# **Polynomials**

### **Adding and Subtracting Polynomials**

#### **Properties of Real numbers**

For all real numbers a, b, and c:

$$a+b=b+a$$
 Commutative properties

$$ab = ba$$

$$(a+b)+c=a+(b+c)$$
 Associative properties

$$(ab)c = a(bc)$$

$$a(b+c) = ab + ac$$
 Distributive properties

#### Add or subtract as indicated

a) 
$$(8x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x) + (3x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x + 8)$$
  
 $= 8x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x + 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x + 8$   
 $= (8x^3 + 3x^3) + (-4x^2 + 5x^2) + (6x - 9x) + 8$   
 $= 11x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 8$ 

b) 
$$\left(-4x^4 + 6x^3 - 9x^2 - 12\right) + \left(-3x^3 + 8x^2 - 11x + 7\right)$$
  
=  $-4x^4 + 6x^3 - 3x^3 - 9x^2 + 8x^2 - 11x - 12 + 7$   
=  $-4x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 - 11x - 5$ 

c) 
$$(2x^2 - 11x + 8) - (7x^2 - 6x + 2)$$
  
=  $2x^2 - 11x + 8 - 7x^2 + 6x - 2$   
=  $-5x^2 - 5x + 6$ 

Multiply

a) 
$$8x(6x-4)$$

$$8x(6x-4) = 8x(6x) - 8x(4)$$
$$= 48x^2 - 32x$$

b) 
$$(3p-2)(p^2+5p-1)$$

$$(3p-2)(p^2+5p-1) = 3p^3+15p^2-3p-2p^2-10p+2$$
$$= 3p^3+13p^2-13p+2$$

c) 
$$(x+2)(x+3)(x-4)$$

$$(x+2)(x+3)(x-4) = (x^2 + 3x + 2x + 6)(x-4)$$
$$= (x^2 + 5x + 6)(x-4)$$
$$= x^3 + 5x^2 + 6x - 4x^2 - 20x - 24$$
$$= x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 24$$

Find 
$$(2m-5)(m+4)$$

$$(2m-5)(m+4) = 2mm + 2m(4) - 5m - 5(4)$$
$$= 2m^2 + 8m - 5m - 20$$
$$= 2m^2 + 3m - 20$$

Find 
$$(2k-5)^2$$

$$(2k-5)^{2} = (2k-5)(2k-5)$$
$$= 4k^{2} - 10k - 10k + 25$$
$$= 4k^{2} - 20k + 25$$

$$(a-b)^{2} = a^{2} - 2ab + b^{2}$$
$$(a+b)^{2} = a^{2} + 2ab + b^{2}$$
$$(a-b)(a+b) = a^{2} - b^{2}$$

Perform the indicated operations: 
$$2(3x^2 + 4x + 2) - 3(-x^2 + 4x - 5)$$
  
=  $6x^2 + 8x + 4 + 3x^2 - 12x + 15$   
=  $9x^2 - 4x + 19$ 

Perform the indicated operations: (3t-2y)(3t+5y)

$$=9t^{2}+15ty-6yt-10y^{2}$$
$$=9t^{2}+9yt-10y^{2}$$

**Perform the indicated operations:**  $(2a-4b)^2$ 

$$(2a-4b)^{2} = (2a)^{2} - 2(2a)(4b) + (4b)^{2}$$

$$= 4a^{2} - 16ab + 16b^{2}$$

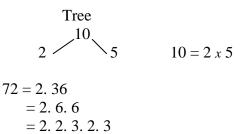
$$(a-b)^{2} = a^{2} - 2ab + b^{2}$$

# **Factoring**

#### **Prime Factorization**

 $=2^3 3^2$ 

A process that allows us to write a composite number as a product of two or more prime numbers.



