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## Ch. 4 – Roots and Powers Notes

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## Ch. 4.1 – Estimating Roots

$$\sqrt[n]{x}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 256} \\ 4 \overline{) 128} \\ 2 \overline{) 64} \\ 4 \overline{) 32} \\ 2 \overline{) 16} \\ 4 \overline{) 8} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

**Recap:**

$$\sqrt{4} = 2 \text{ since } 2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$\sqrt[3]{27} = 3 \text{ since } 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$$

$$\sqrt[4]{81} = 3 \text{ since } 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81$$

**You try:**

$$\sqrt{81} = 9$$

$$\sqrt[3]{125} = 5$$

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

$$\text{since } 9 \times 9 = 81$$

$$\text{since } 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$$

$$\text{since } 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 256$$

**What if the radicand is a negative value?**

Evaluate each root:

$$1) \sqrt{-25} = \text{undefined (not real \#)}$$

$$2) \sqrt[3]{-8} = -2 \text{ since } (-2)(-2)(-2) = -8$$

$$3) \sqrt[3]{-27} = -3 \text{ " } (-3)(-3)(-3) = -27$$

$$4) \sqrt[4]{-16} = \text{undefined (not real \#)}$$

because there is no real \#  
when repeated 4 times to produce  
a negative \#.

**What if the radicand is not an integer?**

Evaluate each root:

$$5) \sqrt{\frac{4}{25}} = \frac{2}{5} \text{ since } \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = \frac{4}{25}$$

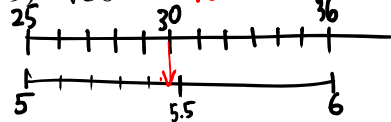
$$6) \sqrt[3]{\frac{27}{64}} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ since } \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{27}{64}$$

$$7) \sqrt{1.44} = \sqrt{\frac{144}{100}} = \frac{12}{10} = 1.2$$

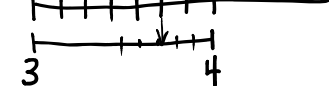
$$8) \sqrt[3]{0.027} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{27}{1000}} = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$$

**What if we can not evaluate the root? We can at least estimate to the nearest ~~ten~~ hundredths.**

$$9) \sqrt{30} \doteq 5.48$$

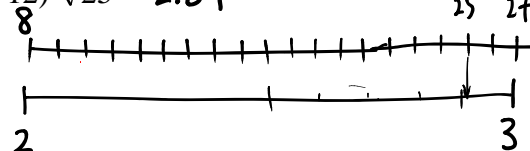


$$10) \sqrt{14} \doteq 3.71$$



$$11) \sqrt{3.4} \doteq 1.83$$

$$12) \sqrt[3]{25} \doteq 2.89$$



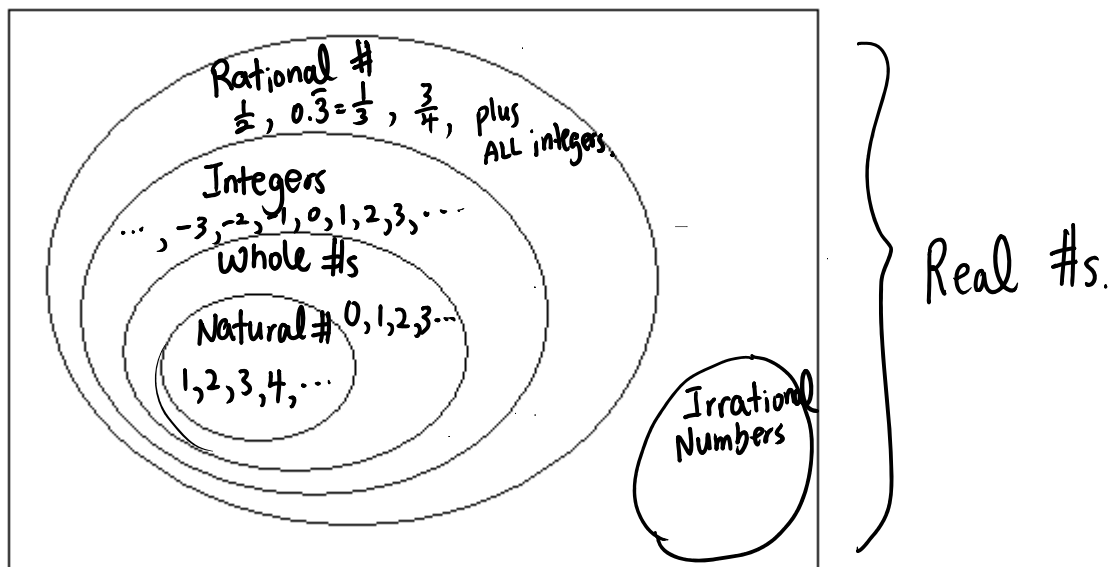
$$13) \sqrt[4]{17}$$

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## Ch. 4.2 – Irrational Numbers

