

Making the Connection

| If you know this..., | ...what do you multiply it by to find this...? |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| $\sqrt{\frac{5}{4}}$ | $\sqrt{5}$ |
| $\sqrt{0.99}$ | $\sqrt{11}$ |
| $\sqrt{1.08}$ | $\sqrt{3}$ |
| $\sqrt{1.75}$ | $\sqrt{7}$ |
| $\sqrt{\frac{24}{25}}$ | $\sqrt{6}$ |
| $\sqrt{1.16}$ | $\sqrt{29}$ |
| $\sqrt[3]{1.024}$ | $\sqrt[3]{2}$ |
| What value of x can you use here... | ...to find an approximation for this...? |
| $\sqrt{9 - 6x}$ | $\sqrt{8.7}$ |
| $\sqrt{1 + \frac{x}{25}}$ | $\sqrt{26}$ |
| $\sqrt{1 + \frac{x}{25}}$ | $\sqrt{28}$ |
| $\sqrt[3]{8 + 3x}$ | $\sqrt[3]{9}$ |
| $(1 - 3x)^{1.5}$ | $(97)^{1.5}$ |
| $\sqrt{1 + 3x}$ | $\sqrt{7}$ |
| $\sqrt{4 - x}$ | $\sqrt{35}$ |

- (a) Find the binomial expansion of $(1 + x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ up to the term in x^2 . (2 marks)
- (b) (i) Show that $(8 + 3x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \approx 2 + \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{32}x^2$ for small values of x . (3 marks)
- (ii) Hence show that $\sqrt[3]{9} \approx \frac{599}{288}$. (2 marks)

Making the Connection - Answers

| If you know this..., | ...what do you multiply it by to find this...? |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| $\sqrt{\frac{5}{4}}$ | $\sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{\frac{5}{4}}$ |
| $\sqrt{0.99}$ | $\sqrt{11} = \frac{10}{3}\sqrt{0.99}$ |
| $\sqrt{1.08}$ | $\sqrt{3} = \frac{5}{3}\sqrt{1.08}$ |
| $\sqrt{1.75}$ | $\sqrt{7} = 3\sqrt{1.75}$ |
| $\sqrt{\frac{24}{25}}$ | $\sqrt{6} = \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{\frac{24}{25}}$ |
| $\sqrt{1.16}$ | $\sqrt{29} = 5\sqrt{1.16}$ |
| $\sqrt[3]{1.024}$ | $\sqrt[3]{2} = \frac{5}{4}\sqrt[3]{1.024}$ |
| What value of x can you use here... | ...to find an approximation for this...? |
| $\sqrt{9 - 6x}$ | $\sqrt{8.7}, x = 0.05$ |
| $\sqrt{1 + \frac{x}{25}}$ | $\sqrt{26}, x = 1$ |
| $\sqrt{1 + \frac{x}{25}}$ | $\sqrt{28}, x = 3$ |
| $\sqrt[3]{8 + 3x}$ | $\sqrt[3]{9}, x = \frac{1}{3}$ |
| $(1 - 3x)^{1.5}$ | $(97)^{1.5}, x = 0.01$ |
| $\sqrt{1 + 3x}$ | $\sqrt{7}, x = 0.25$ |
| $\sqrt{4 - x}$ | $\sqrt{35}, x = \frac{1}{9}$ |