### The Greatest Common Factor (GCF)

The largest factor that two or more numbers (or terms) have in common

18: 
$$23^2 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, \underline{18}$$
  
36:  $2^23^2 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, \underline{18}, 36$  GCF (18, 36) = 18 (is the greatest common factor)

Find GCF (27, 45)  

$$27 = 3^{3}$$
  
 $45 = \frac{3^{2} 5}{3^{2}}$   
GCF (27, 45) = 9

Find GCF (40, 56)  

$$40 = 2^3 5$$
  
 $56 = \frac{2^3 7}{2^3}$   
GCF (40, 56) = 8

Find GCF (80, 60)  

$$80 = 2^4$$
 5  
 $60 = \frac{2^2 \ 3 \ 5}{2^2 \ 5}$  GCF (80, 60) = 20

#### Factor out the greatest common factor

a) 
$$12p-18q$$
  
 $12p-18q = 6(2p-3q)$ 

b) 
$$8x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x$$
  
 $8x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x = x(8x^2 - 9x + 15)$ 

## **Factoring Trinomial**

**Factor** 
$$y^2 + 8y + 15$$

Product	Sum
15	8
15 x 1	15 + 1
3 x 5	3 + 5

$$y^2 + 8y + 15 = (y+3)(y+5)$$

Factor 
$$4x^2 + 8xy - 5y^2$$
  
 $4x^2 + 8xy - 5y^2 = (2x - y)(2x + 5y)$ 

# **Special Factorization**

$$a^{2}-b^{2} = (a-b)(a+b)$$

$$a^{2}+2ab+b^{2} = (a+b)^{2}$$

$$a^{2}-2ab+b^{2} = (a-b)^{2}$$

$$a^{3}-b^{3} = (a-b)(a^{2}+ab+b^{2})$$

$$a^{3}+b^{3} = (a+b)(a^{2}-ab+b^{2})$$

**Factor** 

a) 
$$64p^2 - 49q^2$$
  
 $64p^2 - 49q^2 = (8p)^2 - (7q)^2$   
 $= (8p - 7q)(8p + 7q)$ 

b) 
$$x^2 + 36$$
  
 $x^2 + 36$  can't be factored (in real number) it is prime.

c) 
$$x^2 + 12x + 36$$
  
 $x^2 + 12x + 36 = (x+6)^2$ 

d) 
$$9y^2 - 24yz + 16z^2$$
  
 $9y^2 - 24yz + 16z^2 = (3y)^2 - 2(3y)(4z) + (4z)^2$   
 $= (3y - 4z)^2$ 

e) 
$$y^3 - 8$$
  
 $y^3 - 8 = y^3 - 2^3$   
 $= (y-2)(y^2 + 2y + 4)$ 

f) 
$$m^3 + 125$$
  
 $m^3 + 125 = (m+5)(m^2 - 5m + 25)$ 

g) 
$$8k^3 - 27z^3$$
  
 $8k^3 - 27z^3 = (2k)^3 - (3z)^3$   
 $= (2k - 3z)((2k)^2 + 6kz + (3z)^2)$   
 $= (2k - 3z)(4k^2 + 6kz + 9z^2)$ 

h) 
$$p^4 - 1$$
  
 $p^4 - 1 = (p^2)^2 - (1)^2$   
 $= (p^2 - 1)(p^2 + 1)$   
 $= (p - 1)(p + 1)(p^2 + 1)$ 

Factor: 
$$60m^4 - 120m^3n + 50m^2n^2$$
  
=  $10m^2 \left(6m^2 - 12mn + 5n^2\right)$ 

Factor: 
$$y^2 - 4yz - 21z^2$$
  
=  $(y+3z)(y-7z)$ 

Factor: 
$$4a^2 + 10a + 6$$
  
=  $2(2a^2 + 5a + 3)$   
=  $2(2a+3)(a+1)$ 

Factor: 
$$16a^4 - 81b^4$$
  

$$= (4a^2)^2 - (9b^2)^2$$

$$= (4a^2 - 9b^2)(4a^2 + 9b^2)$$

$$= ((2a)^2 - (3b)^2)(4a^2 + 9b^2)$$

$$= (2a - 3b)(2a + 3b)(4a^2 + 9b^2)$$

# **Fraction**

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{numerator}{denominator}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \iff ad = bc \quad Cross multiplication$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{na}{nb} = \frac{an}{bn}$$

a) 
$$\frac{5}{6} = \frac{25}{30}$$
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$$\frac{5}{6} = \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{5} = \frac{25}{30}$$

