

Simplifying Surds

Definition: a surd is a square root (or cube root etc.) which does not have an exact answer.
 e.g. $\sqrt{2} = 1.414213562\dots$, so $\sqrt{2}$ is a surd. However $\sqrt{9} = 3$ and $\sqrt[3]{64} = 4$, so $\sqrt{9}$ and $\sqrt[3]{64}$ are not surds because they have an exact answer.

We can multiply and divide surds.

Facts

$$\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}$$

$$\sqrt{x} \times \sqrt{x} = (\sqrt{x})^2 = x$$

Example 1

Simplify $3\sqrt{2} \times 5\sqrt{2}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} 3\sqrt{2} \times 5\sqrt{2} &= 3 \times 5 \times \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} \\ &= 15 \times 2 \quad (\text{because } \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} = 2) \\ &= \underline{\underline{30}} \end{aligned}$$

To simplify a surd, you need to look for square numbers that are factors of the original number.

Examples 2

Express $\sqrt{48}$ and $\sqrt{98}$ in their simplest form

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{48} &= \sqrt{16 \times 3} \\ &= \sqrt{16} \times \sqrt{3} \\ &= 4 \times \sqrt{3} \\ &= \underline{\underline{4\sqrt{3}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{98} &= \sqrt{2 \times 49} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{49} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \times 7 \\ &= \underline{\underline{7\sqrt{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

You can only add or take away surds when the number underneath the surd sign is the same.
 e.g. Simplify $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$ is NOT $\sqrt{8}$. Instead the simplest answer is $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$ (i.e. no change),
 because no simplifying is possible.

Examples 3 – simplifying a surd followed by collecting like terms

Write as a single surd in its simplest form: $\sqrt{63} + \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{28}$

Solution

Step One – simplify all three surds

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{63} + \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{28} \\ = & \sqrt{9 \times 7} + \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{4 \times 7} \\ = & \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{7} \\ = & 3\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{7} - 2\sqrt{7} \end{aligned}$$

Step Two – add and take away: $3\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{7} - 2\sqrt{7} = \underline{2\sqrt{7}}$

Exercise 1

1. Express each of the following in its simplest form:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| a) $\sqrt{8}$ | (b) $\sqrt{12}$ | (c) $\sqrt{50}$ | (d) $\sqrt{20}$ | (e) $\sqrt{24}$ | (f) $\sqrt{108}$ |
| g) $\sqrt{60}$ | (h) $\sqrt{72}$ | (i) $\sqrt{300}$ | (j) $\sqrt{27}$ | (k) $\sqrt{96}$ | (l) $\sqrt{48}$ |
| m) $\sqrt{45}$ | (n) $\sqrt{98}$ | (o) $\sqrt{90}$ | (p) $\sqrt{18}$ | (q) $\sqrt{28}$ | (r) $\sqrt{80}$ |
| s) $\sqrt{32}$ | (t) $\sqrt{160}$ | (u) $\sqrt{150}$ | (v) $\sqrt{44}$ | (w) $\sqrt{63}$ | (x) $\sqrt{175}$ |

2. Simplify:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| a) $5\sqrt{8}$ | (b) $3\sqrt{32}$ | (c) $5\sqrt{40}$ | (d) $2\sqrt{12}$ | (e) $4\sqrt{18}$ | (f) $3\sqrt{24}$ |
| g) $3\sqrt{27}$ | (h) $10\sqrt{48}$ | (i) $2\sqrt{108}$ | (j) $3\sqrt{45}$ | (k) $2\sqrt{63}$ | (l) $4\sqrt{20}$ |

