

Warm up: remember your exponent rules: you will need them in this section and in future sections. You can create a list for your notes to use on tests and quizzes.

Simplify.

1. $k(k^4)$
 k^5

2. $(4u^3v)(6u^2v^2)$
 $24u^5v^3$

3. $(5a^2b^3c)^2$
 $25a^4b^6c^2$

4. $(3x^2y)(3xy^2z)^4(3xyz)$
 $3 \times 3^4 \times 81 \times 4^4 \times 2^4 \times 3 \times y \times z$
 $729x^8y^{10}z^5$

5. $(-g^2h)(-2g^3)^3(-gh)^4$
 $-g^2 \cdot h \cdot -8 \cdot g^9 \cdot j^9 \cdot -g^4h^4j^4$
 $-8g^9h^5j^{13}$

6. $(2xy^3)(-y)^4$
 $2 \cdot x \cdot y^5 \cdot 1 \cdot y^4$
 $2xy^9$

Warm Up

Essential Question
 How can you use a rational exponent to represent a power involving a radical?

Index: a number that tells us how many roots we need

Essential Question

In this section we learn how to turn a rational exponents (an exponent that looks like a fraction) into a radical and a radical into a rational exponent

Radicand: the number under the radical sign.

Work with a partner. Use a calculator to show that each statement is true.

a. $\sqrt{9} = 9^{1/2}$

b. $\sqrt{2} = 2^{1/2}$

c. $\sqrt[3]{8} = 8^{1/3}$

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

e. $\sqrt[4]{16} = 16^{1/4}$

f. $\sqrt[4]{12} = 12^{1/4}$

Exploration 1

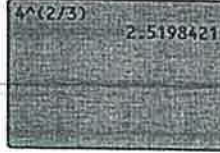
* Use calculator or [desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com) to calculate

a^b - In desmos allows you to enter any exponent function - misc. to find $\sqrt[n]{a}$ allows you to enter a different index.

Work with a partner. Use the definition of a rational exponent and the properties of exponents to write each expression as a base with a single rational exponent. Then use a calculator to evaluate each expression. Round your answer to two decimal places.

Sample

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt[3]{4})^2 &= (4^{1/3})^2 \\ &= 4^{2/3} \\ &\approx 2.52 \end{aligned}$$



- a. $(\sqrt{5})^3$ b. $(\sqrt[3]{4})^2$ c. $(\sqrt[3]{9})^2$
- d. $(\sqrt[3]{10})^4$ e. $(\sqrt{15})^3$ f. $(\sqrt[3]{27})^4$

Exploration 2

* Always check directions

* Use a calculator

- enter the problem as it appears on the sheet, use parenthesis and symbols exactly as they appear.

Work with a partner. Use the properties of exponents and the definition of a rational exponent to write each expression as a radical raised to an exponent. Then use a calculator to evaluate each expression. Round your answer to two decimal places.

Sample $5^{2/3} = (5^{1/3})^2 = (\sqrt[3]{5})^2 \approx 2.92$

- a. $8^{2/3}$ b. $6^{5/2}$ c. $12^{3/4}$
- d. $10^{3/2}$ e. $16^{3/2}$ f. $20^{6/5}$

Exploration 3

Additional Student practice

Core Concept

Real n th Roots of a

Let n be an integer ($n > 1$) and let a be a real number.

n is an even integer.

n is an odd integer.

$a < 0$ No real n th roots

$a < 0$ One real n th root: $\sqrt[n]{a} = a^{1/n}$

$a = 0$ One real n th root: $\sqrt[n]{0} = 0$

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$a > 0$ Two real n th roots: $\pm \sqrt[n]{a} = \pm a^{1/n}$

$a > 0$ One real n th root: $\sqrt[n]{a} = a^{1/n}$

Core Concept

* Notes on the difference between even roots and odd roots \rightarrow * watch your signs.

Find the indicated real n th root(s) of a .

a. $n = 3, a = -216$

b. $n = 4, a = 81$

$\sqrt[n]{a}$

$\sqrt[n]{a}$

$\sqrt[3]{-216}$

$\sqrt[4]{81}$

-6

3

Example 1

Find the indicated real n th root(s) of a .