**b**) 
$$\frac{16}{48} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{16}{48} = \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow (16)(3) = (1)(48)$$

$$48 = 48$$

Simplify: 
$$\frac{12}{18} = \frac{2.6}{2.9}$$

$$=\frac{2.2.3}{2.3.3}$$

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

Simplify: 
$$\frac{36}{56} = \frac{2.18}{2.28}$$

$$=\frac{18}{28}$$

$$=\frac{2.9}{2.14}$$

$$=\frac{9}{14}$$

If the denominators are the same  $\Rightarrow$  add the numerators

$$\frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{3+4}{5} = \frac{7}{5}$$

If the denominators are the same  $\Rightarrow$  subtract the numerators

$$\frac{4}{9} - \frac{2}{9} = \frac{4-2}{9} = \frac{2}{9}$$

If the denominators are not the same

⇒ Find Least Common Denominator (LCD) and convert so that the fractions have the same denominators

LCD: is the smallest whole number that is a multiple of each

$$\frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{12} \qquad \text{LCD } (8, 12)$$

$$8 = 2^{3}$$

$$12 = 2^{2} \cdot 3$$

$$2^{3} \cdot 3 = 24 \qquad \text{LCD } (8, 12) = 24$$

$$\frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{3} + \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{15}{24} + \frac{2}{24}$$

$$= \frac{15 + 2}{24}$$

$$= \frac{17}{24}$$

$$\frac{69}{75} - \frac{1}{50}$$
LCD (75, 50)
$$75 = 5^{3}$$

$$50 = 25^{2}$$

$$25^{3} = 150$$
LCD (75, 50) = 150

$$\frac{69}{75} - \frac{1}{50} = \frac{(69)(2) - (1)(3)}{150}$$
$$= \frac{138 - 3}{150}$$
$$= \frac{135}{150}$$
$$= \frac{9}{10}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad + bc}{bd}$$

$$\frac{2}{7} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2(5) + 3(7)}{7(5)}$$

$$= \frac{10 + 21}{35}$$

$$= \frac{31}{35}$$

or 
$$\frac{2}{7}\frac{5}{5} + \frac{3}{5}\frac{7}{7} = \frac{10}{35} + \frac{21}{35}$$
  
=  $\frac{10+21}{35}$   
=  $\frac{31}{35}$ 

$$\frac{5}{9} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{5(4) + 3(9)}{9(4)}$$
$$= \frac{20 + 27}{36}$$
$$= \frac{47}{36}$$

$$\frac{17}{15} + \frac{5}{12} = \frac{17(12) + 5(15)}{15(12)}$$

$$= \frac{204 + 75}{180}$$

$$= \frac{279}{180}$$

$$= \frac{31(9)}{20(9)}$$

$$= \frac{31}{20}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{5(7)(9) + (3)(7)(9) + (3)(5)(9) + (3)(5)(7)}{(3)(5)(7)(9)}$$

$$= \frac{315 + 189 + 135 + 105}{945}$$

$$= \frac{744}{945}$$

$$= \frac{248}{315} \frac{3}{3}$$

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$$\frac{8}{9} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{3}{16}$$

$$\frac{8}{9} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{3}{16} = \frac{8(16) + 1(12) + 3(9)}{144}$$

$$= \frac{128 + 12 + 27}{144}$$

$$= \frac{167}{144}$$

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$$\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad - bc}{bd}$$

$$\frac{2}{7} - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2(5) - 3(7)}{7(5)} = \frac{10 - 21}{35} = -\frac{11}{35}$$

$$\frac{a}{c}\frac{b}{d} = \frac{ab}{cd}$$
$$\frac{2}{7}\frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{35}$$

$$\frac{a}{c} \div \frac{b}{d} = \frac{a}{c} \times \frac{d}{b} = \frac{ad}{cb}$$
$$\frac{2}{7} \div \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{5}{3} = \frac{10}{21}$$

