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Powers of Products and Quotients

Simplify the exponents.

1) $(2b \cdot 4b^2)^3 = 8^3 b^9$

7) $\left(\frac{5^6}{5}\right)^2 = 5^{10}$

2) $(3k^3 \cdot 2k)^2$

8) $\left(\frac{7^2}{7^5}\right)^3$

3) $(2b^2 \cdot 3b \cdot b^2)^3 = 6^3 b^{15}$

9) $\left(\frac{7d^3}{9d}\right)^3 = \frac{7^3 d^6}{9^3}$

4) $(4r^2 \cdot r)^3 = 4^3 r^9$

10) $\left(\frac{k}{k^3}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{k^6}$

5) $(3r^2 \cdot r^3)^2$

11) $\left(\frac{n^3}{n^5}\right)^3$

6) $(2w^3 \cdot 3w^2)^3$

12) $\left(\frac{9r}{3r^5}\right)^3$



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Operations with Exponents

Simplify the exponents.

1) $3w^4 \cdot 7w^2h^6$

7) $\frac{b^3}{b^5}$

2) $(2y \cdot 4y^3)^3$

8) $\left(\frac{5y^2s^5}{2y^6s^4}\right)^3 = \frac{5^3s^3}{2^3y^{12}}$

3) $\left(\frac{3d^6}{6d}\right)^2$

9) $(8c^2)^2$

4) $\frac{w}{w^5}$

10) $(2z^2 \cdot z^3 \cdot 4z)^3$

5) $\frac{9y^{-3}}{5y^2} = \frac{9}{5y^5}$

11) $8z^4c^5 \cdot 5zc^6$

6) $7n \cdot 4n^{-3} = 28n^{-2} = \frac{28}{n^2}$

12) $\left(\frac{6^4}{6^5}\right)^2$



Radicals and Rational Exponents

Write each expression in radical form.

1) $7^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{7}$

2) $4^{\frac{4}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{4^4}$

3) $2^{\frac{5}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{2^5}$

4) $7^{\frac{4}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{7^4}$

5) $6^{\frac{3}{2}}$

6) $2^{\frac{1}{6}}$

Write each expression in exponential form.

7) $(\sqrt{10})^3 = 10^{\frac{3}{2}}$

8) $\sqrt[6]{2} = 2^{\frac{1}{6}}$

9) $(\sqrt[4]{2})^5 = 2^{\frac{5}{4}}$

10) $(\sqrt[4]{5})^5 = 5^{\frac{5}{4}}$

11) $\sqrt[3]{2}$

12) $\sqrt[6]{10}$

Write each expression in radical form.

13) $(5x)^{-\frac{5}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{(5x)^5}}$

14) $(5x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5x}}$

15) $(10n)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{(10n)^3} = \sqrt{1000n^3}$

16) $a^{\frac{6}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{a^6}$

$$17) (6v)^{1.5} = \sqrt{(6v)^3}$$

(because $1.5 = \frac{3}{2}$)

$$18) m^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Write each expression in exponential form.

$$19) (\sqrt[4]{m})^3 = m^{3/4}$$

$$20) (\sqrt[3]{6x})^4 = (6x)^{4/3}$$

$$21) \sqrt[4]{v} = v^{1/4}$$

$$22) \sqrt{6p}$$

$$23) (\sqrt[3]{3a})^4$$

$$24) \frac{1}{(\sqrt{3k})^5} = (3k)^{-5/2}$$

Simplify.

$$25) 9^{1/2} = 3$$

$$26) 343^{-4/3} = \frac{1}{7^4} = \frac{1}{2401}$$

$$27) 1000000^{1/6} = 10$$

$$28) 36^{3/2} = 6^3 = 216$$

$$29) (x^6)^{1/2} = x^3$$

$$30) (9n^4)^{1/2} = 3n^2$$

$$31) (64n^{12})^{-1/6} = 2n^{-2} = \frac{2}{n^2}$$

$$32) (81m^6)^{1/2} = 9m^3$$

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Simplifying Radical Expressions

Simplify each Radical Expression. If necessary use absolute value signs.

$$1) \sqrt{64} = 8$$

$$6) \sqrt[3]{375c^6p^2} = 5 \sqrt[3]{3} c^2 \sqrt[3]{p^2}$$

$$2) \sqrt[3]{40c^7} = 2 \sqrt[3]{5c^7}$$

$$7) \sqrt[3]{189g^7d^4} = 3 \sqrt[3]{7g^7d^4}$$

$$3) \sqrt[3]{81} = 3 \sqrt[3]{3}$$

$$8) \sqrt{45b}$$

$$4) \sqrt[3]{189c^6q^7}$$

$$9) \sqrt{49h^2} = 7h$$

$$5) \sqrt{81q^2}$$

$$10) \sqrt{245t^5s} = 7\sqrt{5t^5s}$$



8.6 Practice - Rational Exponents

Write each expression in radical form.

