

**Math 115**  
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**Lecture 1**

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Order of operations:

① Do inside of groups: ( ), [ ], { },

| |,  $\sqrt{\quad}$ ,  $\underline{\quad}$

② Do exponents and roots

③ Do Multiplication & Division From Left to right.

④ Do Addition & Subtraction From Left to right.

Simplify

1)  $2^3 - \sqrt{64} = 8 - 8 = \boxed{0}$  Do not use  $\emptyset$  for zero.

2)  $\frac{5^2 - 4^2}{|-3| - \sqrt{9}} = \frac{25 - 16}{3 - 3} = \frac{9}{0}$  undefined  $\emptyset$

3)  $-2(3 - \sqrt{6^2 + (-8)^2})$   
 $= -2(3 - \sqrt{36 + 64})$   
 $= -2(3 - \sqrt{100}) = -2(3 - 10) = -2(-7) = \boxed{14}$

*Handwritten note: A red arrow points from the expression  $3 + (-10)$  to the  $-7$  in the final step.*

$$4) \quad (-8 - \sqrt{4})^2 \div (\sqrt{25} \cdot |-4|)$$

$$= (-8 - 2)^2 \div (5 \cdot 4)$$

$$= (-10)^2 \div 20 \quad \rightarrow -8 + (-2)$$

$$= 100 \div 20 = \boxed{5}$$

$$\rightarrow 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt[3]{8} = ?$$

$$?^3 = 8$$

$$5) \quad \frac{\sqrt[3]{8} - 2^3}{4 \cdot (-9) - 6(-5)} = \frac{2 - 8}{-36 + 30} \quad \rightarrow 2 + (-8)$$

$$= \frac{-6}{-6} = \boxed{1} \quad \frac{x}{x} = 1 ; x \neq 0$$

$$6) \quad \frac{-8(7 - \sqrt{49})}{\sqrt{(-10)^2 - (-6)^2}} = \frac{-8(7 - 7)}{\sqrt{100 - 36}}$$

$$= \frac{-8(0)}{\sqrt{64}} = \frac{0}{8} = \boxed{0}$$

$$7) \quad \frac{4^3 - 8^2}{9^2 - (-3)^4}$$

$$= \frac{64 - 64}{81 - 81}$$

$$= \frac{0}{0}$$

Indeterminate

It is not Zero, It is not undefined.

Do not use  $\phi$  for Zero.

Expression: Combination of numbers, operations,  
and letters (Variables)

$$3x-10, \quad a^2+b^2, \quad (x-y)^2, \quad -2x^2+5x-8$$

$$\frac{x+8}{x-2}, \quad \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}$$

we simplify or evaluate expressions.

Evaluate  $3x-10$  for  $x=-2$ .

$$= 3(-2) - 10$$

$$= -6 - 10$$

$$= -6 + (-10) = \boxed{-16}$$

Evaluate  $-2x^2+5x-1$  for  $x=-3$

$$= -2(\overset{\downarrow}{-3})^2 + 5(\overset{\downarrow}{-3}) - 1$$

$$= -2 \cdot 9 + 5(-3) - 1$$

$$= -18 + (-15) + (-1) = \boxed{-34}$$

Evaluate  $\sqrt{b^2-4ac}$  for  $a=-9, b=6, c=-1$

$$= \sqrt{6^2 - 4(-9)(-1)} = \sqrt{36 - 4 \cdot 9}$$

Do not use  $\phi$

$$= \sqrt{36 - 36}$$

$\downarrow$  For zero.

$$= \sqrt{0} = \boxed{0}$$

Evaluate:

$$\frac{(x-y)^2}{x+y} \quad \text{for } x=1, \text{ and } y=-2.$$

$$= \frac{(1 - (-2))^2}{1 + (-2)} = \frac{(1+2)^2}{-1} = \frac{3^2}{-1} = \frac{9}{-1} = \boxed{-9}$$

Evaluate  $\frac{x^2 + 8x + 15}{x^2 - 25}$  for  $x = -5$ 

$$= \frac{(-5)^2 + 8(-5) + 15}{(-5)^2 - 25} = \frac{25 + (-40) + 15}{25 - 25} = \frac{-15 + 15}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$$

Indeterminate

we use variable to represent some Unknown.

