

SURDS

§§ **Surd** : Let 'a' be a positive rational number, and 'n' be a positive integer. If the n^{th} root of a, (i.e., $\sqrt[n]{a}$) is not a rational number, then $\sqrt[n]{a}$ is called a **surd** of order n.

Ex : $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{8/7}$ are 2nd order surds (quadratic surds)

$\sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{3}, \dots$ are 3rd order surds (cubic surds)

$\sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[4]{3}, \dots$ are 4th order surds (biquadratic surds)

$\sqrt{4}, \sqrt{9}, \sqrt[3]{8}, \dots$ are not surds

Note : $\sqrt[n]{a}$ is always positive

§§ **Different kinds of surds** :

1. **Pure surd** : (Entire surd)

If a surd is written entirely inside the n^{th} root, it is called a **pure surd**.

Ex : 1) $2\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{12}, \sqrt{12}$ is called a pure surd.

2) $a\sqrt{b}$ is a pure surd, if $a = 1$ and \sqrt{b} is irrational

2. **Simple surd** :

A surd which is expressed in the form of $a\sqrt{b}$ where 'b' is the least positive rational number, is called a **simple surd**.

It consists of a single term, hence it is also called a **monomial surd**.

Ex : The simplest form of the surd $\sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$

The simplest form of the surd $\sqrt[4]{405} = 3\sqrt[4]{5}$

3. **Mixed surds** :

If 'a' is a rational number and $\sqrt[n]{b}$ is a surd, then $a \pm \sqrt[n]{b}$ and $a\sqrt[n]{b}$ are called **mixed surds**.

Ex : $3 \pm \sqrt{2}, 4 \pm 3\sqrt{5}, 6\sqrt{3}$

4. **Compound surd** :

The sum or difference of a rational number and one or more dissimilar surds is called a compound surd.

Ex : $3 + \sqrt{2}, 2 - \sqrt{5}, 2 + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5}$

5. **Binomial surd** :

A compound surd consisting of two terms is called a **binomial surd**.

6. Trinomial surd :

A compound surd consisting of three terms is called a **trinomial surd**.

7. Like surds, unlike surds :

If the quotient of two surds is a rational number, then they are said to be **like (similar) surds**; Otherwise, they are **unlike (dissimilar) surds**.

Ex. $3\sqrt{5}, 4\sqrt{5}, 5\sqrt{5}$ are like surds.

$3\sqrt{5}, 4\sqrt{3}, 6\sqrt{2}$ are dissimilar surds (unlike)

Note :

1) If \sqrt{a} and \sqrt{b} are dissimilar surds then there exists no surd of the form \sqrt{c} such that $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{c}$.

2) If \sqrt{a} and \sqrt{c} are surds, then there is no rational number $b (\neq 0)$ satisfying $\sqrt{a} = b + \sqrt{c}$

3) If a, b, c and d are rational numbers and \sqrt{b}, \sqrt{d} are surds such that $a + \sqrt{b} = c + \sqrt{d}$, then $a = c$ and $b = d$.

8. Conjugate surds :

If the sum and product of two binomial surds are rational numbers, then they are called **conjugate surds**.

Ex : Two surds $a + \sqrt{b}, a - \sqrt{b}$ are conjugate to each other $5 + \sqrt{6}, 5 - \sqrt{6}$ are conjugate surds. $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}$ are not conjugate surds. (Since their sum is not rational number)

9. Rationalising factors :

If the product of two surds is a rational number, each surd is called a **rationalising factor** of the other.

Ex. 1) $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$ and $\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}$ are rationalising factors of each other.

2) $5 - \sqrt{3}$ and $5 + \sqrt{3}$ are rationalising factors of each other.

3) $(\sqrt[3]{3} - \sqrt[3]{2})(\sqrt[3]{9} + \sqrt[3]{6} + \sqrt[3]{4}) = \sqrt[3]{27} - \sqrt[3]{8} = 1$

Hence $\sqrt[3]{9} + \sqrt[3]{6} + \sqrt[3]{4}$ is a rationalising factor of $\sqrt[3]{3} - \sqrt[3]{2}$

4) $6\sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{6} = 36 \quad \therefore \sqrt{6}$ is a rationalising factor of $6\sqrt{6}$

5) $5\sqrt{2} \times 3\sqrt{2} = 30$ and $5\sqrt{2} \times 2\sqrt{2} = 20$

$3\sqrt{2}$ and $2\sqrt{2}$ are rationalizing factors of $5\sqrt{2}$

Note : A surd may have any number of rationalising factors. Hence rationalising factor of a surd is not unique.

