

Examples 1 in Irrationals in Arithmetic 3

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Examples 1 in Irrationals

Simplify each radical below or put each in a mixed radical if it can be done so.

A mixed radical is a radical multiplied by a rational such as $2\sqrt{3}$ and $4\sqrt[3]{2}$.

0. $\sqrt{4}$

1. $\sqrt{8}$

2. $\sqrt{-2}$

3. $\sqrt{12}$

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

5. $\sqrt[3]{32}$

6. $\sqrt[3]{-8}$

7. $\sqrt{1.69}$

8. $\sqrt[3]{5.6}$

9. $\sqrt[3]{0.016}$

A. $\sqrt[3]{-3.2}$

B. $\sqrt[3]{270}$

C. $\sqrt[3]{0.081}$

D. $\sqrt[3]{-16}$

Suggestions or Solutions To the Examples 1 in Irrationals

0. $\sqrt{4} = \sqrt{2^2} = 2$, because $1 \times \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{4} = 4$, which is what's inside the square root sign, and we have $2^2 = 4$, too, which means we have $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 4$. So we get $\sqrt{4} = 2$.

What then, about $1 \cdot (-2) \cdot (-2) = 4$?

We know $\sqrt{4}$ is positive. So we don't get this $\sqrt{4} = -2$.

And by the same token, we get $\sqrt{9} = \sqrt{3^2} = 3$, $\sqrt{16} = \sqrt{4^2} = 4$, $\sqrt{25} = \sqrt{5^2} = 5$, etc.

1. $\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{2}$. How do we though, get this: $\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{2}$?

By definition, we get $1 \times \sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{8} = 8$.

And by definition again, we get $1 \times \sqrt{4 \cdot 2} \times \sqrt{4 \cdot 2} = 4 \cdot 2 = 8$.

Also, we get $1 \times \sqrt{4} \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{4} \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} = 4 \times 2 = 8$.

So we get $\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{2}$.

And by the same token, we get

$$\sqrt{21} = \sqrt{3 \cdot 7} = \sqrt{3} \sqrt{7}, \quad \sqrt{15} = \sqrt{3 \cdot 5} = \sqrt{3} \sqrt{5}, \quad \sqrt{54} = \sqrt{6 \cdot 9} = \sqrt{9} \sqrt{6} = 3\sqrt{6}$$

$$\sqrt{21} = \sqrt{3 \cdot 7} = \sqrt{3} \sqrt{7}, \quad \sqrt{24} = \sqrt{6 \cdot 4} = \sqrt{6} \sqrt{4} = 2\sqrt{6}, \quad \sqrt{72} = \sqrt{36 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{36} \sqrt{2} = 6\sqrt{2}$$

2. $\sqrt{-2}$ cannot be made within the set of all real numbers, and thus, is not allowed, because no real number can be squared to be a negative number.

3. $\sqrt{12} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 3} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{3} = 2\sqrt{3}$ And by the same token, we get

$$\sqrt{18} = \sqrt{9 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{9} \sqrt{2} = 3\sqrt{2}, \quad \sqrt{50} = \sqrt{25 \cdot 2} = 5\sqrt{2}, \quad \sqrt{48} = \sqrt{16 \cdot 3} = 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{242} = \sqrt{121 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{11^2} \sqrt{2} = 11\sqrt{2}, \quad \sqrt{432} = \sqrt{144 \cdot 3} = \sqrt{12^2} \sqrt{3} = 12\sqrt{3}, \text{ etc.}$$

4. $\sqrt[3]{8} = \sqrt[3]{2^3} = 2$, because $1 \times \sqrt[3]{8} \times \sqrt[3]{8} \times \sqrt[3]{8} = 8$, which is what's inside the cube root sign, and we have $2^3 = 8$, too, which means we have $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$. So we get $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$.

And by the same token, we get

$$\sqrt[3]{27} = \sqrt[3]{3^3} = 3, \quad \sqrt[3]{64} = \sqrt[3]{4^3} = 4, \quad \sqrt[3]{125} = \sqrt[3]{5^3} = 5, \quad \sqrt[3]{216} = \sqrt[3]{6^3} = 6, \text{ etc.}$$

5. $\sqrt[3]{32} = \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 4} = \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4} = 2\sqrt[3]{4}$ And by the same token, we get

$$\sqrt[3]{40} = \sqrt[3]{5 \cdot 8} = \sqrt[3]{5} \cdot \sqrt[3]{8} = 2\sqrt[3]{5}, \quad \sqrt[3]{54} = \sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 2} = \sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{2} = 3\sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{72} = \sqrt[3]{9 \cdot 8} = \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{9} = 2\sqrt[3]{9}, \quad \sqrt[3]{81} = \sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 3} = \sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{3} = 3\sqrt[3]{3}, \quad \sqrt[3]{162} = \sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 6} = 3\sqrt[3]{6}$$

6. $\sqrt[3]{-8} = \sqrt[3]{(-2)^3} = -2$, because $1 \times \sqrt[3]{-8} \times \sqrt[3]{-8} \times \sqrt[3]{-8} = -8$, which is what's inside the cube root sign, and we have $(-2)^3 = -8$, too, which means we have $1 \cdot (-2) \cdot (-2) \cdot (-2) = -8$.

So we get $\sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$. And by the same token, we get

$$\sqrt[3]{-27} = \sqrt[3]{(-3)^3} = -3, \quad \sqrt[3]{-64} = \sqrt[3]{(-4)^3} = -4, \quad \sqrt[3]{-0.008} = \sqrt[3]{(-0.2)^3} = -0.2, \text{ etc.}$$

7. $\sqrt{1.69} = \sqrt{(1.3)^2} = 1.3$

8. $\sqrt[3]{5.6} = \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 0.7} = \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{0.7} = 2\sqrt[3]{0.7}$

9. $\sqrt[3]{0.016} = \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 0.002} = \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{0.001} \cdot \sqrt[3]{2} = 2 \cdot 0.1 \sqrt[3]{2} = 0.2\sqrt[3]{2}$

A. $\sqrt[3]{-3.2} = \sqrt[3]{-8 \cdot 0.4} = \sqrt[3]{-8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{0.4} = -2\sqrt[3]{0.4}$

B. $\sqrt[3]{270} = \sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 10} = \sqrt[3]{27} \sqrt[3]{10} = 3\sqrt[3]{10}$

C. $\sqrt[3]{0.081} = \sqrt[3]{0.001 \cdot 81} = \sqrt[3]{0.001} \sqrt[3]{81} = 0.1\sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 3} = 0.1\sqrt[3]{3^3 \cdot 3} = 0.3\sqrt[3]{3}$

D. $\sqrt[3]{-160} = \sqrt[3]{-8 \cdot 20} = \sqrt[3]{-2^3 \cdot 20} = -2\sqrt[3]{20}$

Note that $-2^3 = (-2)^3 = -8$, but $-2^2 \neq (-2)^2$, because $-2^2 = -4$, and $(-2)^2 = 4$.