

1. Prove that the value of the following expressions is a rational number.

Example:

$$(\sqrt{3} - 1)(\sqrt{3} + 1) = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot \sqrt{3} - 1 = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} - 1 = (\sqrt{3})^2 - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2$$

- $(\sqrt{2} - 1)(\sqrt{2} + 1)$
- $(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})$
- $(\sqrt{2} + 1)^2 + (\sqrt{2} - 1)^2$
- $(\sqrt{7} - 1)^2 + (\sqrt{7} + 1)^2$
- $(\sqrt{7} - 2)^2 + 4\sqrt{7}$

2. Factor polynomials:

Example:  $x^2 - 5 = (x - \sqrt{5})(x + \sqrt{5})$

a.  $4x^2 + 4\sqrt{5}x + 5$ ;      b.  $x^2 - 3$ ;

3. There are 250 g of cherry jam which has 30 % sugar in it and 300 g of cherry jam with 50 % of sugar in it. Two portions of the confiture were combine together. What is the percentage of sugar in the final product?
4. a. Check the following equalities:

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3}; \quad \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4}; \quad \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5}; \quad \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{5 \cdot 6};$$

- b. Continue the chain of similar equalities. Write the algebraic expression for the pattern.  
c. Use the previous conclusion to simplify the following expressions:

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)};$$

$$\frac{1}{x(x+1)} + \frac{1}{(x+1)(x+2)} + \frac{1}{(x+2)(x+3)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(x+99)(x+100)};$$

5. Without using calculator compare:

$$3 \dots \sqrt{11}$$

$$11 \dots \sqrt{110}$$

$$22 \dots \sqrt{484}$$

$$5 \dots \sqrt{20}$$

$$17 \dots \sqrt{299}$$

$$35 \dots \sqrt{1215}$$

6. Each phone number has 10 digits: (NXX) NXX-XXXX. How many different phone numbers may be created in the US? The area code (first three digits of the number) and the number itself can't start with 0 or 1. (N can be 2-9 and X can be 0-9)