

Rationalize each denominator. Simplify the result.

1. $\frac{12}{\sqrt{6} + 4}$

2. $\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2 - \sqrt{5}}$

3. $\frac{10}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7}}$

4. $\frac{2\sqrt{6} - 8}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}}$

5. $\frac{6 - \sqrt[3]{4x}}{\sqrt[3]{2x^2}}$

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Answers

1. $\frac{12}{\sqrt{6} + 4} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{6} - 4}{\sqrt{6} - 4} = \frac{12(\sqrt{6} - 4)}{-10}$
 $6 - 16 = -10$
 $= \frac{6(\sqrt{6} - 4)}{-5} = \frac{6\sqrt{6} - 24}{-5}$

2. $\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2 - \sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{2 + \sqrt{5}}{2 + \sqrt{5}} = \frac{11 + 5\sqrt{5}}{-1}$
 $4 - 5 = -1$
 or
 $-11 - 5\sqrt{5}$

3. $\frac{10}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7}} = \frac{10(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7})}{-4}$
 $3 - 7 = -4$
 $= \frac{5(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7})}{-2} = \frac{5\sqrt{3} - 5\sqrt{7}}{-2}$

4. $\frac{2\sqrt{6} - 8}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{11 + 5\sqrt{5}}{-1}$
 $5 - 3 = 2$
 $-2\sqrt{18} = -6\sqrt{2}$
 $= \frac{2\sqrt{30} - 6\sqrt{2} - 8\sqrt{5} + 8\sqrt{3}}{2}$
 $= \sqrt{30} - 3\sqrt{2} - 4\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{3}$

5. $\frac{6 - \sqrt[3]{4x}}{\sqrt[3]{2x^2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{2^2x}}{\sqrt[3]{2^2x}} = \frac{6\sqrt[3]{4x} - \sqrt[3]{16x^2}}{2x}$
 $\sqrt[3]{2^3x^3}$
 $= \frac{6\sqrt[3]{4x} - 2\sqrt[3]{2x^2}}{2x}$
 $= \frac{3\sqrt[3]{4x} - \sqrt[3]{2x^2}}{x}$