

3.1 Evaluate nth Roots and Use Rational Exponents

3.2 Apply Properties of Rational Exponents

$\sqrt{\text{math is radical!}}$

HW:

ex: Fill in the Chart...FAST!

x	x^2	x^3	x^4	x^5	x^6
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	4	8	16	32	64
3	9	27	81	243	----
4	16	64	256	-----	----
5	25	125	625	-----	-----
6	36	216	1296	-----	-----

nth Roots

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

Where:

- a is called the radicand
- n is called the index

*Square Roots: \sqrt{a} , n = 2

Domain of nth Roots

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

If:

- n is even: $[0, \infty)$
- n is odd: $(-\infty, \infty)$

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

- 2

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

nonreal

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

a) $\sqrt{25} = 5$

b) $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$

c) $\sqrt[3]{-125} = -5$

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

d) $\sqrt[5]{243} = 3$

e) $\sqrt[4]{-16}$ nonreal $\sqrt{-16}$
 $4i$

f) $\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}} = \frac{1}{3}$

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

g) $\sqrt[5]{32} = 2$

h) $\sqrt[3]{\frac{125}{8}} = \frac{5}{2}$

i) $-5\sqrt[4]{16} = -10$
 $-5 \cdot 2$

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

$$\text{j) } \sqrt[4]{1} = 1$$

$$\text{k) } \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{l) } \sqrt[4]{162} &= \sqrt[4]{81 \cdot 2} \\ &= 3\sqrt[4]{2}\end{aligned}$$

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

$$\text{m) } \sqrt[5]{-96} = -\sqrt[5]{32} \cdot \sqrt[5]{3}$$
$$= -2\sqrt[5]{3}$$

(l, n, o)

$$\text{n) } \sqrt[3]{32} = \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4}$$
$$= 2\sqrt[3]{4}$$

$$\text{o) } \sqrt[6]{-64} \text{ nonreal}$$

ex: Rationalize.

$$a) \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$b) \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{9}}{\sqrt[3]{9}} = \frac{2\sqrt[3]{9}}{3}$$

$\sqrt[3]{27}$

ex: Rationalize.

$$c) \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[4]{8}}{\sqrt[4]{8}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{8}}{2}$$

$\sqrt[4]{16} = 2$

$$d) \frac{5}{\sqrt[3]{9}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{3}}{\sqrt[3]{3}} = \frac{5\sqrt[3]{3}}{3}$$

$$\frac{5}{\sqrt[3]{9}}, \frac{\sqrt[3]{81}}{\sqrt[3]{81}} = \frac{5\sqrt[3]{81}}{9} = \frac{5 \cdot 5\sqrt[3]{27}\sqrt[3]{3}}{9} \\ = \frac{5\sqrt[3]{3}}{3}$$

ex: Rationalize.

$$e) \frac{7}{\sqrt[6]{8}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[6]{8}}{\sqrt[6]{8}} = \frac{7\sqrt[6]{8}}{2}$$

$$f) \frac{15}{\sqrt[5]{25}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[5]{125}}{\sqrt[5]{125}} = \frac{15\sqrt[5]{125}}{5} \\ = 3\sqrt[5]{125}$$

~~$$g) \frac{-8}{\sqrt[10]{16}}$$~~

Operations with nth Roots

- Addition/Subtraction - the radicals must be "like radicals"

ex: Perform the indicated operation.

a) $7\sqrt[5]{8} + \sqrt[5]{8}$

b) $4\sqrt[3]{2} - 6\sqrt[5]{2}$

ex: Perform the indicated operation.

c) $\sqrt[4]{2} - \sqrt[3]{2}$

d) $\sqrt[3]{54} - \sqrt[3]{2}$

Operations with nth Roots

- Multiplication/Division - the radicals must have the same index

ex: Perform the indicated operation.

a) $\frac{\sqrt[3]{250}}{\sqrt[3]{2}}$

ex: Perform the indicated operation.

b) $\frac{\sqrt[4]{4}}{\sqrt[4]{36}}$

Rational Exponents

$$x^{\frac{e}{i}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Where:

- e is called the _____

- i is called the _____

ex: Rewrite in radical form.

a) $4^{3/5}$

b) $27^{4/3}$

c) $9^{5/2}$

ex: Rewrite in radical form.

d) $-4^{1/2}$

e) $(-3)^{5/3}$

f) $2 \cdot 7^{3/4}$

ex: Rewrite in exponential form.

a) $\sqrt[7]{21}$

b) $\sqrt{8^3}$

c) $-\sqrt[3]{-9}$

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

a) $9^{3/2}$

b) $81^{3/4}$

c) $4^{5/2}$

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

d) $8^{4/3}$

e) $1000^{2/3}$

f) $32^{3/5}$

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

g) $(-216)^{2/3}$

h) $16^{-3/4}$

i) $-4^{3/2}$

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

j) $-216^{-2/3}$

k) $2 \cdot 32^{3/5}$

l) $64^{1/12} \cdot 64^{1/4}$

ex: Evaluate. If no real value exists, write "nonreal."

m) $\left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{-4/3}$

n) $\frac{27^{-4/3}}{8}$

o) $(-9)^{5/2}$

p) $-(-8)^{-4/3}$

ex: Between which two consecutive integers does the expression lie?

a) $\sqrt{10}$

b) $\sqrt[5]{40}$

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c) $\sqrt[3]{-7}$

d) $\sqrt[4]{5}$

e) $4^{3/4}$



ex: Evaluate on your calculator.

a) $\sqrt[5]{40}$

b) $\sqrt[3]{-7}$

c) $4^{3/4}$