

Express as a single power:

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

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

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

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

c) $(\sqrt{144})^3$ ← numerator
den.

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

Express as a Radical:

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

$(\sqrt[3]{8})^5$

$\sqrt[3]{8^5}$

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

$(\sqrt{49})^3$

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

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

$\frac{1}{2} = \sqrt{\quad}$

Example 2 Rewriting Powers in Radical and Exponent Form

- a) Write $40^{\frac{2}{3}}$ in radical form in 2 ways.
- b) Write $\sqrt{3^5}$ and $(\sqrt[3]{25})^2$ in exponent form.

SOLUTION

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



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Example 3

Evaluating Powers with Rational Exponents and Rational Bases

Evaluate.

- a) $0.04^{\frac{3}{2}}$ b) $27^{\frac{4}{3}}$ c) $(-32)^{0.4}$ d) $1.8^{1.4}$

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sqrt[3]{0.04})^3 \\ & (0.2)^3 \\ & 0.008 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sqrt[3]{27})^4 \\ & 3^4 \\ & 81 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sqrt[5]{-32})^2 \\ & (-2)^2 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\sqrt[5]{1.8})^7$$

$\frac{4}{10} = \frac{2}{5}$ $0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.2$



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Example 4

Applying Rational Exponents

Biologists use the formula $b = 0.01m^{\frac{2}{3}}$ to estimate the brain mass, b kilograms, of a mammal with body mass m kilograms. Estimate the brain mass of each animal.

- a) a husky with a body mass of 27 kg
 b) a polar bear with a body mass of 200 kg

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} & 0.01 (27)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ & 0.01 (\sqrt[3]{27})^2 \\ & 0.01 (5.8)^2 \\ & 0.01 (33.64) \\ & 0.3364 \end{aligned}$$



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