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{b}} = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{a}{c}} = \frac{c}{b}$$

## Find:

- 1.  $\frac{13}{21} + \frac{5}{21} =$
- $2. \qquad \frac{7}{12} \frac{4}{15} =$
- 3.  $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{2} =$
- $4. \qquad \frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} =$
- 5.  $\frac{7}{8} \frac{1}{10} =$
- 6.  $\frac{11}{5} \frac{31}{7} =$
- 7.  $\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{2} =$
- 8.  $\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} =$
- $9. \qquad \frac{3}{4} \div \frac{3}{2} =$
- 10.  $\frac{14}{15} \div \frac{14}{3} =$

# **Solution**

1. 
$$\frac{13}{21} + \frac{5}{21} = \frac{13+5}{21} = \frac{6}{7}$$

2. 
$$\frac{7}{12} - \frac{4}{15} = \frac{7(5) - 4(4)}{60} = \frac{35 - 16}{60} = \frac{19}{60}$$

3. 
$$\frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5+4}{8} = \frac{9}{8}$$

4. 
$$\frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5(3) + 1(12) + 2(8)}{24} = \frac{43}{24}$$

5. 
$$\frac{7}{8} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{7(5) - 1(4)}{40} = \frac{31}{40}$$

6. 
$$\frac{11}{5} - \frac{31}{7} = -\frac{78}{35}$$

7. 
$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{8}$$

8. 
$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

9. 
$$\frac{3}{4} \div \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

10. 
$$\frac{14}{15} \div \frac{14}{3} = \frac{14}{15} \cdot \frac{3}{14} = \frac{1}{5}$$

# **Exponents**

# **Integer Exponents**

Definition of exponent

$$a^n = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{n-times}$$

a appears as a factor n times

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$$

$$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \frac{b^n}{a^n}$$

$$\left(a^m\right)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$$

$$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$$

$$a$$
)  $6^0$   $6^0 = 1$ 

**b**) 
$$(-9)^0$$
  $(-9)^0 = 1$ 

$$(-9)^{0} = 1$$

$$c) \quad 3^{-2}$$

$$3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^{2}} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$d) \quad (3)^{-1}$$

**d**) 
$$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-1} = \frac{4}{3}$$

a) 
$$7^4.7^6$$
  
 $7^4.7^6 = 7^{4+6} = 7^{10}$ 

$$b) \quad \frac{9^{14}}{9^6}$$

$$\frac{9^{14}}{9^6} = 9^{14-6} = 9^8$$

c) 
$$\frac{r^9}{r^{17}}$$
 
$$\frac{r^9}{r^{17}} = \frac{1}{r^{17-9}} = \frac{1}{r^8}$$

d) 
$$(2m^3)^4$$
  
 $(2m^3)^4 = (2)^4 (m^3)^4$   
 $= 16m^{12}$ 

e) 
$$\left(\frac{x^2}{y^3}\right)^6 = \frac{\left(x^2\right)^6}{\left(y^3\right)^6} = \frac{x^2 \cdot 6}{y^3 \cdot 6} = \frac{x^2 \cdot 6}{y^3 \cdot 6} = \frac{x^{12}}{y^{18}}$$

$$f) \quad \frac{a^{-3}b^{5}}{a^{4}b^{-7}}$$

$$\frac{a^{-3}b^{5}}{a^{4}b^{-7}} = \frac{b^{5}b^{7}}{a^{3}a^{4}}$$

$$= \frac{b^{5+7}}{a^{4+3}}$$

$$= \frac{b^{12}}{a^{7}}$$

g) 
$$p^{-1} + q^{-1}$$
  

$$p^{-1} + q^{-1} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} \frac{q}{q} + \frac{1}{q} \frac{p}{p}$$