### Definitions:

- **Natural Numbers:** “counting numbers” (eg: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, ...)
- **Whole Numbers:** 0 + Natural Numbers (eg: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, ...)
- **Integers:** positive or negative of whole numbers (eg: ..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...)
- **Rational Numbers:** Numbers that can be written in the form,  $\frac{a}{b}$ , where a and b are integers,  $b \neq 0$ .  
Ex:  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $5 = \frac{5}{1}$ ,  $-7.1 = \frac{-71}{10}$ ,  $0.\bar{3} = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $1.\bar{4} = \frac{13}{9}$
- **Irrational Numbers:** Numbers that can NOT be written in the form,  $\frac{a}{b}$ , where a and b are integers,  $b \neq 0$ .  
Ex:  $\pi$ ,  $\sqrt{2}$ , if the decimals do not terminate & do not repeat.
- **Real Numbers:** All numbers that include natural numbers, whole numbers, integers, rational numbers and irrational numbers.



### Examples:

1) Identify whether each number is rational or irrational:

| Real Numbers                              | Rational or Irrational? |
|---|-------------------------|
| $\sqrt{100} = 10 = \frac{10}{1}$          | Rational #              |
| $\sqrt[3]{\frac{-8}{27}} = \frac{-2}{3}$  | Rational #              |
| $1.\bar{4} = \frac{13}{9}$                | Rational #              |
| $\sqrt{5} = 2.23606\ldots$                | Irrational #            |
| $\sqrt[3]{10}$                            | Irrational #            |
| $2.1358912 = \frac{21358912}{10,000,000}$ | Rational #              |

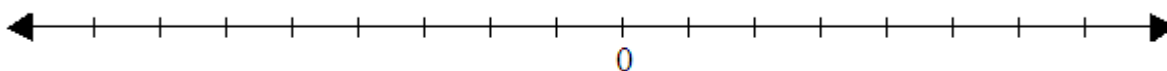
Note: Repeating decimals can be converted to fraction.  
Note: Decimals do not terminate nor repeat.

2) True or False

| Statements                             | True or False? | If false, give a counter example           |
|--|----------------|--|
| All natural numbers are integers       | True           |  |
| All Integers are natural numbers       | False          | -2 is an integer but not a natural #.      |
| All irrational numbers are roots       | False          | $\pi$ is an irrational # but a root.       |
| All roots are irrational numbers       | False          | $\sqrt{4} = 2$ is a root but a rational #. |
| All whole numbers are rational numbers | True           |  |

3) Number each number on a number line:

$$\sqrt{30}, \quad \sqrt[3]{-8}, \quad \frac{2}{3}, \quad \sqrt[4]{256}, \quad \pi, \quad \sqrt[5]{32}$$



4) Write a number that is:

a) a rational number but not a natural number

b) a irrational number but not a root

c) a whole number but not a natural number

*Ch. 4.2 HW: p. 211 #3 – 17*

## 4.3 – Mixed and Entire Radicals

### Pattern Recognition:

|                     |                           |   |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
| $\sqrt{36} = 6$     | Notice: $36 = 4 \cdot 9$  | $\sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{9} = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$                                 |
| $\sqrt{400} = 20$   | $400 = 100 \cdot 4$       | $\sqrt{100} \cdot \sqrt{4} = 10 \cdot 2 = 20$                             |
| $\sqrt[3]{216} = 6$ | $216 = 8 \cdot 27$        | $\sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{27} = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$                          |
| $\sqrt[3]{512} = 8$ | $512 = 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8$ | $\sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{8} = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$ |
| $\sqrt[4]{1296}$    |                           | $\sqrt[4]{16} \cdot \sqrt[4]{81}$   |

What do you notice?

### Multiplication Property of Radicals:

$$\sqrt[n]{a \cdot b} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b}$$

where  $n$  is a natural number, and  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.