§§ Square roots of Surds :

Procedure to find square root of $a + \sqrt{b}$

Let $\sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$, $x \geq y$

Then $a + \sqrt{b} = (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2$

$\Rightarrow a + \sqrt{b} = x + y + 2\sqrt{xy}$

Compare rational and irrational parts on both sides,

$\Rightarrow x + y = a$ ----- (A), $2\sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{b}$

we have $(x - y)^2 = (x + y)^2 - 4xy$

$$= a^2 - b$$

$\Rightarrow x - y = \sqrt{a^2 - b}$ ----- (B)

From (A) and (B) we get $x = \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 - b}}{2}$, $y = \frac{a - \sqrt{a^2 - b}}{2}$

Note : if $\sqrt{a - \sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}$, then $x = \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 - b}}{2}$, $y = \frac{a - \sqrt{a^2 - b}}{2}$

$\sqrt{a \pm \sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$ where $x = \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 - b}}{2}$, $y = \frac{a - \sqrt{a^2 - b}}{2}$

$\sqrt{a + b + c + 2\sqrt{ab} + 2\sqrt{bc} + 2\sqrt{ca}} = \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}$

$\sqrt{a + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d}} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}$ where $x = \sqrt{\frac{bd}{4c}}$; $y = \sqrt{\frac{bc}{4d}}$, $z = \sqrt{\frac{cd}{4b}}$

EXAMPLE

√ **Example 1 :** Find the positive square root of $5 + \sqrt{24}$.

Sol : Let $\sqrt{5 + \sqrt{24}} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$, $x \geq y$

Then $5 + \sqrt{24} = (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2$

$$\Rightarrow 5 + \sqrt{24} = x + y + 2\sqrt{xy}$$

compare rational and irrational parts on both sides.

$$\Rightarrow x + y = 5 \text{ -----(1) , } 2\sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4xy = 24 \text{ -----(2)}$$

We have $(x - y)^2 = (x + y)^2 - 4xy$

$$= 5^2 - 24 \quad (\because (2))$$

$$= 25 - 24$$

$$= 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x - y = 1 \text{ -----(3)}$$

Solving (1) and (3),

we get $x = 3, y = 2$

$$\therefore \sqrt{5 + \sqrt{24}} = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$$

Aliter - I

Let $\sqrt{5 + \sqrt{24}} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}, x \geq y$

Here $a = 5, b = 24$

we have $x = \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 - b}}{2}, y = \frac{a - \sqrt{a^2 - b}}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5 + \sqrt{25 - 24}}{2}, y = \frac{5 - \sqrt{25 - 24}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5 + 1}{2}, y = \frac{5 - 1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3, y = 2$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{5 + \sqrt{24}} = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$$

Aliter - II

$$\sqrt{5 + \sqrt{24}} = \sqrt{5 + 2\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \sqrt{(3 + 2) + 2\sqrt{3 \times 2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^2} \quad (\because a + b + 2\sqrt{ab} = (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^2)$$

$$= \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{5 + \sqrt{24}} = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$$

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Example 2 :

Show that $\sqrt{6 + 2\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5 - 2\sqrt{6}}}$ is a rational number.

Solution :

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} &6 + 2\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{2} \\ &= 3 + 2 + 1 + 2\sqrt{3 \times 2} + 2\sqrt{2 \times 1} + 2\sqrt{1 \times 3} \\ &= (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} + 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{6 + 2\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} + 1$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{6 + 2\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5 - 2\sqrt{6}}} \\ &= \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} + 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} + 1 - (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}) \\ &= 1 \text{ which is a rational number.} \end{aligned}$$

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Example 3: Find $\sqrt{5 - \sqrt{10} - \sqrt{15} + \sqrt{6}}$.

Sol : Let $\sqrt{5 - \sqrt{10} - \sqrt{15} + \sqrt{6}} = |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}|$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } 5 - \sqrt{10} - \sqrt{15} + \sqrt{6} &= (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z})^2 \\ &= x + y + z - 2\sqrt{xy} - 2\sqrt{yz} + 2\sqrt{zx} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x + y + z = 5, \quad 4xy = 15, \quad 4yz = 10, \quad 4zx = 6$$

$$\frac{(4xy)(4zx)}{4yx} = \frac{15 \times 6}{10} = 9 \Rightarrow 4x^2 = 9 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}$$

Similarly, $\frac{(4yz)(4xy)}{4zx} = \frac{15 \times 10}{6} = 25 \Rightarrow y = \frac{5}{2}$

and $z = 1 \therefore \sqrt{5 - \sqrt{10} - \sqrt{15} + \sqrt{6}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} + 1$.

√ **Example 4:** If $x = \frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}, y = \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}$, then find the value $x^2 + xy + y^2$.

Sol : Given $x = \frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}} = 5 - 2\sqrt{6}, y = \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}} = 5 + 2\sqrt{6}$

$x^2 = 25 + 24 - 20\sqrt{6}, y^2 = 25 + 24 + 20\sqrt{6}, xy = 1$

now $x^2 + y^2 + xy = 99$

√ **Example 5:** If $\frac{12}{3 + \sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{2}} = a + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{10}$, then find the value of a.

