

Radicals

What does a radical sign look like?

Here are some examples: $\sqrt{\quad}$, $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$, $\sqrt[4]{\quad}$, $\sqrt[5]{\quad}$

Square root: $\sqrt{49}$ $\sqrt{\frac{1}{81}}$ $\sqrt{-16}$

Cube root: $\sqrt[3]{8}$ $\sqrt[3]{-27}$ $\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{64}}$

Fourth root: $\sqrt[4]{16}$ $\sqrt[4]{(-2)^4}$ $\sqrt[4]{-16}$

Fifth root: $\sqrt[5]{32}$ $\sqrt[5]{-32}$ $\sqrt[5]{(-3)^5}$

Even root of a negative number
is NOT real.

Odd root of a negative number
is a negative number.

Convert rational exponents to radicals:

$$8^{\frac{4}{9}}$$

$$(5x^2y)^{\frac{2}{5}}$$

Convert radicals to exponents. Simplify where possible.

$$\sqrt{49}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{8}$$

$$\sqrt[5]{32}$$

$$\sqrt[4]{7^3}$$

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

$$\sqrt[5]{p^{20}}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{(5x^2y^2)^{12}}$$