

7.2 Using Properties of Real and Rational Exponents
(continued)

Std. 12.0

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

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

$\sqrt[n]{x^n} = x$, if n is odd
 $= |x|$, if n is even (principal root)

$$\sqrt{x^8} = x^4$$

$$x^{8/2}$$

$$x^2 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^2$$

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

$$x^{15/5}$$

$$\sqrt[4]{x^{11}} = \sqrt[4]{x^8 \cdot x^3} = \sqrt[4]{x^8} \cdot \sqrt[4]{x^3} = x^2 \cdot \sqrt[4]{x^3} = x^2 \sqrt[4]{x^3}$$

Examples: Simplify.

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

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

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

$$4 \quad \sqrt[4]{162a^4} - \sqrt[4]{32a^4} = \sqrt[4]{3^4 \cdot 2a^4} - \sqrt[4]{2^4 \cdot 2a^4} = 3a\sqrt[4]{2} - 2a\sqrt[4]{2} = a\sqrt[4]{2}$$

$$5 \quad \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{3d^2}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{c}}{\sqrt[3]{3d^2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{3^2d}}{\sqrt[3]{3^2d}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{9cd}}{\sqrt[3]{3^3d^3}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{9cd}}{3d}$$

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

$$7 \quad \sqrt{\frac{8a^2 - 48a + 72}{8(a^2 - 6a + 9)}} = \sqrt{\frac{2^3(a-3)^2}{2^3(a-3)^2}} = 2|a-3|\sqrt{2}$$