### Examples: Simplify Radicals Using Prime Factorization

1) Simplify each radical (Write each entire radical to mixed radical).

a)  $\sqrt{63} = \sqrt{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 7} = \sqrt{9 \cdot 7} = \sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{7} = 3\sqrt{7}$

b)  $\sqrt[3]{108} = \sqrt[3]{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} = \sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 4} = \sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4} = 3\sqrt[3]{4}$

c)  $\sqrt[4]{128} = 2\sqrt[4]{8}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 30} \\ 3 \overline{) 15} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

2) Write each radical in simplest form, if possible

a)  $\sqrt{30}$  can not be simplified.  
 $= \sqrt{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}$

d)  $\sqrt[3]{32} = 2\sqrt[3]{4}$

b)  $\sqrt{80} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{5} = 4\sqrt{5}$

e)  $\sqrt[3]{108} = 3\sqrt[3]{4}$

c)  $\sqrt{180} = 6\sqrt{5}$

f)  $\sqrt[4]{48} = 2\sqrt[4]{3}$

3) Writing mixed radicals as Entire Radicals

a)  $4\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 4} \cdot \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{16 \cdot 3} = \sqrt{16 \cdot 3} = \sqrt{48}$

d)  $2\sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{32}$

b)  $7\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{7 \cdot 7} \cdot \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{7 \cdot 7 \cdot 3} = \sqrt{147}$

e)  $3\sqrt[3]{5} = \sqrt[3]{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{5} = \sqrt[3]{135}$

c)  $-3\sqrt{5} = -\sqrt{3 \cdot 3} \cdot \sqrt{5} = -\sqrt{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} = -\sqrt{45}$

f)  $2\sqrt[4]{3} = \sqrt[4]{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} \cdot \sqrt[4]{3} = \sqrt[4]{48}$

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## 4.4 – Fraction Exponents and Radicals

### Radicals as Powers:

$$\sqrt[n]{x} \text{ } \left. \vphantom{\sqrt[n]{x}} \right\} \text{Radical} \quad \text{vs} \quad x^{\frac{1}{n}} \text{ } \left. \vphantom{x^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right\} \text{power}$$

We can represent radicals as a power:

| Radicals      | Written as a Power  |
|---------------|---------------------|
| $\sqrt{3}$    | $= 3^{\frac{1}{2}}$ |
| $\sqrt[3]{5}$ | $= 5^{\frac{1}{3}}$ |
| $\sqrt[4]{8}$ | $= 8^{\frac{1}{4}}$ |
| ...           |                     |
| $\sqrt[n]{x}$ | $= x^{\frac{1}{n}}$ |

### Recap: Exponent Laws

| Power     | Meaning   | <del>Simplified Form</del> Shortcut |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| $(5^2)^3$ | $(5^2)(5^2)(5^2) = (5 \cdot 5)(5 \cdot 5)(5 \cdot 5) = 5^6$ | $5^{2 \times 3} = 5^6$              |
| $(2^3)^4$ | $(2^3)(2^3)(2^3)(2^3) = 2^{12}$                             | $2^{3 \times 4} = 2^{12}$           |
| $(7^5)^2$ | $(7^5)(7^5) = 7^{10}$                                       | $7^{5 \times 2} = 7^{10}$           |
| ...       | ...   | ...                                 |
| $(x^m)^n$ | $= x^{m \cdot n}$   |                                     |

### Extend Exponent Laws:

| Powers in Radical and Exponent Form  | Simplified Form  |
|--|--|
| $(\sqrt{5})^3$   | $= (5^{\frac{1}{2}})^3 = 5^{\frac{1}{2} \times 3} = 5^{\frac{3}{2}}$ |
| $(\sqrt[3]{5})^5$  | $= (5^{\frac{1}{3}})^5 = 5^{\frac{1}{3} \times 5} = 5^{\frac{5}{3}}$ |
| $(\sqrt[4]{6})^3$  | $= (6^{\frac{1}{4}})^3 = 6^{\frac{1}{4} \times 3} = 6^{\frac{3}{4}}$ |
| In general<br>$(\sqrt[n]{x})^m = \left(x^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^m = x^{\frac{m}{n}}$ |  |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| $\sqrt[4]{3^3}$   | $= (3^3)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 3^{3 \times \frac{1}{4}} = 3^{\frac{3}{4}}$ |
| $\sqrt[3]{6^2}$   | $= (6^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6^{2 \times \frac{1}{3}} = 6^{\frac{2}{3}}$ |
| $\sqrt{2^5}$  | $= (2^5)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{5 \times \frac{1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{5}{2}}$ |
| In general,<br>$\sqrt[n]{x^m} = (x^m)^{\frac{1}{n}} = x^{m \times \frac{1}{n}} = x^{\frac{m}{n}}$ |  |

Examples: Rewriting Powers in Radical and Exponent Form

1) Write  $30^{\frac{3}{4}}$  in radical form in 2 ways.  $30^{\frac{3}{4}} = (30^3)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{30^3}$  OR  $30^{\frac{3}{4}} = (30^{\frac{1}{4}})^3 = (\sqrt[4]{30})^3$

2) Write  $\sqrt{4^5}$  as a power.

