



In mathematics we don't want irrational numbers to be left in denominators so we try to remove them.

To rationalize a denomintor means to remove any irrational number from the denominator.

To rationalize a denominator we multiply the numerator and denominator by whatever will help us eliminate the radical in the denominator.

Simplify:

$$\sqrt{7} \cdot \sqrt{7} = \sqrt{3c} \cdot \sqrt{3c} = 5$$







Rationalize each denominator 5. $\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{11d}} \cdot \frac{11d}{\sqrt{11d}} = \frac{8\sqrt{33d}}{11d}$

Rationalize each denominator 6. $\frac{15h}{\sqrt{25h^3}} = \frac{125h^2}{\sqrt{25h^3}} = \frac{15h\sqrt{25h^3}}{35h^3}$ rationalize then simplify $\frac{15h}{\sqrt{25h^3}} = \frac{15h}{5h\sqrt{h}} \cdot \frac{15h}{6h} = \frac{3h\sqrt{h}}{3h} \cdot \frac{5h}{6h}$ You can now finish Hwk #28.

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Problems 6-8, 14-16, 21, 22, 33, 35, 44, 47, 50



The legs of a right triangle are:

• the sides that form the right angle.

The hypotenuse of a right triangle is:

• the longest side

• the side opposite the right angle