$$= \frac{q+p}{pq}$$

$$h) \quad \frac{x^{-2} - y^{-2}}{x^{-1} - y^{-1}}$$

$$\frac{x^{-2} - y^{-2}}{x^{-1} - y^{-1}} = \frac{\frac{1}{x^{2}} - \frac{1}{y^{2}}}{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{y^{2} - x^{2}}{x^{2}y^{2}}}{\frac{y - x}{xy}}$$

$$= \frac{y^{2} - x^{2}}{x^{2}y^{2}} \cdot \frac{xy}{y - x}$$

$$= \frac{(y - x)(y + x)}{(xy)^{2}} \cdot \frac{xy}{y - x}$$

$$= \frac{y + x}{xy}$$

Calculations with exponents

a) 
$$121^{1/2} = 11$$

b) 
$$625^{1/4} = 5$$

c) 
$$(-32)^{1/5} = -2$$

d) 
$$(-49)^{1/2}$$
 is not a real number

# **Rational Exponents**

$$a^{m/n} = \left(a^{1/n}\right)^m$$

### Calculations with Exponents

a) 
$$27^{2/3}$$
  
 $27^{2/3} = (27^{1/3})^2$   
 $= (3^3)^{1/3})^2$   
 $= (3^3)^{1/3}$   
 $= (3)^2$   
 $= (3)^2$ 

$$= 9$$

$$b) 32^{2/5}$$

$$32^{2/5} = \left(\left(2^{5}\right)^{1/5}\right)^{2}$$

$$= 2^{2}$$

27^(2/3)

c) 
$$64^{4/3}$$

$$64^{4/3} = \left(\left(4^{3}\right)^{1/3}\right)^{4}$$

$$= \left(4\right)^{4}$$

### **Simplify**

a) 
$$\frac{y^{1/3}y^{5/3}}{y^3} = \frac{y^{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{3}}}{y^3}$$
$$= \frac{y^{\frac{6}{3}}}{y^3}$$
$$= \frac{y^{\frac{6}{3}}}{y^3}$$
$$= \frac{y^2}{y^3}$$
$$= \frac{1}{y^{3-2}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{y}$$

b) 
$$m^{2/3} \left( m^{7/3} + 7m^{1/3} \right)$$
  
 $m^{2/3} \left( m^{7/3} + 7m^{1/3} \right) = m^{2/3} m^{7/3} + 7m^{2/3} m^{1/3}$   
 $= m^{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{7}{3}} + 7m^{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}}$   
 $= m^{\frac{9}{3}} + 7m^{\frac{3}{3}}$   
 $= m^3 + 7m$ 

c) 
$$\left(\frac{m^{7}n^{-2}}{m^{-5}n^{2}}\right)^{1/4}$$

$$\left(\frac{m^{7}n^{-2}}{m^{-5}n^{2}}\right)^{1/4} = \left(\frac{m^{7+5}}{n^{2+2}}\right)^{1/4}$$

$$= \left(\frac{m^{12}}{n^{4}}\right)^{1/4}$$

$$= \frac{\left(m^{12}\right)^{1/4}}{\left(n^{4}\right)^{1/4}}$$

$$= \frac{m^{12/4}}{n^{4/4}}$$

$$= \frac{m^{3}}{n}$$

## **Simplify**

a) 
$$4m^{1/2} + 3m^{3/2}$$
  
 $4m^{1/2} + 3m^{3/2} = m^{1/2} \left( 4m^{1/2 - 1/2} + 3m^{3/2 - 1/2} \right)$   
 $= m^{1/2} \left( 4 + 3m \right)$ 

b) 
$$9x^{-2} - 6x^{-3}$$
  
 $9x^{-2} - 6x^{-3} = 3x^{-3}(3x - 2)$ 

c) 
$$2(x^2+5)(3x-1)^{-1/2} + (3x-1)^{1/2}(2x)$$
  
 $2(x^2+5)(3x-1)^{-1/2} + (3x-1)^{1/2}(2x) = 2(3x-1)^{-1/2} \left[x^2+5+x(3x-1)\right]$   
 $= 2(3x-1)^{-1/2} \left[x^2+5+3x^2-x\right]$   
 $= 2(3x-1)^{-1/2} \left(4x^2-x+5\right)$ 