3) Write  $\sqrt[3]{5^2}$  as a power.

4) Write  $(\sqrt[4]{70})^3$  as a power.

Examples: **Evaluating** Powers of the Form  $a^{\frac{1}{n}}$  without a calculator

5)  $1000^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{1000} = 10$

6)  $0.25^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{0.25} = \sqrt{\frac{25}{100}} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$

7)  $(-8)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$

8)  $\left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{16}{81}} = \frac{2}{3}$

Examples: Evaluating Powers with Rational Exponents and Rational Bases

9) Evaluate  $0.01^{\frac{3}{2}}$  without a calculator.  $= (\sqrt{0.01})^3 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{100}}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{1000} = 0.001$

10) Evaluate  $(-27)^{\frac{4}{3}}$  without a calculator.  $= (\sqrt[3]{-27})^4 = (-3)^4 = \underbrace{(-3)(-3)}_9 \underbrace{(-3)(-3)}_9 = 81$

11) Evaluate  $81^{\frac{3}{4}}$  without a calculator.

12) Evaluate  $0.75^{1.2}$  using a calculator

**Ch. 4.4 HW: p. 227 #3 – 7 odd letters, 8 – 14, 17, 19**

## 4.5 – Negative Exponents and Reciprocals

### Recap: Exponent Laws:

|                   | Use repeated multiplication to simplify   | What's the shortcut? |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|
| $\frac{3^6}{3^2}$ | $\frac{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3}}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3}} = \frac{3^4}{1} = 3^4$ | $3^{6-2} = 3^4$      |
| $\frac{x^5}{x^3}$ | $\frac{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}} = \frac{x^2}{1} = x^2$ | $x^{5-3} = x^2$      |
| $\frac{x^4}{x^3}$ | $\frac{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}} = \frac{x}{1} = x$                      | $x^{4-3} = x^1 = x$  |

### In general:

$$\frac{x^m}{x^n} = x^{m-n}$$

### What does it mean to have a negative exponent?

|                   | Use repeated multiplication to simplify  | Use the Exponent Law: | Conclusion               |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| $\frac{x^2}{x^3}$ | $\frac{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}} = \frac{1}{x}$   | $x^{2-3} = x^{-1}$    | $x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$   |
| $\frac{x^3}{x^5}$ | $\frac{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}} = \frac{1}{x^2}$  | $x^{3-5} = x^{-2}$    | $x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$ |
| $\frac{x^4}{x^7}$ | $\frac{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}} = \frac{1}{x^3}$ | $x^{4-7} = x^{-3}$    | $x^{-3} = \frac{1}{x^3}$ |

### In general,

$$x^{-n} = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^n = \frac{1}{x^n}$$

### Examples:

1) Evaluate each power:

a)  $3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$

b)  $4^{-1} = \frac{1}{4^1} = \frac{1}{4}$

c)  $2^{-3} = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$

d)  $\frac{1}{3^{-2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3^2}} = 1 \div \frac{1}{3^2} = 1 \times \frac{3^2}{1} = 3^2 = 9$

can you take a shortcut?



$$e) \frac{1}{2^{-3}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2^3}} = 1 \div \frac{1}{2^3} = 1 \times \frac{2^3}{1} = 2^3 = 8$$

What if the base is a rational number of the form,  $\frac{x}{y}$ ?

|   | Use repeated multiplication to simplify  | Use the Exponent Law:  | Conclusion   |
|---|--|--|--|
| $\frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3}$ | $\frac{\cancel{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}\cancel{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}}{\cancel{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}\cancel{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 \div \frac{1}{2} = 1 \times \frac{2}{1} = 2$  | $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2-3} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1}$ | $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{2}{1}\right)^1$ |
| $\frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4}$ | $\frac{\cancel{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}\cancel{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}}{\cancel{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}\cancel{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}\cancel{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{9}} = \frac{9}{4} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$ | $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2-4} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-2}$ | $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$ |

In general,

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{-n} = \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^n$$

Examples:

2) Evaluate each power:

$$a) \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-2} = \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 = \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) = \frac{16}{9}$$

$$b) \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{10}{3}\right)^1 = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$c) \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{-3} = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = \frac{8}{125}$$

