

Multiplying Square Roots

- Objectives:
1. to multiply a monomial numerical radical expression by another monomial numerical radical expression
 2. to multiply a monomial numerical radical expression by a binomial containing numerical radicals

Using the Product Property of Square Roots, we can multiply $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{6}$

Since the number 6 does not contain any factor that is a perfect square other than “1,” this is simplified.

If we multiply $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{6}$, we get $\sqrt{18}$, which must then be simplified because 18 contains the factor 9, which is a perfect square. Continuing,

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{3}\sqrt{6} &= \sqrt{18} \\ &= \sqrt{9}\sqrt{2} \\ &= 3\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

Example 1: $\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5} = \sqrt{25}$
 $= 5$

Also, keep in mind what a square root *is*. The square root of 5 is that number, which when multiplied by itself, yields 5. That is, $\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} = 5$.

Example 2: $\sqrt{6}\sqrt{15} = \sqrt{90}$
 $= \sqrt{9}\sqrt{10}$
 $= 3\sqrt{10}$

Example 3: $\sqrt{7}\sqrt{28} = \sqrt{196}$
 $= 14$

When we multiply a monomial times a polynomial, we distribute the monomial to each term in the polynomial. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6}) &= \sqrt{2}\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{6} \\ &= \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{12} \\ &= \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} \\ &= \sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

This is the simplified answer. Remember that you cannot add or subtract unlike radicals.

Example 4: $\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{21} + \sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{3}\sqrt{21} + \sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$
 $= \sqrt{63} + \sqrt{9}$
 $= \sqrt{9}\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{9}$
 $= 3\sqrt{7} + 3$

Example 5: $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5}) = \sqrt{2}\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}\sqrt{5}$
 $= \sqrt{4} - \sqrt{10}$
 $= 2 - \sqrt{10}$

Example 6: $\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{12}) = \sqrt{3}\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{3}\sqrt{12}$
 $= \sqrt{81} - \sqrt{36}$
 $= 9 - 6$
 $= 3$

Exercises:

Answers:

1. $\sqrt{9}\sqrt{4}$

1. 6

2. $\sqrt{8}\sqrt{32}$

2. 16

3. $\sqrt{6}\sqrt{10}$

3. $2\sqrt{15}$

4. $\sqrt{27}\sqrt{50}$

4. $15\sqrt{6}$

5. $\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7})$

5. $\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{35}$

6. $\sqrt{7}(\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{21})$

6. $\sqrt{70} + 7\sqrt{3}$

7. $\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{24} - \sqrt{3})$

7. $6\sqrt{2} - 3$

8. $\sqrt{8}(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{18})$

8. $4\sqrt{3} + 12$

9. $\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{10})$

9. $5\sqrt{3} - 5\sqrt{2}$

10. $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{32})$

10. -4