3. Express each of the following in its simplest form:

a) $5\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2}$

(b) $3\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{7}$

(c) $4\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3}$

d) $5\sqrt{6} - 2\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{6}$

(e) $4\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{3}$

(f) $8\sqrt{6} - 2\sqrt{6}$

g) $\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2}$

(h) $3\sqrt{7} - 9\sqrt{7}$

(i) $5\sqrt{10} - 5\sqrt{10}$

j) $\sqrt{5} + 5\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{5}$

(k) $2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} - 5\sqrt{3}$

(l) $5\sqrt{11} + 7\sqrt{11} - \sqrt{11}$

4. Express each of the following in its simplest form:

a) $\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{27}$

(b) $\sqrt{32} - \sqrt{8}$

(c) $\sqrt{72} - \sqrt{50}$

d) $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{98}$

(e) $\sqrt{80} + \sqrt{20}$

(f) $\sqrt{24} + \sqrt{54}$

g) $\sqrt{180} - \sqrt{45}$

(h) $\sqrt{1000} - \sqrt{90}$

(i) $\sqrt{50} - \sqrt{8}$

j) $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{12}$

(k) $\sqrt{75} + \sqrt{108} - \sqrt{3}$

(l) $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{20} + \sqrt{80}$

m) $\sqrt{108} + \sqrt{12}$

(n) $\sqrt{32} - \sqrt{8}$

(o) $\sqrt{72} - \sqrt{50}$

p) $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{98}$

(q) $\sqrt{80} + \sqrt{20}$

(r) $\sqrt{24} + \sqrt{54}$

s) $\sqrt{8} + 5\sqrt{2}$

(t) $3\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{27}$

(u) $3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{18}$

5. Simplify:

a) $\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{5}$

(b) $\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}$

(c) $\sqrt{11} \times \sqrt{11}$

d) $\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{a}$

(e) $\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{6}$

(f) $\sqrt{c} \times \sqrt{c}$

g) $\sqrt{k} \times \sqrt{k}$

(h) $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{6}$

(i) $\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{2}$

j) $\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{2}$

(k) $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5}$

(l) $\sqrt{x} \times \sqrt{y}$

m) $\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{8}$

(n) $\sqrt{12} \times \sqrt{3}$

(o) $\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{20}$

p) $\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{32}$

(q) $\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$

(r) $\sqrt{10} \times \sqrt{x}$

s) $\sqrt{p} \times \sqrt{q}$

(t) $\sqrt{k} \times \sqrt{6}$

(u) $\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{10}$

v) $\sqrt{24} \times \sqrt{3}$

(w) $\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{10}$

(x) $\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{12}$

y) $\sqrt{20} \times \sqrt{3}$

(z) $\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{8}$

6. **a)** $3\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}$ **(b)** $2\sqrt{5} \times 3\sqrt{5}$ **(c)** $3\sqrt{2} \times 2\sqrt{7}$ **(d)** $4\sqrt{3} \times 2\sqrt{3}$
 e) $\sqrt{5} \times 3\sqrt{2}$ **(f)** $2\sqrt{6} \times 3\sqrt{3}$ **(g)** $8\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{12}$ **(h)** $5\sqrt{3} \times 3\sqrt{5}$

7. Simplify:

- a)** $\frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{2}}$ **(b)** $\frac{\sqrt{27}}{\sqrt{12}}$ **(c)** $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{32}}$ **(d)** $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{27}}$
e) $\frac{\sqrt{20}}{\sqrt{5}}$ **(f)** $\frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{48}}$ **(g)** $\frac{\sqrt{54}}{\sqrt{24}}$ **(h)** $\frac{\sqrt{175}}{\sqrt{63}}$
i) $\frac{\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{72}}$ **(j)** $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{54}}$ **(k)** $\frac{\sqrt{288}}{\sqrt{8}}$ **(l)** $\frac{\sqrt{1000}}{\sqrt{90}}$
m) $\frac{\sqrt{48}}{\sqrt{6}}$ **(n)** $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{24}}$ **(o)** $\frac{\sqrt{98}}{\sqrt{7}}$ **(p)** $\frac{\sqrt{50}}{\sqrt{250}}$

8. Expand and simplify:

- a)** $\sqrt{2}(1 - \sqrt{2})$ **(b)** $\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{3} + 1)$ **(c)** $\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{5} - 1)$
d) $\sqrt{2}(5 + \sqrt{2})$ **(e)** $\sqrt{2}(3 + \sqrt{6})$ **(f)** $2\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{8} + 1)$
g) $\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{6} - 2\sqrt{8})$ **(h)** $\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{5} + 2)$ **(i)** $4\sqrt{6}(2\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{8})$
j) $\sqrt{8}(\sqrt{2} + 4)$ **(k)** $2\sqrt{12}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6})$ **(l)** $\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{200} + \sqrt{50})$
m) $\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{2} + 1)$ **(n)** $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{2})$ **(o)** $\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6})$
(p) $\sqrt{5}(3 - \sqrt{5})$