Note:  $8^{-2}$  can be thought of as  $\left(\frac{8}{1}\right)^{-2}$

Examples: Evaluating Powers with Negative Rational exponents

3) Evaluate each power without using a calculator

$$a) 8^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$b) \left(\frac{9}{16}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$c) \left(\frac{25}{36}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$d) 16^{-\frac{5}{4}}$$

## 4.6 – Applying the Exponent Laws (Part I)

### Recap: Exponent Laws

#### Product of Powers

|                                 |   |                       |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| $3^2 \cdot 3^5$                 | $(3 \cdot 3) \cdot (3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) = 3^7$ | $3^{2+5} = 3^7$       |
| $(-2)^3(-2)^2$                  | $(-2)(-2)(-2) \cdot (-2)(-2) = (-2)^5$                        | $(-2)^{3+2} = (-2)^5$ |
| In general<br>$a^m \cdot a^n =$ |   | $a^{m+n}$             |

#### Quotient of Powers

|                                  |   |                     |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| $\frac{3^6}{3^4}$                | $\frac{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot 3 \cdot 3}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3}} = 3^2$     | $3^{6-4} = 3^2$     |
| $2^5 \div 2^4 = \frac{2^5}{2^4}$ | $\frac{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 2}{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2}} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$ | $2^{5-4} = 2^1 = 2$ |
| In general<br>$a^m \div a^n =$   |   | $a^{m-n}$           |

#### Power of a Power

|                         |                                |                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| $(3^2)^4$               | $= (3^2)(3^2)(3^2)(3^2) = 3^8$ | $3^{2 \times 4} = 3^8$ |
| In general<br>$(a^m)^n$ |                                | $a^{m \cdot n}$        |

#### Power of a Product

|                        |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| $(2 \cdot 3)^4$        | $= (2 \cdot 3)(2 \cdot 3)(2 \cdot 3)(2 \cdot 3) = 2^4 \cdot 3^4$ |  |
| In general<br>$(ab)^m$ | $= a^m \cdot b^m$  |  |

#### Power of a Quotient

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$               | $= \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{3 \cdot 3}{4 \cdot 4} = \frac{3^2}{4^2}$   |  |
| $\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3$               | $= \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5} = \frac{2^3}{5^3}$ |  |
| In general<br>$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m$ | $= \frac{a^m}{b^m}$  |  |

### Zero Exponent

|                         | Write in repeated multiplication and simplify           | Use Exponent Law to simplify | Conclusion   |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------|
| $\frac{3^2}{3^2}$       | $= \frac{3 \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$       | $3^{2-2} = 3^0$              | $3^0 = 1$    |
| $\frac{(-2)^3}{(-2)^3}$ | $= \frac{(-2)(-2)(-2)}{(-2)(-2)(-2)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$ | $(-2)^{3-3} = (-2)^0$        | $(-2)^0 = 1$ |
| In general<br>$x^0$     |   |                              |              |

### Applying the Exponent Laws

1. Simplify.

a)  $a^2 \cdot a^6 = a^{2+6} = a^8$

b)  $a^1 \cdot a^{10} = a^{1+10} = a^{11}$

c)  $a^3 \cdot a^{-4} = a^{3+(-4)} = a^{-1}$  OR  $a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}$

d)  $x^3 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^{-1} = x^{3+2+(-1)} = x^4$

e)  $\frac{x^3}{x^5} = x^{3-5} = x^{-2}$  OR  $x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$

f)  $\frac{x^3}{x^{-5}} = x^{3-(-5)} = x^{3+5} = x^8$

g)  $\frac{b^{-2}}{b^{-3}} = b^{-2-(-3)} = b^{-2+3} = b^1 = b$

h)  $a^{-1} \div a^3 = a^{-1-3} = a^{-4}$  OR  $a^{-4} = \frac{1}{a^4}$

2. Simplify.

a)  $(n^2)^3 = n^6$

b)  $(a^3)^4 = a^{12}$

c)  $(x^{-1})^4 = x^{-4}$  OR  $\frac{1}{x^4}$

d)  $(a^{-3})^{-2} = a^6$

e)  $(x \cdot y)^2 = x^2 y^2$

f)  $(ab)^4 = a^4 b^4$

g)  $(a^2 b)^3 = a^6 b^3$

h)  $(x^3 y^{-1})^{-2} = x^{-6} y^2$  OR  $\frac{y^2}{x^6}$

3. Write as a single power.

a)  $0.2^3 \cdot 0.2^5 = 0.2^8$

b)  $\frac{3.5^2}{3.5^{-5}} = 3.5^{2-(-5)} = 3.5^{2+5} = 3.5^7$

c)  $\left[ \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-3} \right]^2 = \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-6} = \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^6 = \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^6$