1) $m^{\frac{3}{5}}$

2) $(10r)^{-\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{(10r)^3}}$

3) $(7x)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

4) $(6b)^{-\frac{4}{3}}$

Write each expression in exponential form.

5) $\frac{1}{(\sqrt{6x})^3} = (6x)^{-3/2}$

6) \sqrt{v}

7) $\frac{1}{(\sqrt[4]{n})^7}$

8) $\sqrt{5a} = (5a)^{1/2}$

Evaluate.

9) $8^{\frac{2}{3}} = 4$

10) $16^{\frac{1}{4}} = 2$

11) $4^{\frac{3}{2}} = 8$

12) $100^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{1000}$

Simplify. Your answer should contain only positive exponents.

13) $yx^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot xy^{\frac{3}{2}} = x^{4/3} y^{5/2}$

14) $4v^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot v^{-1} = \frac{4}{v^{1/3}}$

15) $(a^{\frac{1}{2}}b^{\frac{1}{2}})^{-1}$

16) $(x^{\frac{5}{3}}y^{-2})^0 = 1$

17) $\frac{a^2b^0}{3a^4}$

18) $\frac{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}y^{\frac{1}{3}}}{2x^{\frac{4}{3}}y^{-\frac{7}{4}}} = \frac{y^{25/12}}{x^{5/6}}$

19) $uv \cdot u \cdot (v^{\frac{3}{2}})^3$

21) $(x^0y^{\frac{1}{3}})^{\frac{3}{2}}x^0$

20) $(x \cdot xy^2)^0$

23) $\frac{a^{\frac{3}{4}}b^{-1} \cdot b^{\frac{7}{4}}}{3b^{-1}}$

22) $u^{-\frac{5}{4}}v^2 \cdot (u^{\frac{3}{2}})^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

25) $\frac{3y^{-\frac{5}{4}}}{y^{-1} \cdot 2y^{-\frac{1}{3}}}$

24) $\frac{2x^{-2}y^{\frac{5}{3}}}{x^{-\frac{5}{4}}y^{-\frac{5}{3}} \cdot xy^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

27) $\left(\frac{m^{\frac{3}{2}}n^{-2}}{(mn^{\frac{4}{3}})^{-1}}\right)^{\frac{7}{4}}$

26) $\frac{ab^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 2b^{-\frac{5}{4}}}{4a^{-\frac{1}{2}}b^{\frac{2}{3}}}$

29) $\frac{(m^2n^{\frac{1}{2}})^0}{n^{\frac{3}{4}}}$

28) $\frac{(y^{-\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{3}{2}}}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}y^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

31) $\frac{(x^{-\frac{4}{3}}y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \cdot y)^{-1}}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}y^{-2}}$

30) $\frac{y^0}{(x^{\frac{4}{3}}y^{-1})^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{y^{1/3}}{x^{1/4}}$

33) $\frac{(uv^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{v^{-\frac{1}{4}}u^2}$

32) $\frac{(x^{\frac{1}{2}}y^0)^{-\frac{4}{3}}}{y^4 \cdot x^{-2}y^{-\frac{2}{3}}}$

Simplifying Rational Exponents

Simplify.

1) $(n^4)^{\frac{3}{2}} = n^6$

2) $(27p^6)^{\frac{5}{3}} = 243 p^{10}$

3) $(25b^6)^{-1.5} = \frac{1}{125} \cdot \frac{1}{b^9}$

4) $(64m^4)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 512 m^6$

5) $(a^8)^{\frac{3}{2}} = a^{12}$

6) $(9r^4)^{0.5} = 3r^2$

7) $(81x^{12})^{1.25} = 243 x^{15}$

8) $(216r^9)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Simplify. Your answer should contain only positive exponents with no fractional exponents in the denominator.

