

Algebra 2 6.7

Solve equations containing radicals

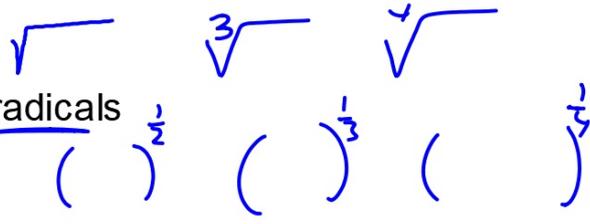
inverse operations

extraneous

radical equation

real solutions

(when is something not real?)



$$\begin{array}{l} | \quad 2x + 3 = 11 \\ \quad \quad -3 \quad -3 \\ \hline \quad \quad 2x = 8 \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{8}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\sqrt{-25} = 5i$$

$$(\sqrt{x})^2 = 5^2$$

$$x = 25$$

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What number(s) will make the equation TRUE?

Real

Example 1 Solve Radical Equations

Solve each equation.

a.  $\sqrt{x+2} + 4 = 7$   
-4 -4

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

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

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$$x = 7$$

$$\sqrt{7+2} + 4 \stackrel{?}{=} 7$$

$$\sqrt{9}$$

$$3 + 4 = 7 \quad \checkmark$$

Solve each equation.

$$1. \sqrt{x-4} + 6 = 10$$

-6   -6

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$$(\sqrt{x-4})^2 = (4)^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-4 = 16 \\ +4 \quad +4 \end{array}$$

$$x = 20$$

$$\sqrt{20-4} + 6 = 10$$

$$\sqrt{16}$$

$$4 + 6 = 10 \quad \text{!}$$

$$12. \sqrt{2t-7} = \sqrt{t+2}$$

$$\sqrt{14-7} = \sqrt{9+2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2t-7 = t+2 \\ -t+7 \quad -t+7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\sqrt{11} = \sqrt{11}$$

$$t = 9 \quad \Downarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (x-3)^2 \quad \quad x-3 \\ \quad \quad \quad x-3 \\ \hline \quad \quad -3x + 9 \\ x^2 \quad -3x \\ \hline x^2 - 6x + 9 \end{array}$$

$$27. (\sqrt{x-15})^2 = (3-\sqrt{x})^2$$

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$$\frac{3-\sqrt{x}}{3-\sqrt{x}}$$

Uh oh...

$$\cancel{x} - 15 = \cancel{9} + \cancel{x} - 6\sqrt{x}$$

$$\frac{-24}{-6} = \frac{-6\sqrt{x}}{-6}$$

$$(4)^2 = (\sqrt{x})^2$$

$$x = 16 \quad \text{NS} \quad \emptyset$$

$$\sqrt{16-15} = 3 - \sqrt{16}$$

$$\sqrt{1} = 3 - 4$$

$$1 = -1$$

$$26. (\sqrt{x-3})^2 = (\sqrt{x+4}-1)^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-3 = x+4 - 2\sqrt{x+4} \\ -x-3 \quad -x-4 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-8}{-2} = \frac{-2\sqrt{x+4}}{-2}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 16 = x+4 \\ -4 \quad -4 \end{array}$$

$$x = 12 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sqrt{x+4} - 1$$

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$$\frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 1}{-\sqrt{x+4} + 1}$$

$$x+4 - \sqrt{x+4}$$

$$\sqrt{9} = \sqrt{16} - 1$$

$$3 = 4 - 1$$

$$2\sqrt[3]{6 \cdot \frac{11}{6} - 3} - 4 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{-4} = 2$$

### Example 2 Solve a Cube Root Equation

$$2\sqrt[3]{8} - 4 = 0$$
$$2 \cdot 2 - 4 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 0$$

Solve  $2(6x - 3)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 4 = 0$ .

isolate  
cube  
check

$$2\sqrt[3]{6x-3} - 4 = 0$$
$$+4 \quad +4$$

$$6x - 3 = 8$$
$$+3 \quad +3$$

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$$6x = 11$$
$$\frac{6x}{6} = \frac{11}{6}$$
$$x = \frac{11}{6}$$

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$$\frac{2}{2} \sqrt[3]{6x-3} = \frac{4}{2}$$
$$\left(\sqrt[3]{6x-3}\right)^3 = \left(2\right)^3$$

▶ **Guided**Practice

Solve each equation.

**2A.**  $(3n + 2)^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1 = 0$

2B.  $3(5y - 1)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2 = 0$

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$$\frac{3}{3} \sqrt[3]{5y-1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{5y-1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$5y-1 = \frac{8}{27} + 1$$

$$y = \frac{7}{57}$$

Write in radical form?

### Standardized Test Example 3 Solve a Radical Equation

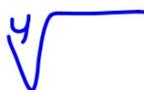
What is the solution of  $\frac{3}{3}(\sqrt[4]{2n+6}) - 6 = 0$ ?

$$\sqrt[4]{2n+6} = 2$$

isolate  $\sqrt$

### Guided Practice

3. What is the solution of  $4(3x + 6)^{\frac{1}{4}} - 12 = 0$ ?



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