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NOTES: Section 6.2 – Apply Properties of Rational Exponents

Goals: #1 - I can simplify a numerical expression using properties of radicals and rational exponents.

#2 - I can simplify a variable expression using properties of radicals and rational exponents.

#3 - I can add and subtract expressions with radicals and rational exponents.

Homework: Lesson 6.2 Worksheet



Warm Up:

1. Evaluate the expression without using a calculator.

a. $(\sqrt[4]{81})^4$

$(3)^4$

$\boxed{81}$

b. $4^{5/2}$

$(\sqrt{4})^5$

$(2)^5$

$\boxed{32}$

c. $(-32)^{3/5}$

$(\sqrt[5]{-32})^3$

$(-2)^3$

$\boxed{-8}$

2. Solve the equation. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.

a. $2x^5 + 73 = 53$

$2x^5 = -20$

$x^5 = -10$

$\sqrt[5]{x^5} = \sqrt[5]{-10}$

$\boxed{x \approx -1.58}$

b. $(x+3)^4 = 362$

$\sqrt[4]{(x+3)^4} = \sqrt[4]{362}$

$x+3 = \pm 4.36$

$x = -3 \pm 4.36$

$\boxed{x = 1.36} \quad \boxed{x = -7.36}$

Review:

Recall the properties of exponents:

• $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{\boxed{m+n}}$

• $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{\boxed{m-n}}$

• $(a^m)^n = a^{\boxed{m \cdot n}}$

• $(ab)^m = a^{\boxed{m}} b^{\boxed{m}}$

• $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^{\boxed{m}}}$

• $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^{\boxed{m}}}{b^{\boxed{m}}}$

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Example #1: Use the properties of rational exponents to simplify the expression.

a. $7^{1/4} \cdot 7^{1/2}$

$$7^{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$7^{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}}$$

$$\boxed{7^{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

b. $(6^{1/2} \cdot 4^{1/3})^2$

$$6^{\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2} \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{3} \cdot 2}$$

$$6^1 \cdot 4^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{6 \cdot 4^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

c. $\frac{5}{5^{1/3}} = 5^{1 - \frac{1}{3}}$

$$5^{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{5^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

d. $\left(\frac{42^{1/3}}{6^{1/3}}\right)^2$

$$\left(\frac{42}{6}\right)^{\frac{1}{3} \cdot 2}$$

$$(7^{\frac{1}{3}})^2$$

$$\boxed{7^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

You practice: Use the properties of rational exponents to simplify the expression.

a. $\left(\frac{20^{1/2}}{5^{1/2}}\right)^3$

$$\left(\left(\frac{20}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^3$$

$$4^{\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3}$$

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

b. $(4^5 \cdot 3^5)^{-1/5}$

$$\left((4 \cdot 3)^5\right)^{-\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$12^{5 \cdot -\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{12}^{-1}}$$

c. $2^{3/4} \cdot 2^{1/2}$

$$2^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2}}$$

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

$$\boxed{2^{\frac{5}{4}}}$$

Review:

Recall the properties of radicals:

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

- $\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\boxed{\sqrt[n]{a}}}{\boxed{\sqrt[n]{b}}}$

Example #2: Use the properties of radicals to simplify the expression.

a. $\sqrt[3]{12} \cdot \sqrt[3]{18}$

$$\sqrt[3]{216}$$

$$\boxed{6}$$

b. $\frac{\sqrt[4]{80}}{\sqrt[4]{5}}$

$$\sqrt[4]{\frac{80}{5}}$$

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

$$\boxed{2}$$

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Example #3: Write the expression in simplest form.

a. $\sqrt[3]{135}$

$$\sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{5}$$

$$\boxed{3\sqrt[3]{5}}$$

b. $\frac{\sqrt[5]{7}}{\sqrt[5]{8}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[5]{4}}{\sqrt[5]{4}} \rightarrow \text{make denom. a perfect 5th power}$

$$\sqrt[5]{28}$$

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

$$\boxed{\frac{\sqrt[5]{28}}{2}}$$

You practice: Write the expression in simplest form.

a. $\sqrt[4]{27} \cdot \sqrt[4]{3}$

$$\boxed{3}$$

b. $\frac{\sqrt[3]{250}}{\sqrt[3]{2}}$

$$\boxed{5}$$

c. $\sqrt[5]{\frac{3}{4}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt[5]{3}}{\sqrt[5]{4}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[5]{8}}{\sqrt[5]{8}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt[5]{24}}{\sqrt[5]{32}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt[5]{24}}{2}}$$

Example #4: Perform the indicated operation. Assume all variables are positive.

