RS$  so reject  $x = 5$

- d. Find the point of intersection

$$\text{When } x = 0, y = \sqrt{x+4}$$

(we can plug in  $x = 0$  into either equation)

$$y = \sqrt{0+4} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

(0, 2) is the point of intersection

28. Solve  $\sqrt{x-1} = 2 - \frac{x}{2}$

Square both sides

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

$$x - 1 = 4 - 2x + \frac{x^2}{4}$$

$$0 = \frac{x^2}{4} - 3x + 5$$

Multiply by 4

$$0 = x^2 - 12x + 20$$

$$0 = (x - 10)(x - 2)$$

$$x = 2, 10$$

Reject  $x = 10$

29. Solve  $\sqrt{3x-2} - 1 = 6 - \frac{x}{2}$

$$\sqrt{3x-2} = 7 - \frac{x}{2}$$

Square both sides

$$3x - 2 = \left(7 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^2$$

$$3x - 2 = 49 - 7x + \frac{x^2}{4}$$

$$0 = \frac{x^2}{4} - 10x + 51$$

Multiply by 4

$$0 = x^2 - 40x + 204$$

$$0 = (x - 6)(x - 34)$$

$$x = 6, 34$$

Reject  $x = 34$

### Challenge:

30. Enrichment: Solve  $\sqrt{x+1} - 2 = \sqrt{x-3}$

Square both sides

$$(\sqrt{x+1} - 2)^2 = x - 3$$

$$x + 1 - 4\sqrt{x+1} + 4 = x - 3$$

$$8 = 4\sqrt{x+1}$$

Divide by 4

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

Square both sides

$$4 = x + 1$$

$$x = 3$$

31. Enrichment:

- a. Define:  $|a|$

$$a = \begin{cases} a & a \geq 0 \\ -a & a < 0 \end{cases}$$

b. Simplify  $\sqrt{x^2}$   
 $|x|$

c. Simplify  $\sqrt{x^4}$   
 $x^2$

d. Simplify  $\sqrt{x^6}$   
 $|x^3|$

e. Simplify  $\sqrt{a^2 b^8 c^{14}}$   
 $|a|b^4|c^7|$