

Example 3:

Conjugates

Two expressions are conjugates if they are of the form $x + y$ and $x - y$.

For example $\sqrt{14} + \sqrt{5}$ and $\sqrt{14} - \sqrt{5}$ are conjugates.

The two terms are the same with the exception of the signs.

Example 4: What is the conjugate of $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}$? Multiply $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}$ by its conjugate.