

# CHAPTER 2: Absolute Value + Radical equations

absolute value  $\Rightarrow | |$

$$|-3| = 3$$

$$|2-4| = |-2| = 2$$

\* when you remove  $| |$  result must be positive.

so ....

$$|-25+10| - 3|2-8|$$

do inside 1st

$$= |-15| - 3|-6|$$

$$\leftarrow |-6| = +6$$

\* this means -3 times the result of the absolute value of  $|2-8|$

$$= 15 - 3(+6)$$

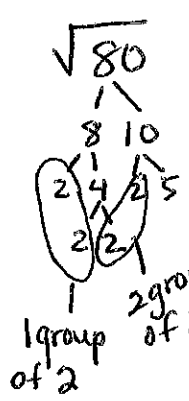
$$= 15 - 18$$

$$= -3$$

## radical equations

remember

$$\sqrt{81} = \sqrt{9 \times 9} = 9$$



\* find groups of 2 then remove to outside

left in because no pair

$$\rightarrow 2 \times 2 \sqrt{5} = 4\sqrt{5}$$

rationalize the denominator:(aka get the  $\sqrt{\quad}$  off the bottom)Part  
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$$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

\* multiply by what the radical is on the bottom  
both top + bottom

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{2} = \text{reduce} = \sqrt{6}$$

\* remember when (adding) radicals  $\sqrt{\quad}$  has to be the same

$$\text{So ... } 2\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2} + 7\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \swarrow \quad \searrow \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 2\sqrt{3} + 7\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{2} \end{array}$$

add      add

$$= 9\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{2}$$

\* NOTE

$$\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 2\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$$

\* when multiplying or dividing radicals #s with #s, radicals w/ radicals.

mult

$$4\sqrt{2} \times 3\sqrt{5} = 4 \times 3 \text{ and } \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{5} = 12\sqrt{10}$$

divide

$$\frac{4\sqrt{6}}{2\sqrt{3}} = 4 \div 2 \text{ and } \sqrt{6} \div \sqrt{3} \text{ or } \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{2\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

Rationalize the denominator

Part 2

\* when you have + or - on bottom you must do the opposite.

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{5\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}}$$

both top + bottom  
\* mult by opposite sign on bottom  
(ex  $5\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}$  opp sign =  $5\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ )

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{5\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{(5\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})}{(5\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \frac{10\sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{9} + 10\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{6}}{25\sqrt{4} + 5\sqrt{6} - 5\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \frac{10\sqrt{6} + 6 + 20 + \sqrt{6}}{50 - 3} = \frac{11\sqrt{6} + 26}{47}$$

To solve a radical equation

① get the radical alone on one side

\* remember you can't take anything out of radical before it is squared

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

↑  
\* +2 +2

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

$$(\sqrt{2x+3})^2 = (5)^2 \Rightarrow 2x+3 = 25$$

-3      -3      x=11

NOTE  
\* once you are done check if it works (+ if - doesn't work! no answer!)  
 $\sqrt{2(11)+3} - 2 = 3$   
 $\sqrt{25} - 2 = 3$   
 $5 - 2 = 3$   
✓

\* once alone  
( )<sup>2</sup> both sides  
\* now it's just algebra!!

To solve an absolute value equation

\* You have to make it positive & then make it negative pretend  $| |$  are brackets & put a + then - in front. (distribute)

**STEP 1**

$$|2x+3|=25$$

positive

$$+(2x+3)=25$$

$$2x+3=25$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \quad -3 \end{array}$$

$$2x=22$$

$$x=11$$

negative

$$-(2x+3)=25$$

$$-2x-3=25$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +3 \quad +3 \end{array}$$

$$-2x=28$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \quad -2 \end{array}$$

$$x=-14$$

**STEP 2**

check if it works

$$|2(11)+3|=25$$

$$|22+3|=25$$

$$|25|=25$$

$$25=25$$

$$|2(-14)+3|=25$$

$$|-28+3|=25$$

$$|-25|=25$$

$$25=25$$

both work ✓

# Radical Equations Part 2

$$\sqrt{-3x+7} = \sqrt{-2x+9} \quad * (\ )^2 \text{ both sides}$$

$$(\sqrt{-3x+7})^2 = (\sqrt{-2x+9})^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3x+7 = -2x+9 \\ +2x \quad \quad +2x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x+7 = 9 \\ -7 \quad -7 \end{array}$$

$$-x = 2$$

$$x = -2 \quad * \text{ now check if it works}$$

$$\sqrt{-3(-2)+7} = \sqrt{-2(-2)+9}$$

$$\sqrt{6+7} = \sqrt{4+9}$$

$$\sqrt{13} = \sqrt{13}$$

works ✓

example of no real roots:

$$\sqrt{3x-1} + 5 = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \quad -5 \end{array}$$

$$(\sqrt{3x-1})^2 = (-3)^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x-1 = 9 \\ +1 \quad +1 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{10}{3} \quad x = \frac{10}{3}$$

check

$$\sqrt{3\left(\frac{10}{3}\right)-1} + 5 = 2$$

$$\sqrt{10-1} + 5 = 2$$

$$3 + 5 \neq 2$$

∴ NO REAL  
ROOTS ~

NO  
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