Sol :
$$\frac{12}{3 + \sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2})}{(3 + \sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{2})(3 + \sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2})}$$

$$= \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2})}{(3 + \sqrt{5})^2 - (2\sqrt{2})^2} = \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2})}{(9 + 5 + 6\sqrt{5}) - 8}$$

$$= \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2})}{6(\sqrt{5} + 1)}$$

$$= \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5} - 1)}{6(\sqrt{5} + 1)(\sqrt{5} - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5} - 1)}{6(5 - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{12}{24}(3\sqrt{5} + 5 - 2\sqrt{10} - 3 - \sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{10})$$

$$= 1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{10}$$

$$\therefore a = 1$$

✓ **Example 6 :** Prove that $\frac{3}{\sqrt{11-4\sqrt{7}}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{7+4\sqrt{3}}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{10-\sqrt{84}}} = 0$

Sol : $\sqrt{11-4\sqrt{7}} = \sqrt{11-2\sqrt{7}\times 4} = \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{4} = \sqrt{7} - 2$

$$\sqrt{7-4\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{7+2\sqrt{4}\times 3} = \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{3} = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{10-\sqrt{84}} = \sqrt{10-2\sqrt{21}} = \sqrt{10-2\sqrt{7}\times 3} = \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{LHS} &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}-2} - \frac{1}{2+\sqrt{3}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{3(\sqrt{7}+2)}{7-4} - \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4-3} - \frac{4(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{3})}{7-3} \\ &= (\sqrt{7}+2) - (2-\sqrt{3}) - (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{3}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

✓ **Example 7:** If $x > 2$, find $\sqrt{2x-3+2\sqrt{x^2-3x+2}}$.

Sol : $\sqrt{2x-3+2\sqrt{x^2-3x+2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{2x-3+2\sqrt{(x-1)(x-2)}} \\ &= \sqrt{(x-1)+(x-2)+2\sqrt{(x-1)(x-2)}} \\ &= \sqrt{(\sqrt{x-1}+\sqrt{x-2})^2} \quad \text{as } x > 2 \\ &= \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x-2} \end{aligned}$$

✓ **Example 8:** If $x = \frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{a} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}\right)$, then show that $\frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{x-\sqrt{x^2-1}} = \frac{a-1}{2}$.

Sol : $x = \frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{a} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}\right)$

$$x^2 - 1 = \frac{1}{4}\left(\sqrt{a} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}\right)^2 - 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(a + \frac{1}{a} + 2 \right) - 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(a + \frac{1}{a} - 2 \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\sqrt{a} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{x^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{a} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{a} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \right)}{\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{a} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{a} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{a} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \right)}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}} = \frac{1}{2} (a - 1)$$

√ **Example 9:** Show that $\sqrt[3]{1 - \sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt[6]{2\sqrt{2} + 3} = -1$.

Sol : $2\sqrt{2} + 3 = 2 + 1 + 2\sqrt{2} \times 1 = (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{1})^2$

$$\sqrt[6]{2\sqrt{2} + 3} = \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{2} + 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L.H.S &= \sqrt[3]{1 - \sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{1 + \sqrt{2}} = \sqrt[3]{(1 + \sqrt{2})(1 - \sqrt{2})} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{-1} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

√ **Example 10:** Solve $(4 + \sqrt{15})^{3/2} + (4 - \sqrt{15})^{3/2} = x\sqrt{10}$.

Sol : $(4 + \sqrt{15})^{3/2} + (4 - \sqrt{15})^{3/2} = x\sqrt{10}$ -----(1)

$$4 + \sqrt{15} = \frac{1}{2} (8 + 2\sqrt{15}) = \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})^2$$

$$\therefore (4 + \sqrt{15})^{3/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{8}} (\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})^3$$

Similarly $(4 - \sqrt{15})^{3/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[2]{8}}(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3})^3$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} [(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})^3 + (\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3})^3] = x\sqrt{10} \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

$$(a + b)^3 + (a - b)^3 = (a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3) + (a^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - b^3)$$

$$= 2(a^3 + 3ab^2)$$

$$\therefore (2) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \cdot 2(5\sqrt{5} + 9\sqrt{5}) = x\sqrt{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{14\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}} = x\sqrt{10}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{14\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{20}} = \frac{14\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} = 7$$

$$\therefore x = 7$$

§§ Cube roots of Surds.

$$\sqrt[3]{a + b\sqrt{c}} = \sqrt{\frac{b-c}{3}} + \sqrt{c} = x + \sqrt{y} \quad \text{Where } x^3 + 3xy = a$$

Note: A) The above formula can be applied only if $x^3 + 3xy = a$

$$B) \quad \sqrt[3]{(x + 3y)\sqrt{x} + (3x + y)\sqrt{y}} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$$

✓ **Example 11:** Find $\sqrt[3]{38 + 17\sqrt{5}}$.