9. Expand and simplify where possible:

- a)** $(\sqrt{2} + 3)(\sqrt{2} - 1)$ **(b)** $(\sqrt{5} + 1)(2\sqrt{5} - 4)$ **(c)** $(2\sqrt{2} + 3)(\sqrt{2} + 4)$
d) $(\sqrt{3} + 1)(\sqrt{3} - 1)$ **(e)** $(2 + \sqrt{5})(2 - \sqrt{5})$ **(f)** $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})$
g) $(\sqrt{2} - 4)(3\sqrt{2} - 1)$ **(h)** $(\sqrt{8} + 2)(\sqrt{8} + 1)$ **(i)** $(2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2})$
j) $(\sqrt{2} + 3)^2$ **(k)** $(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})^2$ **(l)** $(2\sqrt{3} - 1)^2$
m) $(2\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2})^2$ **(n)** $(5 - 2\sqrt{3})^2$ **(o)** $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5})$
p) $(\sqrt{7} + 1)^2$ **(q)** $(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})^2$ **(r)** $(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})$

Rationalising the Denominator

For various mathematical reasons, it is not good to have a surd on a bottom of a fraction.

Definition: Rationalising the denominator means turning the surd at the bottom of the fraction into a whole number, whilst keeping the fraction the same.

The method is very simple: **multiply top and bottom by the surd.**

Example 1

Express with a rational denominator: $\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}$

Solution

Multiply top and bottom by $\sqrt{5}$: $\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{5}$

Example 2

Express with a rational denominator: $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}$

Solution

Multiply top and bottom by $\sqrt{2}$ (not $3\sqrt{2}$): $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}$

You may be able to simplify your answer after rationalising:

Example 3

Express with a rational denominator: $\frac{6}{\sqrt{8}}$

Solution

Multiply top and bottom by $\sqrt{8}$: $\frac{6}{\sqrt{8}} \times \frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{\overset{3}{\cancel{6}}\sqrt{8}}{\underset{4}{\cancel{8}}} = \frac{3\sqrt{8}}{4}$

Exercise 2

1. Express each of the following with a *rational denominator* and simplify where possible:

a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

(b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

(c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

(d) $\frac{6}{\sqrt{3}}$

e) $\frac{10}{\sqrt{5}}$

(f) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

(g) $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$

(h) $\frac{20}{\sqrt{2}}$

i) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$

(j) $\frac{12}{\sqrt{3}}$

(k) $\frac{3}{\sqrt{6}}$

(l) $\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}$

m) $\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}$

(n) $\frac{35}{\sqrt{7}}$

2. Express each of the following with a *rational denominator* and simplify where possible:

a) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$

(b) $\frac{4}{5\sqrt{2}}$

(c) $\frac{3}{3\sqrt{2}}$

(d) $\frac{12}{5\sqrt{6}}$

e) $\frac{8}{3\sqrt{2}}$

(f) $\frac{20}{7\sqrt{5}}$

(g) $\frac{50}{3\sqrt{10}}$

(h) $\frac{10}{3\sqrt{2}}$

3. Express each of the following in its simplest form with a rational denominator.

a) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$

(b) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$

(c) $\frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{2}}$

(d) $\frac{\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{3}}$

e) $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{20}}$

(f) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}}$

(g) $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{\sqrt{5}}$

(h) $\frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{6}}$

i) $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}}$

(j) $\frac{\sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{2}}$

(k) $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{3}}$

(l) $\frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{5}}$

m) $\frac{\sqrt{8}}{3\sqrt{2}}$

(n) $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2}}$

(o) $\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{5}}$

(p) $\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{5\sqrt{3}}$

q) $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{18}}$

(r) $\frac{\sqrt{50}}{\sqrt{10}}$

(s) $\sqrt{\frac{3}{12}}$

(t) $\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$

4. Express each of the following with a **rational denominator** and simplify where possible:

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| a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{50}}$ | (b) $\frac{18}{\sqrt{27}}$ | (c) $\frac{5}{\sqrt{50}}$ | (d) $\frac{3}{\sqrt{20}}$ |
| e) $\frac{6}{\sqrt{18}}$ | (f) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{8}}$ | (g) $\frac{10}{\sqrt{12}}$ | (h) $\frac{3}{\sqrt{50}}$ |
| i) $\frac{4}{\sqrt{32}}$ | (j) $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{54}}$ | (k) $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{24}}$ | (l) $\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{45}}$ |

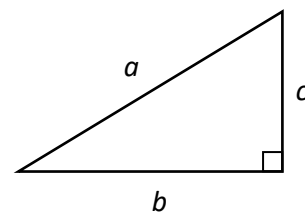
5. Rationalise the denominator, in each fraction, using the appropriate conjugate surd.

