



# Laws of Exponents

Review from Gr. 9



Product of powers law:  $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$

Quotient of powers law:  $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

Power of a power law:  $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$

Write as a single power.

a)  $3^2 \cdot 3^5 = 3^{2+5} = 3^7$

b)  $(4^2)^5 = 4^{2 \times 5} = 4^{10}$

c)  $(-5)^{10} \div (-5)^8 = (-5)^{10-8} = (-5)^2$



$$\frac{(-5)^{10}}{(-5)^8}$$

## Homework Questions???

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# Warm Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Simplify then evaluate

1)  $(2^4)^3$

$$2^{12}$$

$$= 4096$$

2)  $[(-5)^2 \times 2]^3$

$$(-5)^6 \times 2^3$$

$$15625 \times 8$$

$$125000$$

3)  $[(-1)^{11}]^3$

$$(-1)^{33}$$

$$-1$$

Write each expression as a product or quotient of powers. Then evaluate.

1)  $[(-3) \times (5)]^2$

$$(-3)^2 \times (5)^2$$

$$= 9 \times 25$$

$$= 225$$

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

$$\frac{6^4}{5^4}$$

Save for review tomorrow

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**Simplify. Your answer should contain only positive exponents.**

1)  $\left(\frac{2 \cdot 2^2}{2}\right)^3$

2)  $\left(\frac{2^8}{2^3 \cdot 2^3}\right)^4$

3)  $\frac{2^2}{4^2}$

4)  $\frac{(2^3 \cdot 2^4)^4}{2}$

## 4.4 Fractional Exponents and Radicals

### LESSON FOCUS

Relate rational exponents and radicals.

### Make Connections

Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate contain caffeine. The expression  $100(0.87)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  represents the percent of caffeine left in your body  $\frac{1}{2}$  h after you drink a caffeine beverage.

Given that  $0.87^1 = 0.87$  and  $0.87^0 = 1$ , how can you estimate a value for  $0.87^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ?



$$\sqrt[4]{256} = 4$$

★ Use a calculator to complete the table.



Column 1	Column 2
$x$	$x^{\frac{1}{2}}$
1	$1^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$
4	$4^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$
9	$9^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3$
16	$16^{\frac{1}{2}} = 4$
25	

a) What do you notice about the numbers in the first column?

$$x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{x}$$

b) Compare the numbers in the first and second columns. What conclusions can you make?

c) What do you think the exponent  $\frac{1}{2}$  means?



★ Use a calculator to complete the table.

Column 1

Column 2

Column 3

x	$x^{\frac{1}{3}}$
1	$1^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1$
8	$8^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2$
27	$27^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$
64	
125	

a) What do you notice about the numbers in the first column?

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

b) Compare the numbers in the first and second columns. What conclusions can you make?

c) What do you think the exponent  $\frac{1}{3}$  means?



★ What do you think  $a^{\frac{1}{4}}$  and  $a^{\frac{1}{5}}$  mean?

$$a^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{a}$$

$$a^{\frac{1}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{a}$$

What does  $a^{\frac{1}{n}}$  mean? Explain your reasoning.

$$a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$



## Rational Exponents and Radicals ☆

Let's examine radicals...

$$\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{5 \times 5} = \sqrt{5^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

How would this play out with exponent laws?

$$5^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 5^{\frac{1}{2}} = 5^1$$

RULE:  $\sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

What about other rational exponents and radicals?

$$8^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 8^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 8^{\frac{1}{3}} =$$

Rule:  $\sqrt[n]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{n}}$        $\sqrt[n]{x^m} = x^{\frac{m}{n}}$

*Study*

*index will be denominator*      *exponent is numerator*

In general...  $(\sqrt[n]{x})^m$  OR  $\sqrt[n]{x^m} = x^{\frac{m}{n}}$

### Rational Exponents

- To evaluate exponents that are rational (fractions), the denominator of the fraction indicates which root to take and the numerator indicates which power the entire base is to be raised.

Example *Write this as a radical*

$$16^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

*← exponent*  
*← index*

$$= \sqrt[4]{16}$$

$$= 2$$

$$125^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

*← index*

$$= \sqrt[3]{125}$$

$$= 5$$

$$125^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

*← exponent*  
*← index*

$$= (\sqrt[3]{125})^2$$

$$= (5)^2$$

$$= 25$$

**Example 1**Evaluating Powers of the Form  $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$ 

Evaluate each power without using a calculator.

a)  $27^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$= \sqrt[3]{27}$$
$$= 3$$

b)  $0.49^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\frac{49^{\frac{1}{2}}}{100^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$
$$\frac{\sqrt{49}}{\sqrt{100}}$$
$$= \frac{7}{10}$$
$$= 0.7$$

c)  $(-64)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$= \sqrt[3]{-64}$$
$$= -4$$

d)  $\left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\frac{4^{\frac{1}{2}}}{9^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$
$$\frac{\sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{9}}$$
$$= \frac{2}{3}$$



CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING



Exponential form

$$X^{\frac{m}{n}}$$

Power (exponent)  $\rightarrow$   $m$   
 Root (index)  $\rightarrow$   $n$

=

Radical form

$$\left(\sqrt[n]{X}\right)^m$$

Write the following in radical form and evaluate.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex) } 8^{\frac{2}{3}} & \leftarrow \text{index} \\ & = \left(\sqrt[3]{8}\right)^2 \\ & = (2)^2 \\ & = 4 \end{aligned}$$

If Exponent is a decimal, then rewrite exponent as a fraction (Reduce Fraction)

$$32^{0.2} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 32^{\frac{2}{10}} \\ & = 32^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ & = \sqrt[5]{32} \\ & = 2 \end{aligned}$$



Express as a exponent:

$$a) \sqrt[5]{32}$$

$$32^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$b) \sqrt[3]{-64}$$

$$(-64)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$c) (\sqrt{144})^3$$

$$144^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

denominator

numerator

Express as a Radical:

$$a) 8^{\frac{5}{3}}$$

$$b) 49^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$c) (-125)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Just Discuss but don't copy

**Example 2** Rewriting Powers in Radical and Exponent Form



a) Write  $40^{\frac{2}{3}}$  in radical form in 2 ways.

a) Use  $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$  or  $\sqrt[n]{a^m}$ .

$$40^{\frac{2}{3}} = (\sqrt[3]{40})^2 \text{ or } \sqrt[3]{40^2}$$

b) Write  $\sqrt{3^5}$  and  $(\sqrt[3]{25})^2$  in exponent form.



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# Homework

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## 4.4 Fractional Exponents and Radicals

### Exercises

- A**
- 3 4 5 6 7
- B**
- 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
- 16 17 18 19 20 21
- C**
- 22

#3 a d f  
#4 a c d  
#5 a b c  
#6 a c  
#8 a b c  
#9  
#12 a b f  
#15

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