Sol : Let $\sqrt[3]{38 + 17\sqrt{5}} = x + \sqrt{y} \quad \text{----- (1)}$

Then $\sqrt[3]{38 - 17\sqrt{5}} = x - \sqrt{y} \quad \text{----- (2)}$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 38 + 17\sqrt{5} = (x + \sqrt{y})^3 = (x^3 + 3xy) + (3x^2 + y)\sqrt{y}$$

$$\therefore x^3 + 3xy = 38 \quad \text{-----(3)}$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{(38 + 17\sqrt{5})(38 - 17\sqrt{5})} = (x + \sqrt{y})(x - \sqrt{y})$$

$$\sqrt{38^2 - 5.17^2} = x^2 - y$$

$$\sqrt[3]{1444 - 1445} = x^2 - y$$

$$x^2 - y = \sqrt[3]{-1} = -1 \quad \text{----- (4)}$$

$$y = x^2 + 1$$

$$\therefore (3) \Rightarrow x^3 + 3x(x^2 + 1) = 38$$

$$4x^3 + 3x = 38$$

$$\therefore x = 2 \quad \text{(by inspection)}$$

$$\therefore y = x^2 + 1 = 5$$

$$\therefore \sqrt[3]{38 + 17\sqrt{5}} = 2 + \sqrt{5}$$

♥ **TIPS AND TRICKS**

- A) R.F of $\sqrt{a} \pm \sqrt{b}$ is $\sqrt{a} \mp \sqrt{b}$
- B) R.F of $\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b}$ is $\sqrt[3]{a^2} - \sqrt[3]{ab} + \sqrt[3]{b^2}$
- C) R.F of $\sqrt[3]{a} - \sqrt[3]{b}$ is $\sqrt[3]{a^2} + \sqrt[3]{ab} + \sqrt[3]{b^2}$
- D) R.F of $\sqrt[4]{a} + \sqrt[4]{b}$ is $(\sqrt[4]{a} - \sqrt[4]{b})(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})$
- 5) R.F of $\sqrt[4]{a} - \sqrt[4]{b}$ is $(\sqrt[4]{a} + \sqrt[4]{b})(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})$
- 6) R.F of $\sqrt[6]{a} \pm \sqrt[6]{b}$ is $(\sqrt[6]{a} \mp \sqrt[6]{b})(\sqrt[3]{a^2} + \sqrt[3]{ab} \pm \sqrt[3]{b^3})$
- 7) $\sqrt[5]{a} \pm \sqrt[5]{b}$ is $\sqrt[5]{a^4} \mp \sqrt[5]{a^3b} + \sqrt[5]{a^2b^2} \mp \sqrt[5]{ab^3} + \sqrt[5]{b^4}$
- 8) $\sqrt[8]{a} + \sqrt[8]{b}$ is $(\sqrt[8]{a} - \sqrt[8]{b})(\sqrt[4]{a} + \sqrt[4]{b})(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})$

♣ **IMPORTANT RESULTS**

- 1) If \sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b} are dissimilar surds, then there exists no surd of the form \sqrt{c} , surd that $\sqrt{a} \pm \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{c}$
- 2) If a,b,c,d are all rational numbers and b,d are not perfect squares $a + \sqrt{b} = c + \sqrt{d}$ then a=c and $\sqrt{b} = \sqrt{d}$

$$3) \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{a^2} - \sqrt[3]{ab} + \sqrt[3]{b^2}}{a + b}$$

- 4) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a}-\sqrt[3]{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{a^2} + \sqrt[3]{ab} + \sqrt[3]{b^2}}{a-b}$
- 5) If $(a+\sqrt{b})^{x^2-k} + (a-\sqrt{b})^{x^2-k} = 2a$ and $a^2-b=1$ then $x^2 - k = \pm 1$
- 6) If $(a+\sqrt{b})^{x^2-k} + (a-\sqrt{b})^{x^2-k} = 2(a^2+b)$ and $a^2-b = 1$ then $x^2 - k = \pm 2$
- 7) $\sqrt{a+\sqrt{a+\sqrt{a+\sqrt{a+\dots\infty}}}} = \frac{1+\sqrt{1+4a}}{2}$ ($a>0$)
- 8) $\sqrt{a-\sqrt{a-\sqrt{a-\dots\infty}}} = \frac{\sqrt{4a+1}-1}{2}$ ($a > 0$)
- 9) $\sqrt{a\sqrt{a\sqrt{a\dots\infty}}} = a$ ($a > 0$)
- 10) $\sqrt{a\sqrt{a\sqrt{a\dots n \text{ times}}}} = a^{\frac{2^n-1}{2^n}}$ ($a > 0$)

TEACHING TASK

I) MCQ's with single correct answer:

1. If $\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{21}} = \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{x}$ then $x = \dots$
 A) 3 B) 6 C) 5 D) 2
2. If $(4+\sqrt{15})^{3/2} + (4-\sqrt{15})^{1/2} = x\sqrt{10}$ then $x = \dots$
 A) 8 B) 7 C) 6 D) 5
3. $\sqrt{6\sqrt{6\sqrt{6\dots\infty}}} = \dots$
 A) 8 B) 7 C) 6 D) 5
4. $\sqrt[3]{16+8\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt[3]{16-8\sqrt{5}} = \dots$
 A) 3 B) 6 C) 5 D) 2
5. $\sqrt{\frac{6+2\sqrt{3}}{33-19\sqrt{3}}} = a + b\sqrt{3}$ then $a + b = \dots$
 A) 8 B) 6 C) 5 D) 7
6. The square root of $49 + 20\sqrt{6}$ is
 A) $3 + 3\sqrt{5}$ B) $5 + 3\sqrt{6}$ C) $5 + 2\sqrt{6}$ D) $2 + 5\sqrt{6}$

- C) $\sqrt{a+x} + \sqrt{b+x}$ D) $\sqrt{a+b+x} + \sqrt{x}$
25. $\sqrt[3]{37-30\sqrt{3}} =$
 A) $2-\sqrt{3}$ B) $3-\sqrt{3}$ C) $1-2\sqrt{3}$ D) $2-2\sqrt{3}$
26. $\sqrt[3]{54\sqrt{3}+41\sqrt{5}} =$
 A) $\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{5}$ B) $2\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{5}$ C) $\sqrt{3}+2\sqrt{5}$ D) $3\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{5}$
27. $\sqrt{2+\sqrt{5}}(17\sqrt{5}-38)^{1/6} =$
 A) 2 B) 4 C) 5 D) 1
28. $x = \sqrt{17} - \sqrt{16}, y = \sqrt{15} - \sqrt{14} \Rightarrow$
 A) $x = y$ B) $x > y$ C) $x < y$ D) $xy = 1$
29. Greatest among $x=6(\sqrt[3]{5}), y=8(\sqrt[3]{2}), z=2(\sqrt[3]{130}), w=\sqrt[3]{900}$
 A) x B) y C) z D) w
30. $\sqrt[6]{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[4]{2}$ satisfies the following order
 A) $\sqrt[6]{2} < \sqrt[4]{2} < \sqrt[3]{2}$ B) $\sqrt[6]{2} > \sqrt[4]{2} > \sqrt[3]{2}$
 C) $\sqrt[6]{2} < \sqrt[4]{2} > \sqrt[3]{2}$ D) $\sqrt[6]{2} > \sqrt[4]{2} < \sqrt[3]{2}$
31. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{15+4\sqrt{14}}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{12-2\sqrt{35}}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{13-4\sqrt{10}}} =$
 A) 6 B) 1 C) 0 D) -1
32. Rationalising factor of $2^{1/3} - 2^{-1/3}$ is
 A) $2^{1/3} - 2^{-1/3}$ B) $2^{2/3} + 2^{-2/3}$ C) $2^{2/3} + 2^{-2/3} + 1$ D) $2^{2/3} + 2^{-2/3} - 1$
33. $\frac{a-b}{\sqrt[3]{a^2} + \sqrt[3]{ab} + \sqrt[3]{b^2}} - \frac{a+b}{\sqrt[3]{a^2} - \sqrt[3]{ab} + \sqrt[3]{b^2}} =$
 A) $2a^{1/3}$ B) $-2a^{1/3}$ C) $-2b^{1/3}$ D) $2b^{1/3}$
34. Rationalising factor of $\left(27^{\frac{1}{9}} - 4^{\frac{1}{6}}\right)$ is
 A) $27^{\frac{2}{9}} - 27^{\frac{1}{9}} \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{3}} + 4^{\frac{1}{2}}$ B) $3^{\frac{2}{3}} + 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{3}} + 2^{\frac{2}{3}}$
 C) $3^{\frac{2}{3}} - 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{3}} + 2^{\frac{2}{3}}$ D) $27^{\frac{2}{9}} + 27^{\frac{1}{9}} \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{3}} + 4^{\frac{1}{2}}$

35. $\sqrt{6 + \sqrt{6 + \sqrt{6 + \dots \alpha}}} =$
 A) 6 B) 3 C) 2 D) ∞
36. $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x - \sqrt{1 - x}} = 1 \Rightarrow x =$
 A) $\frac{4}{25}$ B) $\frac{12}{25}$ C) $\frac{16}{25}$ D) $\frac{2}{25}$
37. $x = \sqrt{7 + 4\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow x + \frac{1}{x} =$
 A) 2 B) 4 C) $2\sqrt{3}$ D) $\sqrt{3}$
38. $x = \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{3}, xy = 4 \Rightarrow x^4 + y^4 =$
 A) 400 B) 368 C) 352 D) 200