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| a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}-1}$ | (b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}+1}$ | (c) $\frac{12}{2-\sqrt{3}}$ | (d) $\frac{1}{1-\sqrt{2}}$ |
| e) $\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{3}}$ | (f) $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}-1}$ | (g) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}+2}$ | (h) $\frac{3}{2-\sqrt{6}}$ |
| i) $\frac{5}{3+\sqrt{2}}$ | (j) $\frac{4}{1+\sqrt{3}}$ | (k) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2}$ | (l) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}$ |
| m) $\frac{6}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}}$ | (n) $\frac{12}{\sqrt{10}-\sqrt{2}}$ | (o) $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{6}}$ | (p) $\frac{14}{9-\sqrt{2}}$ |

Mixed Exercise

1. A right angled triangle has sides a , b and c as shown.

For each case below calculate the length of the third side, expressing your answer as a surd in its simplest form.



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| a) Find a if $b = 6$ and $c = 3$. | (b) Find c if $a = 2$ and $b = 1$. |
| c) Find c if $a = 18$ and $b = 12$ | (d) Find b if $a = 2\sqrt{8}$ and $c = 2\sqrt{6}$. |

2. Given that $x = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ and $y = 1 - \sqrt{2}$, simplify:

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|--------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| a) $5x + 5y$ | (b) $2xy$ | (c) $x^2 + y^2$ | (d) $(x + y)(x - y)$ |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|

3. Given that $p = \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$ and $q = \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}$, simplify:

a) $2p - 2q$

(b) $4pq$

(c) $p^2 - q^2$

4. A rectangle has sides measuring $(2 + \sqrt{2})$ cm and $(2 - \sqrt{2})$ cm.

Calculate the exact value of: **a)** its area

b) the length of a diagonal.

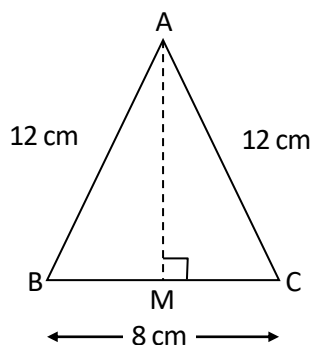
5. A curve has as its equation $y = 2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2$.

a) If the point $P(\sqrt{2}, k)$ lies on this curve find the exact value of k .

b) Find the exact length of OP where O is the origin.

6. In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = AC = 12$ cm and $BC = 8$ cm.

Express the length of the altitude from A to BC as a surd in its simplest form. [The line AM in the diagram]



7. An equilateral triangle has each of its sides measuring $2a$ metres.

a) Find the exact length of an altitude of the triangle in terms of a .

b) Hence find the exact area of the triangle in terms of a .

[Draw a diagram to help you with this question]

8. The exact **area** of a rectangle is $2(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{3})$ square centimetres.

Given that the breadth of the rectangle is $\sqrt{6}$ cm,

show that the length is equal to $(2 + \sqrt{2})$ cm.

9. (Challenging!!) Given that $\tan 75^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$, show that $\tan 75^\circ = 2 + \sqrt{3}$