a. $1\sqrt[3]{10} + 7\sqrt[4]{10}$

$$\boxed{8\sqrt[4]{10}}$$

b. $2\left(8^{\frac{1}{5}}\right) + 10\left(8^{\frac{1}{5}}\right)$

$$\boxed{12\left(8^{\frac{1}{5}}\right)}$$

c. $\sqrt[3]{54} - \sqrt[3]{2}$

$$\sqrt[3]{27} \sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$3\sqrt[3]{2} - \sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$\boxed{2\sqrt[3]{2}}$$

You practice: Perform the indicated operation. Assume all variables are positive.

a. $7\sqrt[5]{12} - 4\sqrt[5]{12}$

$$\boxed{6\sqrt[5]{12}}$$

b. $\sqrt[3]{81} - \sqrt[3]{24}$

$$\sqrt[3]{27} \sqrt[3]{3} \sqrt[3]{8} \sqrt[3]{3}$$

$$3\sqrt[3]{3} - 2\sqrt[3]{3}$$

c. $4\left(9^{\frac{2}{3}}\right) + 8\left(9^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)$

$$\boxed{12\left(9^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)}$$

$$\boxed{1\sqrt[3]{3}}$$

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Example #5: Write the expression in simplest form. Assume all variables are positive.

a. $\sqrt[3]{64y^6}$

$$\sqrt[3]{64 \cdot y^3 \cdot y^3}$$

$$4 \cdot y \cdot y \\ \boxed{4y^2}$$

b. $\sqrt[4]{\frac{m^4}{n^8}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt[4]{m^4}}{\sqrt[4]{n^4 \cdot n^4}}$$

c. $\sqrt[5]{4x^8y^{14}z^5}$

$$\sqrt[5]{4x^5 \cdot x^3 \cdot y^5 \cdot y^5 \cdot z^5}$$

$$x \cdot y \cdot y \cdot z \sqrt[5]{4x^3y^4}$$

$$\boxed{xy^2z \sqrt[5]{4x^3y^4}}$$

d. $\sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{y^8}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{\sqrt[3]{y^8}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{y}}{\sqrt[3]{y}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{xy}}{\sqrt[3]{y^9}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt[3]{xy}}{y^3}}$$

e. $3\cancel{xy^{1/4}} + 8\cancel{xy^{1/4}}$

$$\boxed{11xy^{1/4}}$$

f. $12\sqrt[3]{2z^5} - z\sqrt[3]{54z^2}$

$$12\sqrt[3]{2z^3 \cdot z^2} - z\sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{2z^2}$$

$$12z\sqrt[3]{2z^2} - 3z\sqrt[3]{2z^2}$$

$$\boxed{9z\sqrt[3]{2z^2}}$$

You practice: Write the expression in simplest form. Assume all variables are positive.

a. $(27p^3q^{12})^{1/3}$

$$27^{1/3} p^1 q^4 \\ \sqrt[3]{27} p q^4 \\ \boxed{3pq^4}$$

b. $\frac{14xy^{1/3}}{2x^{3/4}z^{-6}}$

$$\frac{7x^{1-3/4}y^{1/3}}{z^{-6}}$$

$$\boxed{7x^{1/4}y^{1/3}z^6}$$

c. $\sqrt[3]{6x^4y^9z^{14}}$

$$\sqrt[3]{6x^3 \cdot x \cdot y^3 \cdot y^3 \cdot y^3 \cdot z^3 \cdot z^3 \cdot z^3}$$

$$x \cdot y \cdot y \cdot z \cdot z \cdot z \cdot z \sqrt[3]{6xz^2}$$

$$\boxed{xy^2z^4 \sqrt[3]{6xz^2}}$$

d. $\sqrt[7]{\frac{p^8}{q^5}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt[7]{p^8}}{\sqrt[7]{q^5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[7]{q^2}}{\sqrt[7]{q^2}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt[7]{p^8a^2}}{\sqrt[7]{q^7}} = \boxed{\frac{p\sqrt[7]{pq^2}}{q}}$$

e. $18\sqrt[3]{u} - 11\sqrt[3]{u}$

$$\boxed{11\sqrt[3]{u}}$$

f. $10\sqrt[4]{5s^7} - s\sqrt[4]{80s^3}$

$$10\sqrt[4]{5s^4 \cdot s^3} - s\sqrt[4]{16 \cdot 5 \cdot s^3}$$

$$10s\sqrt[4]{5s^3} - 2s\sqrt[4]{5s^3}$$

$$\boxed{8s\sqrt[4]{5s^3}}$$