1. $n = 4, a = 16$

2. $n = 2, a = -49$

3. $n = 3, a = -125$

4. $n = 5, a = 243$

Monitoring Progress 1-4

Core Concept**Rational Exponents**Let $a^{1/n}$ be an n th root of a , and let m be a positive integer.

$$a^{m/n} = (a^{1/n})^m = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

$$a^{-m/n} = \frac{1}{a^{m/n}} = \frac{1}{(a^{1/n})^m} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt[n]{a})^m}, a \neq 0$$

Core Concept 2

 $n = \text{root}$ $a = \text{radicand}$

Set up and simplify

*Student practice

 a becomes the radicand
 n (denominator) becomes the
index m (numerator/exponent) becomes
the exponentsNegative exponent: Switch
location - If begins on top
put to bottom. If begins
on bottom put on top - negative
exponent will become positive.

Evaluate each expression.

a. $16^{3/2}$ b. $32^{-3/5}$

$(\sqrt{16})^3$ $\frac{1}{32^{3/5}}$

4^3 $\frac{1}{(\sqrt[5]{32})^3} = \frac{1}{2^3}$

$\boxed{64}$ $\frac{1}{8}$

Example 2

Steps to simplify

a) turn from rational exponent to radical and simplify

b) get exponent positive, then turn from rational exponent to radical and simplify don't drop the fraction.

Evaluate each expression using a calculator. Round your answer to two decimal places.

a. $9^{1/5}$ b. $12^{3/6}$ c. $(\sqrt[4]{7})^3$

Example 3

use a calculator. * Student practice.

Evaluate the expression without using a calculator.

5. $4^{5/2}$ 6. $9^{-1/2}$ 7. $81^{3/4}$ 8. $1^{7/8}$

Evaluate the expression using a calculator. Round your answer to two decimal places when appropriate.

9. $6^{2/5}$ 10. $64^{-2/3}$ 11. $(\sqrt[4]{16})^5$ 12. $(\sqrt[3]{-30})^2$

* Student practice
- use calculator

Find the real solution(s) of (a) $4x^5 = 128$ and (b) $(x - 3)^4 = 21$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4x^5}{4} &= \frac{128}{4} & (x-3)^4 &= 21 \\ x^5 &= 32 & \sqrt[4]{x-3} &= \sqrt[4]{21} \\ \sqrt[5]{x^5} &= \sqrt[5]{32} & x-3 &= \pm 2.14 \\ x &= 2 & x-3 &= 2.14 \quad x-3 = -2.14 \\ & & +3 \quad +3 & \quad +3 \quad +3 \\ & & x &\approx 5.14 \quad x \approx .86 \end{aligned}$$

Example 4

A hospital purchases an ultrasound machine for \$50,000. The hospital expects the useful life of the machine to be 10 years, at which time its value will have depreciated to \$8000. The hospital uses the declining balances method for depreciation, so the annual depreciation rate r (in decimal form) is given by the formula

$$r = 1 - \left(\frac{S}{C}\right)^{1/n}$$

In the formula, n is the useful life of the item (in years), S is the salvage value (in dollars), and C is the original cost (in dollars). What annual depreciation rate did the hospital use?

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 1 - \left(\frac{8,000}{50,000}\right)^{1/10} = 1 - \left(\frac{4}{25}\right)^{1/10} \\ r &\approx 0.167 \end{aligned}$$

Example 5

Find the real solution(s) of the equation. Round your answer to two decimal places when appropriate.

13. $8x^3 = 64$ 14. $\frac{1}{2}x^5 = 512$

15. $(x + 5)^4 = 16$ 16. $(x - 2)^3 = -14$

17. WHAT IF? In Example 5, what is the annual depreciation rate when the salvage value is \$6000?

- Isolate the variable on one side then solve.

In b, solve for positive and negative because it is an even root
- two answers

* When rounding we should change = to \approx because we approximate the solution

$S = 8,000$

$C = 50,000$

$n = 10$ years

The annual depreciation rate is about 0.167 or 16.7%

* Student practice

• Exit Ticket: Evaluate $49^{3/2}$ without a calculator.

$$(\sqrt{49})^3 = 7^3 = 343$$

Evaluate $(\sqrt[3]{-24})^2$ with a calculator.

$$(\sqrt[3]{-24})^2 = 8.32$$

Closure

Additional practice -

make sure to reach
out with questions if
you have them.