Translate: The sum of 10 and Some number

$\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 $x$

$$\boxed{10 + x}$$

Translate: twice Some number reduced by -20.

 $\downarrow$ 
 $\downarrow$ 
 $\downarrow$ 

$$2 \cdot x$$

$$-(-20)$$

$$2x - (-20) = 2x + 20$$

Translate: Square of Some number  
 increased by 4 times the number.

$x^2 + 4 \cdot x = x^2 + 4x$

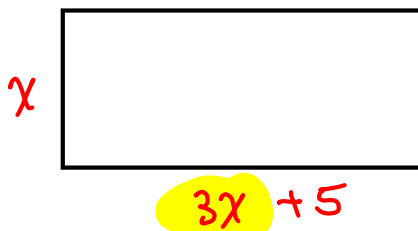
Translate: The difference of -25 and  
Square root of 1 more than  
Some number.

$-25 - \sqrt{x+1}$

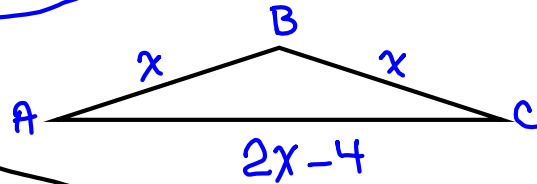
Translate: the quotient of Some number  
 and 1 less than the number  
cubed.

$\frac{x}{x^3 - 1}$

The length of some rectangle is 5 more  
than 3 times its width.  
 Draw & label such rectangle.



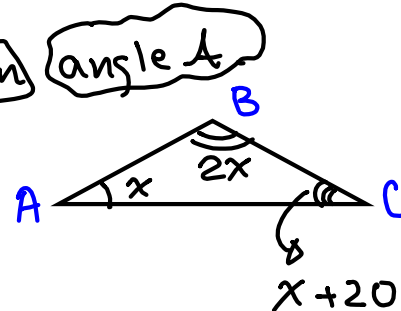
In triangle ABC, Two Sides are equal, the third side is 4 inches shorter than the sum of equal sides. Draw such triangle, and label it.



In triangle ABC, Angle B is twice angle A.

Angle C is  $20^\circ$  more than angle A.

Draw & label such triangle.  
 $x^\circ, (2x)^\circ, (x+20)^\circ$



Translate:

Half Some number increased by  $-8$  is equal to 20.

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot x + (-8) = 20 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} - 8 = 20$$

Translate only:

Twice the sum of Some number and 10 is equal to the number less  $-30$

$$2(x+10) = x - (-30) \Rightarrow 2(x+10) = x+30$$

Translate only:

-3 times the difference of 10 and Some number  
is equal to 20 less than twice the number.

$$-3(10 - x) = 2x - 20$$

Traslate only:

$$x^3 + 30 = \sqrt{x} - 10$$

Some number cubed increased by 30  
is equal to Square root of the number  
decreased by 10.

Distributive Property:

$$a(b+c) = ab + ac$$

$$4(x+2) = 4x + 4 \cdot 2$$

$$= 4x + 8$$

$$-5(x-1) = -5x - 5(-1) = -5x + 5$$

$$7(2x^2 + 3x - 4) = 14x^2 + 21x - 28$$



like terms: Same variables & Same exponent

$$4x^2, -2x^2, \frac{1}{2}x^2, -x^2$$

$$15x^3y^4, -10x^3y^4, 20x^3y^4, x^3y^4$$

we can collect like terms;

$$7x + 3x - 4 = \boxed{10x - 4}$$

$$6x^2 + 10x - 2x^2 - 15x = 4x^2 - 5x$$

Distribute & Simplify

$$2(x^2 - 3x + 4) - 3(-x^2 - 2x + 3) + 1$$

$$= 2x^2 - 6x + 8 + 3x^2 + 6x - 9 + 1$$

$$= 5x^2 = \boxed{5x^2}$$