

Surds lesson 7 - Rationalise denominators

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$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6}}\right) \text{ vs. } \left(\frac{\sqrt{30}}{6}\right)$$

rationalisation

$$\frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 4} = \frac{8}{12}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{30}}{6}$$

Express the following with a rational denominator

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7}} = \frac{\sqrt{35}}{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3\sqrt{12}}{4\sqrt{20}} &= \frac{3\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{5}} = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{8\sqrt{5}} = \frac{6\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5}}{8\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{6\sqrt{15}}{8 \times 5} \\ &= \frac{6\sqrt{15}}{40} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6}} &= \frac{(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}) \times \sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{6}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{18} + \sqrt{30}}{6} \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{30}}{6} \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{30}}{6} \end{aligned}$$