Answers

Exercise 1

1. **a)** $2\sqrt{2}$ **(b)** $2\sqrt{3}$ **(c)** $5\sqrt{2}$ **(d)** $2\sqrt{5}$ **(e)** $2\sqrt{6}$ **(f)** $6\sqrt{3}$
 g) $2\sqrt{15}$ **(h)** $6\sqrt{2}$ **(i)** $10\sqrt{3}$ **(j)** $3\sqrt{3}$ **(k)** $4\sqrt{6}$ **(l)** $4\sqrt{3}$
 m) $3\sqrt{5}$ **(n)** $7\sqrt{2}$ **(o)** $3\sqrt{10}$ **(p)** $3\sqrt{2}$ **(q)** $2\sqrt{7}$ **(r)** $4\sqrt{5}$
 s) $4\sqrt{2}$ **(t)** $4\sqrt{10}$ **(u)** $5\sqrt{6}$ **(v)** $2\sqrt{11}$ **(w)** $3\sqrt{7}$ **(x)** $5\sqrt{7}$
2. **a)** $10\sqrt{2}$ **(b)** $12\sqrt{2}$ **(c)** $10\sqrt{10}$ **(d)** $4\sqrt{3}$ **(e)** $12\sqrt{2}$ **(f)** $6\sqrt{6}$
 g) $9\sqrt{3}$ **(h)** $40\sqrt{3}$ **(i)** $12\sqrt{3}$ **(j)** $9\sqrt{5}$ **(k)** $6\sqrt{7}$ **(l)** $8\sqrt{5}$
3. **a)** $8\sqrt{2}$ **(b)** $2\sqrt{7}$ **(c)** $3\sqrt{3}$ **(d)** $4\sqrt{6}$ **(e)** $9\sqrt{3}$ **(f)** $6\sqrt{6}$
 g) $3\sqrt{2}$ **(h)** $-6\sqrt{7}$ **(i)** 0 **(j)** $3\sqrt{5}$ **(k)** $-2\sqrt{3}$ **(l)** $11\sqrt{11}$
4. **a)** $5\sqrt{3}$ **(b)** $2\sqrt{2}$ **(c)** $\sqrt{2}$ **(d)** $8\sqrt{2}$ **(e)** $6\sqrt{5}$ **(f)** $5\sqrt{6}$
 g) $3\sqrt{5}$ **(h)** $7\sqrt{10}$ **(i)** $3\sqrt{2}$ **(j)** $-\sqrt{3}$ **(k)** $10\sqrt{3}$ **(l)** $7\sqrt{5}$
 m) $8\sqrt{3}$ **(n)** $2\sqrt{2}$ **(o)** $\sqrt{2}$ **(p)** $8\sqrt{2}$ **(q)** $6\sqrt{5}$ **(r)** $5\sqrt{6}$
 s) $7\sqrt{2}$ **(t)** $8\sqrt{3}$ **(u)** $4\sqrt{2}$
5. **a)** 5 **(b)** 2 **(c)** 11 **(d)** a **(e)** 6 **(f)** c
 g) k **(h)** $3\sqrt{2}$ **(i)** 4 **(j)** $2\sqrt{3}$ **(k)** $\sqrt{15}$ **(l)** $\sqrt{xy}$
 m) 4 **(n)** 6 **(o)** 10 **(p)** 8 **(q)** $\sqrt{ab}$ **(r)** $\sqrt{10x}$
 s) $\sqrt{pq}$ **(t)** $\sqrt{6k}$ **(u)** $2\sqrt{5}$ **(v)** $6\sqrt{2}$ **(w)** $5\sqrt{2}$ **(x)** $6\sqrt{2}$
 y) $2\sqrt{15}$ **(z)** $4\sqrt{2}$
6. **a)** 6 **(b)** 30 **(c)** $6\sqrt{14}$ **(d)** 24 **(e)** $3\sqrt{10}$ **(f)** $18\sqrt{2}$
 g) $16\sqrt{6}$ **(h)** $15\sqrt{15}$

7. **a)** 2 **(b)** $\frac{3}{2}$ **(c)** $\frac{1}{4}$ **(d)** $\frac{1}{3}$ **(e)** 2 **(f)** $\frac{1}{2}$

g) $\frac{3}{2}$ **(h)** $\frac{5}{3}$ **(i)** $\frac{1}{2}$ **(j)** $\frac{1}{3}$ **(k)** 6 **(l)** $\frac{10}{3}$

m) $2\sqrt{2}$ **(n)** $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ **(o)** $\sqrt{14}$ **(p)** $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