d)  $\frac{(1.5^2)(1.5)^3}{1.5^{-3}} = \frac{1.5^2 \cdot 1.5^3}{1.5^{-3}} = \frac{1.5^5}{1.5^{-3}} = 1.5^{5-(-3)} = 1.5^{5+3} = 1.5^8$

e)  $\left( \frac{7^{\frac{2}{3}}}{7^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 7^{\frac{5}{3}}} \right)^6 = \left( \frac{7^{\frac{2}{3}}}{7^{\frac{6}{3}}} \right)^6 = \left( 7^{\frac{2}{3}-\frac{6}{3}} \right)^6 = \left( 7^{-\frac{4}{3}} \right)^6 = 7^{-8} \text{ or } \frac{1}{7^8}$

4. Simplify.

a)  $(x^3 y^2)(x^3 y^{-2}) = x^6 y^0 = x^6 \cdot 1 = x^6$

b)  $(m^4 n^{-3})(m^2 n) = m^6 n^{-2} = m^6 \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{m^6}{n^2}$

c)  $(3a^2)^3 (4a^3)^0 = 3^3 a^6 \cdot 1 = 3^3 a^6 = 27a^6$

d)  $\frac{(a^3 b)^2}{a^{-3}} = \frac{a^6 b^2}{a^{-3}} = a^9 b^2$

e)  $\frac{6a^4 b^3}{3a^2 b} = 2a^2 b^2$

f)  $\left( \frac{a^3 b^2}{a^{-2}} \right)^2 = (a^5 b^2)^2 = a^{10} b^4$

g)  $\frac{-10x^{-2} y^3}{5x^3 y^{-1}} = -2x^{-5} y^4$  or  $-\frac{2}{x^5} \cdot \frac{1}{y} \cdot y^4 = -\frac{2y^4}{x^5}$

h)  $\frac{3x^4 y^{-2}}{6xy^{-3}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^3}{1} \cdot \frac{y^1}{1} = \frac{x^3 y}{2}$

$3-(-2) = 3+2 = 5$

$-2-3 = -5$

$3-(-1) = 4$

$-2-(-3) = -2+3 = 1$

$$-10 - 4 = -14$$

$$i) \frac{(3a^5)^{-2}}{a^4} = \frac{3^{-2} a^{-10}}{a^4} = \frac{3^{-2}}{1} \cdot \frac{a^{-10}}{a^4} = \frac{1}{3^2} \cdot \frac{a^{-14}}{1} = \frac{1}{3^2} \cdot \frac{1}{a^{14}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{9a^{14}}}$$

$$j) \left( \frac{a^{-2} b}{b^{-2}} \right)^{-4} = (a^{-2} \cdot b^3)^{-4} = \boxed{a^8 b^{-12}} \text{ or } \boxed{\frac{a^8}{b^{12}}}$$

$$1 - (-2) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

skip.

$$k) \left( \frac{25x^a}{125x^3} \right)^3$$

5. Simplify

$$a) (x^{-1} y^{-2})^{-4} = x^4 \cdot y^8$$

$$\underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}_4 \quad \underbrace{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}_9$$

$$b) \left( \frac{3}{2} m^{-2} n^{-3} \right)^{-4} = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{-4} (m^{-2})^{-4} (n^{-3})^{-4} = \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^4 \cdot m^8 \cdot n^{12} = \frac{16m^8 n^{12}}{81}$$

6. Simplify and then evaluate

$$a) \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \cdot \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{5}{4}} = \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{4}} = \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{8}{4}} = \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) = \frac{9}{16}$$

simplified                      evaluated.

$$b) \frac{(0.027)^{\frac{5}{3}}}{(0.027)^{\frac{4}{3}}} = (0.027)^{\frac{5}{3} - \frac{4}{3}} = \boxed{0.027^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \sqrt[3]{0.027} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{27}{1000}} = \frac{3}{10} = \boxed{0.3}$$

simplified                      evaluated.

Examples: Solving Problems Using the Exponent Laws

7. A cone with equal height and radius has volume  $1234 \text{ cm}^3$ . What is the height of the cone to the nearest tenth of a centimeter?

