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# WebWork set: Fractional Equations

#8)  $\frac{1}{2}y - 2y^{-1} = 0$

$$\frac{y}{2} - \frac{2}{y} = 0$$

> Find  
the LCD  
& multiply  
both sides  
of the equation  
by it!

LCD =  $2y$

$$2y \left( \frac{y}{2} - \frac{2}{y} \right) = 2y \cdot 0$$

$$\frac{\cancel{2y} \cdot y}{\cancel{1} \cancel{2}} - \frac{\cancel{2y} \cdot 2}{\cancel{1} \cancel{y}} = 0$$

$$y^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 2^2 = 0$$

Factor + solve!

$$(y-2)(y+2) = 0$$

$$y-2=0 \quad y+2=0$$

$$\boxed{y=2}$$

$$\boxed{y=-2}$$

You check in original!

$$\boxed{y=2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 - \frac{2^2}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$1-1=0$  ✓

$$y=-2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot (-2) - \frac{(-2)^2}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

Keep both solutions!  $-1+1=0$  ✓

## Multiplying Radical Expressions

Reminder:  $\sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{a \cdot b}$

$\sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} = \text{radicand}$

$$= \sqrt[n]{a \cdot b}$$

$$\text{Ex} - \sqrt{3xy} \cdot \sqrt{15x^8y}$$

$$= - \sqrt{3xy \cdot 15x^8y}$$

multiply

$$= - \sqrt{45x^9y^2}$$

) try  
to  
simplify!

$$= - \sqrt{9x^2 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^2 \cdot y^2} \cdot \sqrt{5x}$$

$$= - 3x^4y \cdot \sqrt{5x}$$

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## Dividing Radicals: Rationalizing Denominators

Reminder:  $\sqrt{\frac{36}{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{36}}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{6}{3}$

$$= 2$$

Sometimes Given:

$$\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}}$$

To get rid of a radical in a denominator

Multiply numerator & denominator by that same radical

Ex  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} \right) = \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{5}$  proper form

detail:  $\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{5 \cdot 5} = \sqrt{25} = 5$

Ex  $\frac{5}{2+\sqrt{5}}$  Here, in order to get rid of the radical in the denominator we must multiply by the

Conjugate

$$\rightarrow 2 + \sqrt{5}$$

Its conjugate  $2 - \sqrt{5}$

$$\frac{5 \cdot (2 - \sqrt{5})}{(2 + \sqrt{5})(2 - \sqrt{5})}$$

"FOIL" This!

$$= \frac{10 - 5\sqrt{5}}{4 - 2\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{5} - (\sqrt{5})^2}$$

$$= \frac{10 - 5\sqrt{5}}{4 - 5}$$

$$= \frac{10 - 5\sqrt{5}}{-1} = \boxed{-10 + 5\sqrt{5}}$$

$$(\sqrt{5})^2 = \sqrt{5^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

PEMDAS! order of operations

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