8. **a)** $\sqrt{2} - 2$ **(b)** $3 + \sqrt{3}$ **(c)** $5 - \sqrt{5}$ **(d)** $5\sqrt{2} + 2$

e) $3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}$ **(f)** $4\sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{3}$ **(g)** $3\sqrt{2} - 4\sqrt{6}$ **(h)** $5 + 2\sqrt{5}$

i) $48 - 16\sqrt{3}$ **(j)** $4 + 8\sqrt{2}$ **(k)** $12 + 12\sqrt{2}$ **(l)** $15\sqrt{10}$

m) $\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{3}$ **(n)** 6 **(o)** $\sqrt{6} + 3\sqrt{2}$ **(p)** $3\sqrt{5} - 5$

9. **a)** $2\sqrt{2} - 1$ **(b)** $6 - 2\sqrt{5}$ **(c)** $16 + 11\sqrt{2}$ **(d)** 2

e) - 1 **(f)** 1 **(g)** $10 - 13\sqrt{2}$ **(h)** $10 + 3\sqrt{8}$

i) $12 + 7\sqrt{6}$ **(j)** $11 + 6\sqrt{2}$ **(k)** $5 + 2\sqrt{6}$ **(l)** $13 - 4\sqrt{3}$

m) $30 - 4\sqrt{14}$ **(n)** $37 - 20\sqrt{3}$ **(o)** - 2 **(p)** $8 + 2\sqrt{7}$

q) $8 + 4\sqrt{3}$ **(r)** - 1

Exercise 2

1. **a)** $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ **(b)** $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ **(c)** $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$ **(d)** $2\sqrt{3}$ **(e)** $2\sqrt{5}$ **(f)** $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$

g) $\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$ **(h)** $10\sqrt{2}$ **(i)** $\sqrt{2}$ **(j)** $4\sqrt{3}$ **(k)** $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$ **(l)** $\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{5}$

m) $5\sqrt{2}$ **(n)** $5\sqrt{7}$

2. **a)** $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{10}$ **(b)** $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{5}$ **(c)** $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ **(d)** $\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5}$ **(e)** $\frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3}$ **(f)** $\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{7}$

g) $\frac{5\sqrt{10}}{3}$ **(h)** $\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{3}$

3.	a) $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$	(b) $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{5}$	(c) 2	(d) $\sqrt{6}$
	e) $\frac{1}{2}$	(f) $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}$	(g) $\sqrt{3}$	(h) $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$
	i) $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$	(j) $\frac{\sqrt{22}}{2}$	(k) $\frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$	(l) $\frac{\sqrt{65}}{5}$
	m) $\frac{2}{3}$	(n) $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$	(o) $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}$	(p) $\frac{4\sqrt{15}}{15}$
	q) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	(r) $\sqrt{5}$	(s) $\frac{1}{2}$	(l) $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$
 4.	a) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10}$	(b) $2\sqrt{3}$	(c) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	(d) $\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{10}$
	e) $\sqrt{2}$	(f) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	(g) $\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3}$	(h) $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{10}$
	i) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	(j) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$	(k) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	(l) $\frac{2}{3}$
 5.	a) $\sqrt{2+1}$	(b) $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4}$	(c) $-12(2+\sqrt{3})$	(d) $-(1+\sqrt{2})$
	e) $-\frac{1}{2}(1-\sqrt{3})$	(f) $\frac{3(\sqrt{5}+1)}{4}$	(g) $-(\sqrt{2}-2)$	(h) $-\frac{3}{2}(2+\sqrt{6})$
	i) $\frac{5(3-\sqrt{2})}{7}$	(j) $-2(1+\sqrt{3})$	(k) $\frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{3}$	(l) $\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}$
	m) $6(\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2})$	(n) $\frac{3}{2}(\sqrt{10}+\sqrt{2})$	(o) $-3(\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{6})$	(p) $\frac{14(9+\sqrt{2})}{79}$

Mixed Exercise

1. **(a)** $3\sqrt{5}$ **(b)** $\sqrt{3}$ **(c)** $6\sqrt{5}$ **(d)** $2\sqrt{2}$

2. **(a)** 10 **(b)** -2 **(c)** 6 **(d)** $4\sqrt{2}$

3. **(a)** $4\sqrt{3}$ **(b)** 8 **(c)** $4\sqrt{15}$

4. **(a)** 2 cm^2 **(b)** $2\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}$

5. **(a)** 3 **(b)** 11

6. $8\sqrt{2}$

7. **(a)** $\sqrt{3}a$ **(b)** $\sqrt{3}a^2$

8. Proof

9. Proof