# **Radicals**

$$a^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$

a) 
$$\sqrt[4]{16}$$
  $\sqrt[4]{16} = 16^{1/4} = 2$ 

b) 
$$\sqrt[5]{-32} = -2$$

c) 
$$\sqrt[3]{1000}$$
  $\sqrt[3]{1000} = 1000^{1/3} = 10$ 

d) 
$$6\sqrt{\frac{64}{729}}$$

$$6\sqrt{\frac{64}{729}} = \frac{6\sqrt{64}}{9\sqrt{729}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

# **Properties**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt[n]{a} \end{pmatrix}^n = a$$

$$\sqrt[n]{a^n} = \begin{cases} |a| & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ a & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{a} \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{ab}$$

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## Simplify

Simplify
a) 
$$\sqrt{1000}$$

$$\sqrt{1000} = \sqrt{100(10)}$$

$$= \sqrt{100}\sqrt{10}$$

$$= 10\sqrt{10}$$

$$b) \quad \sqrt{128}$$

$$\sqrt{128} = \sqrt{64(2)}$$

$$= 8\sqrt{2}$$

c) 
$$\sqrt{2}\sqrt{18}$$
  

$$\sqrt{2}\sqrt{18} = \sqrt{2(18)}$$

$$= \sqrt{36}$$

$$= 6$$

d) 
$$\sqrt[3]{54}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{54} = \sqrt[3]{27(2)}$$

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

e) 
$$\sqrt{288m^5}$$
  
 $\sqrt{288m^5} = \sqrt{144(2)m^4m}$   
 $= 12m^2\sqrt{2m}$ 

f) 
$$2\sqrt{18} - 5\sqrt{32}$$
  
 $2\sqrt{18} - 5\sqrt{32} = 2\sqrt{9(2)} - 5\sqrt{16(2)}$   
 $= 6\sqrt{2} - 20\sqrt{2}$   
 $= -14\sqrt{2}$ 

## **Rationalizing Denominators**

Simplify by rationalizing the denominator

$$a) \quad \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$
$$= \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

b) 
$$\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$$
$$= \frac{2\sqrt[3]{x^2}}{x}$$

c) 
$$\frac{1}{1-\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{2}} \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{1+\sqrt{2}}$$
$$= \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{1-2}$$
$$= \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{-1}$$
$$= -1-\sqrt{2}$$

Simplify 
$$\sqrt{27}\sqrt{3}$$
  
 $\sqrt{27}\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{27(3)}$   
 $= \sqrt{81}$   
 $= 9$ 

Simplify 
$$\sqrt[4]{x^8y^7z^{11}}$$
  
 $\sqrt[4]{x^8y^7z^{11}} = x^2yz^2 \sqrt[4]{y^3z^3}$ 

Simplify 
$$\frac{5}{\sqrt{10}}$$
$$\frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10}}$$
$$= \frac{5\sqrt{10}}{10}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$$

Simplify 
$$\frac{5}{2-\sqrt{6}}$$
  
 $\frac{5}{2-\sqrt{6}} = \frac{5}{2-\sqrt{6}} \frac{2+\sqrt{6}}{2+\sqrt{6}}$   
 $= \frac{5(2+\sqrt{6})}{4-6}$   
 $= -\frac{5}{2}(2+\sqrt{6})$ 

Simplify 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{3}} \frac{\sqrt{r} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{r} + \sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{r} + \sqrt{3}}{r - 3}$$