9) $2m^2 \cdot 4m^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 4m^{-2} = 32m^{\frac{3}{2}}$

10) $3b^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot b^{\frac{4}{3}} = 3b^{\frac{2}{3}}$

11) $(p^{\frac{3}{2}})^{-2} = p^{-3} = \frac{1}{p^3}$

12) $(a^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{3}{2}} = a^{\frac{3}{4}}$

$$13) \frac{2x^{\frac{7}{4}}}{4x^{\frac{4}{3}}} = \frac{1}{x^{37/12}}$$

$$14) \frac{4x^2}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 2x^{3/2}$$

$$15) \frac{3x^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{3}}}{3y^{\frac{7}{4}}}$$

$$16) \frac{3y^{\frac{1}{4}}}{4x^{\frac{2}{3}} y^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 3y^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$17) (m \cdot m^{-2} n^{\frac{5}{3}})^2 = \frac{n^{10/3}}{m^2}$$

$$18) (a^{-1} b^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot a^{-\frac{4}{3}} b^2)^2$$

$$19) \left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{-2}}{yx^{\frac{7}{4}}} \right)^4$$

$$20) \frac{(x^3 y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(x^{-1} y^{-\frac{2}{3}})^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$21) \frac{(x^{\frac{1}{2}} y^2)^{\frac{5}{4}}}{x^2 y^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$22) \frac{(x^{\frac{1}{2}} y^4)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{x^{\frac{2}{3}} y^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot x^{\frac{3}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Practice with Rational Exponents

1) Rewrite each radical using rational exponent notation.

a. $\sqrt[3]{7} = 7^{1/3}$

b. $(\sqrt{11})^5 = 11^{5/2}$

c. $\sqrt[4]{x^8} = x^2$

2) Rewrite each power using radical notation.

a. $43^{1/5} = \sqrt[5]{43}$

b. $8^{-3/4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{8^3}}$

c. $x^{5/2} =$

3) Find the exact, simplified value of each expression **without a calculator**. If you are stuck, try converting between radical and rational exponential notation first, and then simplify. Sometimes, simplifying the exponent (or changing a decimal to a fraction) is very helpful.

a. $8^{2/3} = 4$

b. $(-27)^{2/3} = 9$

c. $25^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{125}$

d. $\left(\frac{8}{27}\right)^{-2/3} = \frac{9}{4}$

e. $4^{1.5} = 8$

f. $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1.5} = 8$

g. $(\sqrt[3]{64})^4 = 256$

h. $(\sqrt{3})^6 = 27$

i. $(\sqrt[4]{3})^8 = \frac{1}{9}$

4) Simplify each expression completely.

a. $5^{1/4} \times 5^{7/4} = 25$

b. $(2^{1/3})^{3/4} = \sqrt[4]{2}$

c. $\frac{7^{1/5}}{7^{3/5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{49}}$

d. $(2^{1/4} \times 2^{1/3})^6 =$

e. $\frac{12^{11/8}}{12^{-5/8}} = 144$

f. $\frac{5x^{3/4}yz^{-1/3}}{10x^{1/4}z^{2/3}} =$

Homework #9-1: Rational Exponents

Part 1

- 1) Find the exact, simplified value of each expression **without a calculator**. If you are stuck, try converting between radical and rational exponential notation first, and then simplify. Sometimes, simplifying the exponent (or changing a decimal to a fraction) is very helpful.

a. $125^{1/3} = 5$

b. $64^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{8}$

c. $64^{1/6} = 2$

d. $81^{1/2} = 9$

e. $32^{-1/5} = \frac{1}{2}$

f. $81^{-1/4} = \frac{1}{3}$

g. $4^{3/2} =$

h. $(-64)^{2/3} =$

i. $(-8)^{-5/3} =$

j. $9^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{27}$

k. $\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^{3/2} = \frac{27}{8}$

l. $16^{-1.5} = \frac{1}{64}$

m. $(\sqrt[3]{-27})^2 = 9$

n. $\sqrt[3]{125^2} = 25$

o. $(\sqrt[3]{4})^6 = 16$

p. $(\sqrt{5})^2 = \frac{1}{5}$

q. $(\sqrt[4]{2})^4 = \frac{1}{2}$

r. $(\sqrt[5]{3})^5 = 3$

- 2) Simplify each expression completely.

a. $3^{5/3} \times 3^{1/3} = 9$

b. $(5^{2/3})^{1/2} = \sqrt[3]{5}$

c. $\frac{1}{36^{-1/2}} = 6$

d. $\left(\frac{5^2}{8^2}\right)^{-1/2} = \frac{8}{5}$

e. $\frac{125^{1/9}}{5^{1/4}} =$

f. $(10^{3/4} \times 4^{3/4})^4 = \frac{1}{6400}$