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## 4.6 – Applying the Exponent Laws (Part II)

Examples: Simplifying Expression with Rational Exponents

1. Simplify

$$c) \left( x^{\frac{3}{2}} y^2 \right) \left( x^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{-1} \right) = x^2 y$$

$$d) \frac{12x^{-5}y^{\frac{5}{2}}}{3x^{\frac{1}{2}}y^{-\frac{1}{2}}} = 4x^{-5-\frac{1}{2}}y^{\frac{5}{2}-(-\frac{1}{2})} = 4x^{-\frac{11}{2}}y^3 = \frac{4y^3}{x^{\frac{11}{2}}}$$

$$e) \left( \frac{50x^2y^4}{2x^4y^7} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( 25x^{-2}y^{-3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 25^{\frac{1}{2}}x^{-1}y^{-\frac{3}{2}} = 5 \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{y^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{5}{xy^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$-5 - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{10}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{11}{2}$$

$$\frac{5}{2} - (-\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$2 - 4 = -2$$

$$4 - 7 = -3$$

$$-2 \times \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{2}{2} = -1$$

Examples: Simplifying Expressions with Radicals

2. Simplify

$$a) \sqrt{x^3} \div \sqrt[3]{x^4} = x^{\frac{3}{2}} \div x^{\frac{4}{3}} = x^{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{4}{3}} = x^{\frac{9}{6} - \frac{8}{6}} = x^{\frac{1}{6}} = \sqrt[6]{x}$$

$$b) \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \sqrt[2]{x}}{x} = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x^1} = \frac{x^{\frac{5}{6}}}{x^1} = x^{\frac{5}{6} - 1} = x^{-\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{6}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{x}}$$

$$c) \frac{(\sqrt[3]{a})^2 (\sqrt[3]{a})}{\sqrt[3]{a^4}} = \frac{(a^{\frac{2}{3}}) \cdot a^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(a^4)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{a^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot a^{\frac{1}{3}}}{a^{\frac{4}{3}}} = \frac{a^{\frac{3}{3}}}{a^{\frac{4}{3}}} = a^{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{a^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a}}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{6} + \frac{3}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\frac{5}{6} - \frac{6}{6} = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{3}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Examples: Simplifying Algebraic Expressions to Simplest Radical Form

3. Convert to simplest radical form.

$$a) (-c^2)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{(-c^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{-c^2}} \text{ or } -\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{c^2}} \text{ since } \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{-c^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{(-1)(-1)(-1)c^2}} \text{ } -1 \text{ can come out!}$$

$$b) \frac{(a^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(a^2)^{-\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{a^{\frac{3}{2}}}{a^{-\frac{2}{3}}} = a^{\frac{3}{2} - (-\frac{2}{3})} = a^{\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3}} = a^{\frac{9}{6} + \frac{4}{6}} = a^{\frac{13}{6}} = \sqrt[6]{a^{13}}$$

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## Ch. 4 Review – Roots and Powers

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I:** Calculators are not allowed for this test.

1. Which of the following statements are true?

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| I. $\sqrt{0.81} = 0.9$ since $0.9 \times 0.9 = 0.81$              | a) I and II only      |
| II. $\sqrt{0.12} = 0.6$ since $0.6 \times 0.6 = 0.12$             | b) I and III only     |
| III. $\sqrt[4]{16} = 2$ since $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 16$ | c) I, III and IV only |
| IV. $\sqrt[5]{100000} = 10$ since $10^5 = 100000$                 | d) I, II, III, and IV |

2. Which of the following statements are true?

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| I. $\sqrt{-25} = -5$                      | a) I and IV only        |
| II. $\sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$                   | b) II and III only      |
| III. $\sqrt{\frac{64}{49}} = \frac{8}{7}$ | c) II, III, and IV only |
| IV. $\sqrt[4]{-10000} = \text{undefined}$ | d) I, II, III and IV    |

3. Which of the following statements are true?

|                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| I. $\sqrt{-4}$ is a real number      | e) II and IV only       |
| II. $\sqrt{25}$ is a rational number | f) III and IV only      |
| III. $\sqrt{25}$ is an integer       | g) II, III, and IV only |
| IV. $\sqrt{25}$ is a whole number    | h) I, II, III and IV    |

4. Which of the following statements are true?

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| I. All natural numbers are integers                 | i) I and II only       |
| II. All integers are rational numbers               | j) I, II, and III only |
| III. All rational numbers have terminating decimals | k) I, III, and IV only |
| IV. All irrational numbers are radicals             | l) I, II, III and IV   |

5. Estimate  $\sqrt{27}$

|        |        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| a) 4.9 | b) 5.2 | c) 5.4 | d) 5.7 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|

6. Express  $3\sqrt{2}$  as an entire radical

|               |                |                |                |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| a) $\sqrt{6}$ | b) $\sqrt{18}$ | c) $\sqrt{11}$ | d) $\sqrt{36}$ |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