II) **MCQ with one or more than one correct answers :**

◆ This section contains multiple choice questions. Each question has 4 choices (A), (B), (C), (D), out of which **ONE or MORE** is correct. Choose the correct options

1. $\sqrt{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{(4 + \sqrt{5}) + \sqrt{17 - 4\sqrt{15}}}} =$
 A) i B) $\sqrt{-1}$ C) $-i^3$ D) $-i^2$
2. If $(7 + 4\sqrt{3})^{x^2 - 8} + (7 - 4\sqrt{3})^{x^2 - 8} = 14$ then x =
 a) ± 3 b) ± 7 c) $\pm \sqrt{3}$ d) $\pm \sqrt{7}$
3. If $y = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}$, $z = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}$ and $x = y + z$, then x = ...
 A) $\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}$ B) $\sqrt{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}$ C) $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}$ D) $\sqrt{4 + 2\sqrt{2}}$
4. $\frac{\sqrt[3]{2} \times \sqrt[4]{3}}{\sqrt[12]{27}} = \dots$
 A) $2^4 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$ B) $\sqrt[12]{16}$ C) $\sqrt[3]{2}$ D) $\sqrt[4]{8}$
5. If $a = \sqrt[4]{6}$, $b = \sqrt[12]{125}$, $c = \sqrt[3]{4}$ and $d = \sqrt[6]{10}$ then [NTSE-2013]
 A) $d > c, b > c$ B) $a < b, b > c, d < c$ C) $c > a > b > d$ D) $d > c$

6. $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1} + 1\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{4}} + \dots + \frac{1}{25\sqrt{24} + 24\sqrt{25}} = \dots$ [AMTI-2008]
 A) $\frac{9}{10}$ B) $\frac{4}{5}$ C) $\frac{14}{15}$ D) $\frac{7}{15}$
7. If $\frac{12}{3 + \sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{2}} = a + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{10}$ then a = [IIT-1980]
 A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4
8. Which of the following is greatest [NTSE-2013]
 A) $\sqrt{11} - \sqrt{10}$ B) $\sqrt{9} - \sqrt{8}$ C) $\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5}$ D) $\sqrt{12} - \sqrt{11}$
9. The smallest positive number from the numbers below ... [NTSE-2014]
 A) $10 - 3\sqrt{11}$ B) $3\sqrt{11} - 10$ C) $51 - 10\sqrt{26}$ D) $18 - 5\sqrt{13}$
10. if $(5 + 2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} + (5 - 2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} = 10$ then x = [IIT-85, EAMCET-12]
 A) 2 B) -2 C) $\sqrt{2}$ D) $-\sqrt{2}$
11. If $\sqrt{\frac{6 + 2\sqrt{3}}{33 - 19\sqrt{3}}} = a + b\sqrt{3}$ then a + b = [IIT-1975]
12. $\sqrt[3]{16 + 8\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt[3]{16 - 8\sqrt{5}} = \dots$ [AMTI-2010]
13. The value of $\sqrt{1 + 2008\sqrt{1 + 2009\sqrt{1 + 2010\sqrt{1 + 2011\sqrt{2013}}}}}$ IS [AMTI-2009]
14. If $x = \frac{2ab}{b^2 + 1}$ and $-1 \leq b \leq 1$, a.0 then $\frac{\sqrt{a+x} - \sqrt{a-x}}{\sqrt{a+x} + \sqrt{a-x}} = \dots$ [IIT-1979]
 A) a B) 2a C) b D) 2b

III) **Assertion and Reasoning type questions :**

◆ This section contains certain number of questions. Each question contains Statement – 1 (Assertion) and Statement – 2 (Reason). Each question has 4 choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct Choose the correct option.

- A) Both A and R are correct and R is correct explanation of A
 B) Both A and R are correct and R is not correct explanation of n
 C) A is correct and R is incorrect
 D) A is incorrect and R is correct

1. **A :** The surd $\sqrt[7]{49}$ is a pure surd
R : The surd $a\sqrt[n]{b}$ where $a = 1$ is a pure surd
2. **A :** The surd $4\sqrt[3]{81}$ is in simplest form
R : The simplest form of surd $a\sqrt[n]{b}$ where b is least positive rational number
3. **A :** $\sqrt[4]{256}$ is a biquadratic surd
R : The simplest form of $\sqrt[5]{320}$ is $2\sqrt[5]{10}$

LEARNER'S TASK

BEGINNERS (Level - I)

Single Correct answer type :

