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Divisibility Rules

Rule for 3 - If you add the digits and you have a number divisible by 3

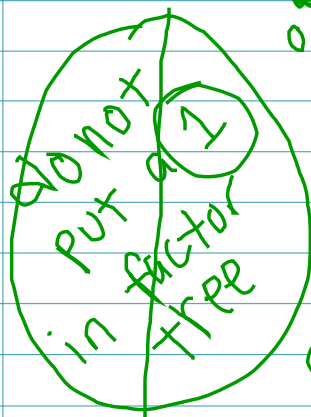
Rule for 9 - Sum of digits divisible by 9

$$639. \quad 6+3+9 = 18 \checkmark$$

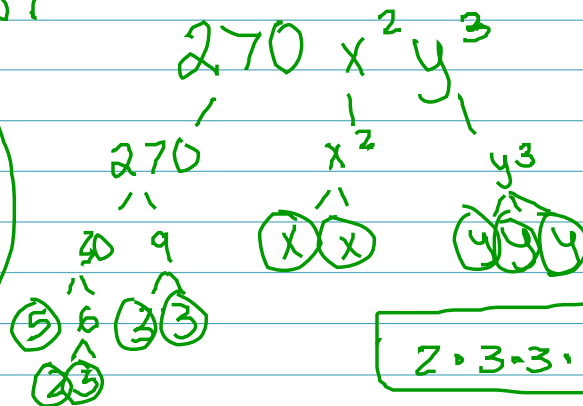
If they don't work
use these prime #'s

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29

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~~Write the~~ Write the Prime factorization



$$2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y$$

find squareroots, cube roots, and n^{th} roots of expressions containing variables

$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ \leftarrow cannot have an addition or subtraction

$$\sqrt{x^2 y^6} = \sqrt[2]{\underbrace{(xx)}_{\text{2 pairs}} \underbrace{(yyy y)}_{\text{3 pairs}}} = xy^3$$

(16) simplify, if possible

$$\sqrt{16x^6}$$

$$\sqrt{\underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}_{\text{4 pairs}} \cdot \underbrace{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x}_{\text{4 pairs}}} = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x = 4x^3$$

(24) Find cube root if possible

root is odd $\rightarrow \sqrt[3]{-125x^{12}} = -\sqrt[3]{125x^{12}}$

\uparrow
negative

$$\begin{array}{c} 125x^{12} \\ \swarrow \downarrow \\ (5) \quad 25 \\ \swarrow \downarrow \\ (5) \quad (5) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\sqrt[3]{\underbrace{(5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5)}_{\text{3 pairs}} \cdot \underbrace{(x \cdot x \cdot x)}_{\text{3 pairs}} \cdot \underbrace{(x \cdot x \cdot x)}_{\text{3 pairs}} \cdot \underbrace{(x \cdot x \cdot x)}_{\text{3 pairs}}} \\ &= -5xxxx = -5x^4 \end{aligned}$$

7.1.2

$$\sqrt{16x^6}$$

Simplify if possible

Because of the plus sign, it cannot be simplified.

(29) $\sqrt[6]{729x^6}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 729 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 9 \cdot 81 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ (3)(3)(3)(3)(3)(3) \end{array}$$

$$\sqrt[6]{\cancel{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x} = 3x$$

(43) Simplify, if possible
 $\sqrt[6]{a^{12}b^6}$

$$\sqrt[6]{\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a}_{12 \text{ of } a's} \cdot \underbrace{b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b}_{6 \text{ of } b's}}$$

~~twelve~~ twelve a 's mult of
one group of b 's
 $a^{12}b$

Square Roots vs. Principal Square Roots

$$\sqrt{(-7)^2} = \sqrt{49} = -7$$

"P" for principal, "P" for Positive

What are the square roots of 49
7 and -7.

7.1.1 (a) What are the square roots of 36?
(b) What is $\sqrt{36}$?

a) -6 and 6

b) (6)

Finding nth Roots of aⁿ Where
a is any real #.



If your variable could be negative
and your index is even, then you need
absolute value bars

(34) Simplify. Assume variable reps any real #.

$\sqrt{49x^2}$ • could variable be neg? Yes

Is index even? Yes

$$\sqrt[2]{7 \cdot 7 \cdot x \cdot x}$$

$$|7 \cdot x| \text{ or } 7|x| \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{for my math} \\ \text{I do} \end{matrix}$$

(35) Simplify. x is any real #.

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

Could variable be neg - Yes

$$\sqrt[3]{x \cdot x \cdot x}$$

Is index even? NO

$$x$$

§ 7.2 Rational Exponents (lec Notes p.118)

Positive rational Exponents

$$(4)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt[2]{4} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$9^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt[2]{9} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$8^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$

$$16^{\frac{1}{4}} \rightarrow \sqrt[4]{16} = 2$$

$$\left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{16}{81}} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \boxed{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \boxed{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \boxed{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{16}{81}$$



Hint: The denominator of your fractional exponent is the index of the radical

(1, 14, 16)

$$a) \left(\frac{16}{625}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{16}{625}} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{2}{5}} \cdot \boxed{\frac{2}{5}} \cdot \boxed{\frac{2}{5}} \cdot \boxed{\frac{2}{5}} = \frac{16}{625}$$

$$b) -81^{\frac{1}{4}} = -1 \cdot 81^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$-1 \cdot \sqrt[4]{81} = -1 \cdot 3 = -3$$

$$c) (16x^4)^{(1/2)} \leftarrow$$

$$= \sqrt[2]{16x^4}$$

$$= \sqrt{16x^4}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x} = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot x \cdot x = 4x^2$$

$$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

(21) Use radical notation to write the expression
Simplify if possible. No value bars

$$(5x+3)^{\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)} = \sqrt[5]{(5x+3)^4} = \cancel{\sqrt[5]{5x^4+81}}$$

or

$$\left(\sqrt[5]{5x+3}\right)^4$$

Sidewalk

$$(5x+3)^4$$

$$(5x+3)(5x+3)(5x+3)(5x+3)$$

(19) Use radical notation, Simplify, and verify w/calculator

$$(-81)^{\frac{3}{4}} = \cancel{(-81)^{\frac{3}{4}}} = \sqrt[4]{(-81)^3} = \sqrt[4]{-531441}$$

$= \text{Not a real \#}$

$$(-81)^{(3/4)} = \text{ERROR}$$

(20) Use radical notation. Simplify if possible. Use the value Bars

$$(3x)^{(3/5)}$$

$$(3x)^{\frac{3}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{(3x)^3}$$
$$\sqrt[5]{27x^3}$$