

7.2 Using Properties of Real and Rational Exponents (continued)

Std. 12.0

$$\sqrt[3]{x^3} = x$$

$$\sqrt[6]{x^6} = |x|$$

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

$$\sqrt[n]{x^n} = x, \text{ if } n \text{ is odd}; = |x| \text{ if } n \text{ is even}$$

$$\sqrt[2]{x^8} = x^4$$

$$\sqrt[5]{x^{15}} = x^3$$

$$\sqrt[4]{x^{11}} = x^{11/4} = x^2 \cdot x^{3/4} = x^2 \sqrt[4]{x^3}$$

Examples: Simplify.

$$1 \quad \sqrt{75x^6y^3} = \sqrt{5^2 \cdot 3x^6y^3} = 5|x^3|y \cdot \sqrt{3y}$$

$$2 \quad \sqrt[3]{54x^{11}} = \sqrt[3]{3^3 \cdot 2x^{11}} = 3x^3 \sqrt[3]{2x^2}$$

$$3 \quad \sqrt[5]{27x^2y^{14}} \cdot \sqrt[5]{36x^6y} = \sqrt[5]{3^5 \cdot 2^2 x^8 y^{15}} \\ = 3xy^3 \sqrt[5]{4x^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \quad \sqrt[4]{\frac{162a^4}{2 \cdot 81}} - \sqrt[4]{32a^4} &= \sqrt[4]{3^4 \cdot 2 a^4} - \sqrt[4]{2^5 a^4} \\ |a| \sqrt[4]{2} &= 3|a| \sqrt[4]{2} - 2|a| \sqrt[4]{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{5} \quad \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{3d^2}} &= \frac{\sqrt[3]{c}}{\sqrt[3]{3d^2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{3^2 d}}{\sqrt[3]{3^2 d}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{9cd}}{\sqrt[3]{3^3 d^3}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{9cd}}{3d} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad \frac{\sqrt[4]{3}}{\sqrt[4]{8}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{3}}{\sqrt[4]{2^3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[4]{2}}{\sqrt[4]{2}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{6}}{\sqrt[4]{2^4}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{6}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{7} \quad \sqrt{8a^2 - 48a + 72} &= \sqrt{8(a^2 - 6a + 9)} \\ &= \sqrt{2^3 (a-3)^2} \\ &= 2|a-3|\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$