

Section 10-3: Finding and Estimating Square Roots.

$$(3)^2 = 9$$

$$(-3)^2 = 9$$

What are the square roots of 9?

$$\pm 3$$

What are the square roots of 729?

$$\pm 27$$

What are the square roots of -196?

-196 has no real roots

Every positive number has how many square roots? **2 real roots**

Every negative number has how many square roots? **No real roots**

What is the only number that has ONE real square root? **Zero**

Find the real square roots of each number

1.  $\frac{81}{169}$   $\pm \frac{9}{13}$

2. -144 No Real Square Roots

3. 729  $\pm 27$

4. 0.09  $\pm 0.3$

What is each problem asking for?

1.  $-\sqrt{25}$  The negative Square Root of 25.  $-5$

2.  $\pm \sqrt{25}$  Both the positive and negative Square Root of 25.  $\pm 5$

3.  $\sqrt{25}$  The positive Square Root of 25.  
Also known as the **Principal Square Root**.  $5$

### The Principal Root:

When there is more than one root of a number the Principal Root is the Positive Root.

Simplify each.

1.  $\pm \sqrt{441} = \pm 21$

2.  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{49}} = \frac{2}{7}$

3.  $-\sqrt{225} = -15$

4.  $\sqrt{-9}$  NO real roots

You can now finish Hwk #23

Due Monday

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Problems 10-12, 21, 22, 26-28 **AND**  
simplify the following square roots:

a)  $\sqrt{80}$    b)  $\sqrt{12}$    c)  $\sqrt{54}$    d)  $\sqrt{252}$    e)  $\sqrt{294}$

Without using a calculator estimate each square root as being between what consecutive integers.

1.  $\sqrt{40}$  Between 6 and 7

2.  $\sqrt{79}$  Between 8 and 9

3.  $\sqrt{13}$  Between 3 and 4

### Rational and Irrational Square Roots:

Rational #'s: Any number that can be written as the ratio of two integers.  
(decimals that repeat or terminate)

Irrational #'s: Any number that can't be written as the ratio of two integers  
(non-terminating and non-repeating decimals)

Is each expression rational or irrational?

1.  $\pm \sqrt{64}$  Rational

2.  $-\sqrt{0.0049}$   
Rational

3.  $\sqrt{27}$  Irrational

4.  $-\sqrt{0.016}$  Irrational

5.  $\sqrt{\frac{16}{25}}$  Rational

6.  $\pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}$  Irrational



This is called the radical symbol.

It's used for undoing exponents.

If  $x^2 = 49$  how would you solve for x?

Undo squaring by taking the square root of both sides.

Squaring and Square Roots are inverses of each other.

What are the solutions?

$$x = \pm 7$$

if  $x^3 = 8$  then the value of  $x$  is found by doing

the "cube root" of 8.

In symbols:  $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$

Index:

Tells what root  
is being found



Radical Symbol

If there is no index  
it's assumed to mean  
square root.

Solve.  $\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{441}$

$$x = \pm 21$$

A square has an area of 256 square inches. Find the length of each side of the square.

$$x^2 = 256$$
$$x = \pm 16$$

$$x = 16 \text{ in}$$

The negative answer isn't possible for this situation.

Quadratic Function: Any function that can be written as

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c \quad \text{where } a \neq 0$$

Quadratic Equation: any equation that can be written as

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad \text{where } a \neq 0$$

Solving a Quadratic Equation using square roots:

1. Isolate the term that is being square
2. Find the square roots of both sides of the equation
3. Finish solve for x if necessary

Solve.  $5x^2 = 80$

$$\frac{5x^2}{5} = \frac{80}{5}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{16}$$

$$x = \pm 4$$

Find all real solutions to each equation using square roots. Simplify irrational answers.

1.  $3x^2 - 7 = 5$   
 $\quad \quad +7 \quad +7$

$$\frac{3x^2}{3} = \frac{12}{3}$$

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

$$x = \pm 2$$

2.  $120 - 5x^2 + 9 - x^2 = 33$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6x^2 + 129 = 33 \\ -129 \quad -129 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-6x^2}{-6} = \frac{-96}{-6}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{16}$$

$$x = \pm 4$$

Find all real solutions to each equation using square roots. Simplify irrational answers.

3.  $2x^2 + 77 = 27$

$$\begin{array}{r} -77 \quad -77 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x^2}{2} = \frac{-50}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{-25}$$

No Real Sol

When the book says to find solutions it means find all **REAL** solutions.

When they write no solution it means **NO REAL** solution.