7. Order the numbers from the smallest value to the largest value.

I.  $-2\sqrt{2}$     II.  $\sqrt{25}$     III.  $2\sqrt{3}$     IV.  $-3\sqrt{3}$

|                   |                   |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a) I, IV, II, III | b) I, IV, III, II | c) IV, I, II, III | d) IV, I, III, II |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

8. Evaluate  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3}$

|      |      |                   |                   |
|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a) 6 | b) 8 | c) $-\frac{1}{8}$ | d) $-\frac{1}{6}$ |
|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|

9. Evaluate  $(-27)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

|      |       |      |      |
|------|-------|------|------|
| a) 9 | b) -9 | c) 3 | d) 6 |
|------|-------|------|------|

10. Write  $\left(\sqrt[4]{70}\right)^3$  as a power

|                      |           |                       |                       |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) $3^{\frac{1}{4}}$ | b) $70^3$ | c) $70^{\frac{4}{3}}$ | d) $70^{\frac{3}{4}}$ |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|

11. Evaluate  $9^{-1}$

|       |                  |                  |      |
|-------|------------------|------------------|------|
| a) -9 | b) $\frac{1}{3}$ | c) $\frac{1}{9}$ | d) 0 |
|-------|------------------|------------------|------|

12. Evaluate  $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-2}$

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| a) $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$ | b) $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{6}{4}$ | c) $-\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = -\frac{4}{9}$ | d) $-\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = -\frac{4}{6}$ |
|---|---|---|---|

13. Evaluate  $\frac{1}{2^{-3}}$

|      |       |                   |                  |
|------|-------|-------------------|------------------|
| a) 8 | b) -8 | c) $\frac{1}{-6}$ | d) $\frac{1}{8}$ |
|------|-------|-------------------|------------------|



**Written Response of Part I:** No calculator is allowed.

14. Estimate  $\sqrt{52.3}$

15. Evaluate  $\sqrt[3]{0.027}$

16. Simplify  $\sqrt[3]{128}$

17. Write as an entire radical:  $2\sqrt{7}$

18. Evaluate  $\left(\frac{4}{25}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

19. Evaluate  $\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{9^{-1}}}\right)$

**Part II:** You may use your calculator. Show **ALL** your work for full marks

20. Simplify  
 $(2x^3)^3 \cdot 3x^4$

|               |               |              |               |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| a) $24x^{36}$ | b) $24x^{13}$ | c) $6x^{13}$ | d) $18x^{36}$ |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|

21. Simplify  $\sqrt[3]{1080}$

|                     |                    |                   |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| a) $2\sqrt[3]{135}$ | b) $3\sqrt[3]{40}$ | c) $6\sqrt[3]{5}$ | d) $6\sqrt[3]{30}$ |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|

22. Simplify  $(3a^2)^3(4a^2)^0$

|           |            |            |             |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| a) $9a^6$ | b) $36a^8$ | c) $27a^6$ | d) $108a^8$ |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|

23. Which expression is equivalent to  $(-a^2)^{-\frac{1}{5}}$

|                     |                           |                              |                               |
|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a) $\sqrt[5]{-a^2}$ | b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^5}}$ | c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{a^2}}$ | d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{-a^2}}$ |
|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|

24. Simplify  $\sqrt{x^3} \div \sqrt[3]{x^5}$

|                            |                    |                           |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{x}}$ | b) $\sqrt[5]{x^8}$ | c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2}}$ | d) $\sqrt[3]{x^8}$ |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|

25. Simplify  $\frac{-9a^4b^2}{3a^2b^3}$

|                     |                      |                    |             |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| a) $\frac{3a^2}{b}$ | b) $\frac{-3a^2}{b}$ | c) $\frac{-a}{3b}$ | d) $-3a^2b$ |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|

26. Simplify  $\frac{5x^{-2}y^2}{10x^2y}$

|                       |                   |         |                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|
| a) $\frac{y^2}{2x^5}$ | b) $\frac{y}{2x}$ | c) $2y$ | d) $\frac{y}{2x^4}$ |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|

### Written Response:

27. Simplify.

$$\left(\frac{a^{-3}b}{b^3c}\right)^2$$

28. Write  $(\sqrt[3]{-1.5})^2$  as a power

29. Write  $5^{\frac{2}{3}}$  as a radical in two ways

30. Evaluate  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4^{-2}}}$

31. Simplify  $\frac{(a^2b^{-2})^{-1}}{(2a^{-2}b)^2}$

32. Simplify  $\left(\frac{x^2}{y}\right)^{-2}$

33. Simplify  $(ab^2)^3(-2a^{-1}b)^2$