1. The square root of $8 + 2\sqrt{15}$ is
 A) $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$ B) $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}$ C) $\sqrt{5} + 3$ D) $5 + \sqrt{3}$
2. The positive square root of $12\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{55}$ is
 A) $\sqrt[4]{3}(\sqrt{13} + 1)$ B) $\sqrt[4]{5}(\sqrt{11} + 1)$ C) $\sqrt[4]{2}(\sqrt{14} + 1)$ D) $\sqrt[4]{5}(\sqrt{12} + 1)$
3. The positive square root of $\sqrt{32} - \sqrt{24}$ is
 A) $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3} - 1)$ B) $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} - 1)$ C) $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})$ D) $\sqrt[4]{2}(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})$
4. The positive square root of the $5\sqrt{6} + 12$ is
 A) $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$ B) $\sqrt[4]{6}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})$ C) $\sqrt[4]{2}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})$ D) $\sqrt[4]{3}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})$
5. The positive square root of the $11\sqrt{7} + 28$ is
 A) $\sqrt[4]{7}(\sqrt{5} + 2)$ B) $\sqrt[4]{7}(\sqrt{7} + 2)$ C) $\sqrt[4]{7}(\sqrt{3} + 2)$ D) $\sqrt[4]{7}(\sqrt{6} + 2)$
6. The positive square root of the $7\sqrt{3} - 12$ is
 A) $2 - \sqrt{3}$ B) $\sqrt{3}(2 - \sqrt{3})$ C) $\sqrt[4]{3}(2 - \sqrt{3})$ D) $\sqrt[4]{3}(3 - \sqrt{2})$

7. The positive square root of the $14\sqrt{5} - 30$ is
 A) $\sqrt[4]{2}(\sqrt{3} - 2)$ B) $\sqrt[4]{5}(\sqrt{3} - 5)$ C) $\sqrt[4]{5}(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})$ D) None
8. $\sqrt{4 + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{17 - 4\sqrt{15}}}$
 A) $\sqrt{2} + 1$ B) $\sqrt{3} + 2$ C) $\sqrt{3} + 1$ D) $\sqrt{2} - 1$
9. $\sqrt{12 - 2\sqrt{20}}$
 A) $\sqrt{10} - 2$ B) $\sqrt{10} - \sqrt{2}$ C) $\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{2}$ D) $\sqrt{10} + 2$
10. $\sqrt{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{4 + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{17 - 4\sqrt{15}}}}$ =
 A) 1 B) -1 C) i D) -i
11. $\sqrt{28 + 10\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{7 + 4\sqrt{3}}$ =
 A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4
12. $\sqrt{7 - 3\sqrt{5}}$ =
 A) $\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}}$ B) $\frac{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}}$ C) $\frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$ D) $\frac{3 - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$
13. $\sqrt{6 - \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{27 + 4\sqrt{35}}}$ =
 A) $\sqrt{5} - 1$ B) $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}$ C) $\sqrt{5} + 1$ D) $2 + \sqrt{5}$
14. $\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{6 - 3\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{14 - 6\sqrt{5}}}$ =
 A) 2 B) 3 C) $\sqrt{5}$ D) $\sqrt{3}$
15. $\sqrt[4]{193 + 132\sqrt{2}}$ =
 A) $2 + \sqrt{3}$ B) $5 + \sqrt{3}$ C) $3 + \sqrt{2}$ D) $7 + \sqrt{2}$
16. $\sqrt{\frac{15}{2} + 2\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6} + 4\sqrt{2}}$ =
 A) $2 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$ B) $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$ C) $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ D) $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2} - 1$

17. $\sqrt{x^2 - \sqrt{x^4 - 4}} =$

A) $\frac{\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{x-2}}{\sqrt{2}}$

B) $\frac{\sqrt{x^2+2} - \sqrt{x^2-2}}{\sqrt{2}}$

C) $\frac{\sqrt{x^4+2} + \sqrt{x^4-2}}{2}$

D) $\frac{\sqrt{x^4+2} - \sqrt{x^4-2}}{2}$

18. $\sqrt{a+3b+4+4\sqrt{a}-4\sqrt{3b}-2\sqrt{3ab}} =$

A) $2 + \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{3b}$

B) $\sqrt{2a} - \sqrt{b} + 2$

C) $\sqrt{a} + 2 - \sqrt{b}$

D) $\sqrt{a} - 2 - \sqrt{b}$

19. $\sqrt[3]{45+29\sqrt{2}} =$

A) $3 + \sqrt{2}$

B) $2 + \sqrt{2}$

C) $3 + 2\sqrt{2}$

D) $1 + 2\sqrt{2}$

20. $\sqrt[3]{14\sqrt{5}-18\sqrt{3}} =$

A) $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}$

B) $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}$

C) $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}$

D) $\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}$

21. If $7 + \sqrt{15} > 10$ then

A) $7 - \sqrt{15} > 3.4$

B) $7 - \sqrt{15} < 3.4$

C) $7 - \sqrt{15} = 3.4$

D) Cannot be determined

22. $\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}} =$

A) $\frac{\sqrt{2}(1-\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3})}{4}$

