

§7.3 Simplifying Radical Expressions.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ \times 27 \\ \hline 432 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{216} \\ 216 \\ \underline{216} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\sqrt{432} = \sqrt{2^4 \cdot 3^3} = \sqrt{2^4 \cdot 3^{2+1}}$$

Better for
bigger
problems

$$= \sqrt{2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 3^1}$$

$$= (2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 3^1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 2^{\frac{4}{2}} \cdot 3^{\frac{2}{2}} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \sqrt{3}$$

$$= 12\sqrt{3}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \sqrt{3}$$

$$= 12\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{x^5 y^6 z^{27}} = \sqrt{x^4 x^1 y^6 z^{26} z^1}$$

$$= x^{\frac{4}{2}} y^{\frac{6}{2}} z^{\frac{26}{2}} \sqrt{x^1 z^1}$$

$$= x^2 y^3 z^{13} \sqrt{xz}$$

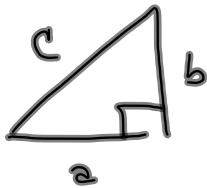
$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{x^5 y^6 z^{27}} &= \sqrt[3]{x^3 x^2 y^6 z^{27}} \\ &= x y^2 z^9 \sqrt[3]{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[4]{x^5 y^6 z^{27}} &= \sqrt[4]{x^4 x^1 y^4 y^2 z^{24} z^3} \\ &= x^1 y^1 z^6 \sqrt[4]{x y^2 z^3} \\ &= x y z^6 \sqrt[4]{x y^2 z^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{\#69} \quad & \frac{3\sqrt{100x^2}}{2\sqrt{2x^{-1}}} = \\
 & = \frac{3 \cdot 10x}{2\sqrt{\frac{2}{x}}} = \frac{30x}{2\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{x}}} = \frac{30x}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{30x\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{2}} \\
 & = \frac{15x\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{15x\sqrt{x}\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{15x\sqrt{2x}}{2} \\
 & \quad \sqrt{2 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{4} = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall, we're assuming that all variables are nonnegative, else $\sqrt{100x^2} = 10|x|$, but we're not sweating $x < 0$ situation, now.

An application:
Distance in the plane, courtesy of
Pythagoras.



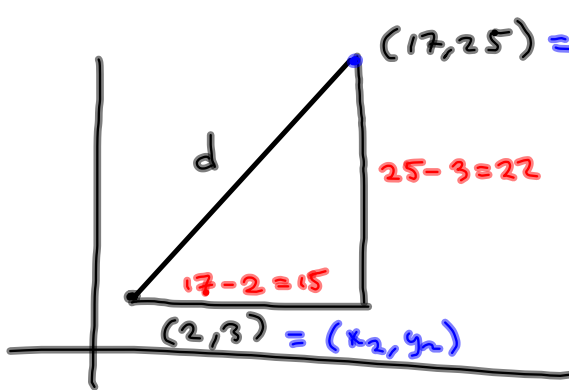
$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\sqrt{c^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$|c| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$c = \pm \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ & we always
assume c is a positive distance, so

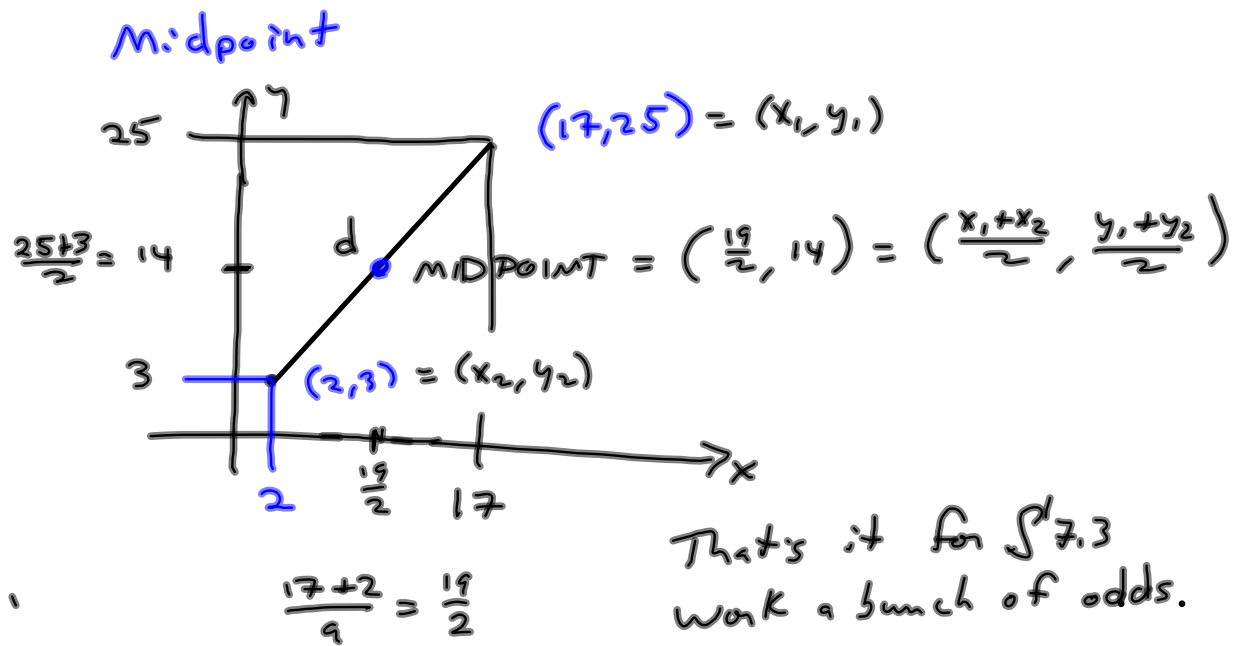
$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{15^2 + 22^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(17-2)^2 + (25-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{709} \\ &\approx 26.627 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2} = \sqrt{(17-2)^2 + (25-3)^2}$$

Distance between (x_1, y_1) & (x_2, y_2)



7.4 Adding & subtracting Radical Expressions.

2 Key skills

collecting Like Terms

Simplifying Radicals

#s 1-44

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\sqrt{50} + 3\sqrt{125} &= 2 \cdot 5\sqrt{2} + 3 \cdot 5\sqrt{5} && \sqrt{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5} && \sqrt{5^3} \\
 &= \boxed{10\sqrt{2} + 15\sqrt{5}} && && = \\
 &&& \text{still unlike terms} &&
 \end{aligned}$$

un-like terms

still unlike terms

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

Be careful
how you
write these!

$$\frac{\sqrt{20x}}{9} + \sqrt{\frac{5x}{9}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5x}}{9} + \frac{\sqrt{5x}}{3}$$

$\frac{\sqrt{5x}}{9}$ No

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{5x}}{9} + \frac{\sqrt{5x}}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{3}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{5x}}{9} + \frac{3\sqrt{5x}}{9} =$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{5x} + 3\sqrt{5x}}{9} = \frac{5\sqrt{5x}}{9}$$

§ 7.4 finish
Friday

Quiz Monday

Scratch: $\sqrt{20x} = 2\sqrt{5x}$

$$\sqrt{\frac{5x}{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{5x}}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{5x}}{3}$$

Radical of
the quotient is
the quotient of
the radicals.