B) $\frac{\sqrt{2}(1+\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3})}{4}$

C) $\frac{\sqrt{2}(1+\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3})}{2}$

D) $\frac{\sqrt{2}(1-\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3})}{2}$

23. The rationalizing factor of $(\sqrt[3]{3} - \sqrt[3]{2})(\sqrt[3]{3} + \sqrt[3]{2})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})$ is

A) $(\sqrt[3]{3} + \sqrt[3]{2})$

B) $(\sqrt[3]{3} - \sqrt[3]{2})$

C) $(\sqrt[3]{4} - \sqrt[3]{2})$

D) $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$

24. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}+1} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}+\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{100}+\sqrt{99}} =$

A) 1

B) 2

C) 9

D) 10

13. Find the square root of
 i) $8 + 2\sqrt{15}$ ii) $5 + 2\sqrt{6}$ iii) $9 - 4\sqrt{5}$
14. Which is greater $x = \sqrt{11} - \sqrt{10}$; $y = \sqrt{12} - \sqrt{11}$?
15. If $x = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$ then find $\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$

◀ ■ ■ ■ **EXPLORERS (Level - III)** ■ ■ ■ ▶

I) **MCQ's with More than one answer type :**

◆ This section contains multiple choice questions. Each question has 4 choices (A), (B), (C), (D), out of which **ONE or MORE** is correct. Choose the correct options

1. Which of the following have conjugate surds?
 A) $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}$ B) $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$ C) $5 + \sqrt{3}$ D) $3 - \sqrt{5}$
2. Which of the following are in ascending order ?
 A) $\sqrt[4]{5}, \sqrt[3]{4}, \sqrt[4]{7}$ B) $\sqrt[3]{4}, \sqrt[4]{5}, \sqrt[4]{7}$
 C) $\sqrt[3]{4}, \sqrt[4]{7}, \sqrt[3]{8}$ D) done
3. $\sqrt[3]{20 + 14\sqrt{2}} - \sqrt[3]{-20 + 14\sqrt{2}} =$
 A) 2 B) $\sqrt[3]{64}$ C) 4 D) $2\sqrt{2}$

II) **Comprehension questions**

◆ This section contains paragraph. Based upon each paragraph multiple choice questions have to be answered. Each question has 4 choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct. Choose the correct option.

The product of two surds is rational number then each of two surds is called Rationalising factor of other

The R.F. of $\sqrt[m]{a^n}$ is $\sqrt[m]{a^{m-n}}$ since $m > n$

The R.F. of $(\sqrt{a} \pm \sqrt{b})$ is $(\sqrt{a} \mp \sqrt{b})$

The R.F of $(\sqrt[3]{a} \pm \sqrt[3]{b})$ is $(\sqrt[3]{a^2} \mp \sqrt[3]{ab} + \sqrt[3]{b^2})$

The R.F's of monomial surds are infinite.

1. If $x = 5 + 2\sqrt{6}$ then $x + \frac{1}{x} = \dots\dots\dots$
 A) 12 B) 10 C) 24 D) $10\sqrt{6}$
2. The R.F of $\sqrt[3]{4} + \sqrt[3]{2} + 1$ is $\dots\dots\dots$
 A) $-1 + \sqrt[3]{2}$ B) $1 + \sqrt[3]{2}$ C) $\sqrt[3]{4} + 2$ D) $\sqrt[3]{4} - 2$
3. The R.F of $2^{1/3} + 2^{-1/3}$ is $\dots\dots\dots$
 A) $2^{2/3} + 1 + 2^{-2/3}$ B) $2^{1/3} - 1 + 2^{1/3}$ C) $2^{2/3} - 1 + 2^{-2/3}$ D) $2^{1/3} + 1 + 2^{-1/3}$



ΦΦ TEACHING TASK :

- I) 1.A 2.B 3.C 4.D 5.A 6.C 7.B 8.B 9.B 10.A
 11.C 12.A 13.B 14.A 15.C 16.D 17.A 18.D
 19.B 20.A 21.C 22.C 23.C 24.B 25.C 26.B 27.D 28.C
 29.A 30.A 31.C 32.C 33.C 34.B 35.B 36.C 37.B 38.B
- II) 1.A,B,C 2.A,D 3.C,D 4.B,C 5.3 6.2 7.1 8.3
 9.3 10.1,2,3,4 11.8 12.2 13.2009 14.3
- III) 1.A 2.A 3.B

ΦΦ LEARNER'S TASK :

BEGINNERS :

- I) 1.A 2.B 3.D 4.B 5.B 6.C 7.D 8.C 9.B 10.B
 11.C 12.A 13.D 14.A 15.C 16.A 17.B 18.A 19.A 20.C 21.B
 22..B 23.A 24..C 25.D 26..B

EXPLORERS:

- I) 1.C,D 2.A,C 3.B,C
- II) 1.B 2.A 3.C