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UNIT 1: ROOTS AND POWERS

**SECTION 4.4:
FRACTIONAL EXPONENTS
AND RADICALS**

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NUMBERS, RELATIONS AND FUNCTIONS 10



WHAT'S THE POINT OF TODAY'S LESSON?

We will continue working on the NRF 10 Specific Curriculum Outcome (SCO) "Algebra and Numbers 3" OR "AN3" which states:

"Demonstrate an understanding of powers with integral and rational exponents."

$$1. a^0 = 1$$

$$2. a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$3. \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$4. (a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$5. a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$

$$6. \overleftarrow{a^n \cdot b^n} = (ab)^n$$

$$7. \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$$

$$8. x^{\frac{m}{n}} = \left(x^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^m$$

$$9. \sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b}$$



What does THAT mean???

SCO AN3 means that we will:

- * **apply the 6 exponent laws you learned in grade 9:**

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$(a^m)(a^n) = a^{m+n}$$

$$a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$$

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$$

$$(a \div b)^n = a^n \div b^n$$

- * **use patterns to explain $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$ and $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$**

- * **apply all exponent laws to evaluate a variety of expressions**
- * **express powers with rational exponents as radicals and vice versa**
- * **identify and correct errors in work that involves powers**



ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE THE QUIZ???
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TIME FOR THE QUIZ! :)

(Use your list of the first 20 perfect squares, perfect cubes and perfect 4th powers if you have it. Otherwise, use your calculator.)

	Perfect Squares	Perfect Cubes	Perfect Fourth Powers
1	1	1	1
2	4	8	16
3	9	27	81
4	16	64	256
5	25	125	625
6	36	216	1296
7	49	343	2401
8	64	512	4096
9	81	729	6561
10	100	1 000	10 000
11	121	1 331	14 641
12	144	1 728	20 736
13	169	2 197	28 561
14	196	2 744	38 416
15	225	3 375	50 625
16	256	4 096	65 536
17	289	4 913	83 521
18	324	5 832	104 976
19	361	6 859	130 321
20	400	8 000	160 000

EXPONENT LAWS (separate sheet):

- 1. Zero Exponent Law:** $a^0 = 1$
- 2. Product of Powers:** $(a^m)(a^n) = a^{m+n}$
- 3. Quotient of Powers:** $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$
- 4. Power of a Power:** $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$
- 5. Power of a Product:** $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$
- 6. Power of a Quotient:** $(a \div b)^n = a^n \div b^n$

7. MULTIPLICATION PROPERTY OF RADICALS:

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

EX.: $\sqrt{24}$ (Factors: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{4 \cdot 6} \\ &= \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{6} \\ &= 2 \cdot \sqrt{6} \\ &= 2\sqrt{6} \quad \text{(MIXED RADICAL)} \end{aligned}$$

EX.: $\sqrt[3]{24}$ (ENTIRE RADICAL)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 3} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{3} \\ &= 2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{3} \\ &= 2\sqrt[3]{3} \end{aligned}$$

LET'S COPY AND COMPLETE THESE TABLES TOGETHER.

 \sqrt{x}

x	$x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ($x^{0.5}$)
1	$1^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$
4	$4^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$
9	$9^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3$
16	$16^{\frac{1}{2}} = 4$
25	$25^{\frac{1}{2}} = 5$

 $\sqrt[3]{x}$

x	$x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ [$x^{(1 \div 3)}$]
1	$1^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1$
8	$8^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2$
27	$27^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$
64	$64^{\frac{1}{3}} = 4$
125	$125^{\frac{1}{3}} = 5$

$$25 y^x (1/2)$$

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE EXPONENT 1 MEANS?

Need 2 of something multiplied² together

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE EXPONENT 1 MEANS?

Need 3 of something multiplied³ together

WHAT DO YOU THINK $a^{\frac{1}{4}}$ AND $a^{\frac{1}{5}}$ MEAN? (TEST YOUR PREDICTIONS WITH A CALCULATOR.)

WHAT DO YOU THINK $a^{\frac{1}{n}}$ MEANS?

In grade 9, you learned that for powers with integral bases and whole number exponents:

$$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$$

WE CAN EXTEND THIS LAW TO POWERS WITH FRACTIONAL EXPONENTS WITH A NUMERATOR OF 1:

$$\begin{aligned} & 5^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 5^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & 5^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} \\ & = 5^1 \\ & = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} \\ & \sqrt{25} \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$$

$5^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\sqrt{5}$ are equivalent expressions; that is, $5^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{5}$.

SIMILARLY...

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

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

$$= 5^1$$

$$= 5$$

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

SO...

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

8. POWERS WITH RATIONAL EXPONENTS WITH A NUMERATOR OF 1:

$$x^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{x}$$

EX.:

$$\begin{aligned} & 8^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{8} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE:

Evaluate each power without using a calculator.

$$\text{a) } 27^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ = 3$$

$$\text{b) } 0.49^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \left(\frac{49}{100}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \frac{7}{10} \\ 0.7$$

$$\text{c) } (-64)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ = -4$$

$$\text{d) } \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ = \frac{2}{3}$$

YOU TRY!

Evaluate each power without using a calculator.

a) $1000^{\frac{1}{3}} = 10$

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

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

d) $\left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{2}{3}$

NOTE: Because a fraction can be written as a terminating or repeating decimal, we can interpret powers with decimal exponents.

EX.:

$$\begin{aligned} & 32^{0.2} && 32^{\frac{2}{10}} \\ & \quad \frac{2}{10} && = 32^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ & = 32^{\frac{10}{10}} && = 2 \\ & \quad \frac{1}{10} && \\ & = 32^{\frac{1}{5}} && \\ & = \sqrt[5]{32} && \\ & = 2 && \end{aligned}$$

YOU TRY!

Evaluate $100^{0.5}$.

$$100^{\frac{5}{10}}$$
$$= 100^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$= 10$$

To give meaning to a power such as $8^{\frac{2}{3}}$,
 we use the exponent law $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$.

EX.:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 8^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= 8^{\frac{1}{3} \cdot 2} \\
 &= \left(8^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2 \\
 &= \left(\sqrt[3]{8}\right)^2 \\
 &= 2^2 \\
 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

EX.:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 8^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= 8^{2 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= \left(8^2\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= \sqrt[3]{8^2} \\
 &= \sqrt[3]{64} \\
 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

9. POWERS WITH RATIONAL EXPONENTS:

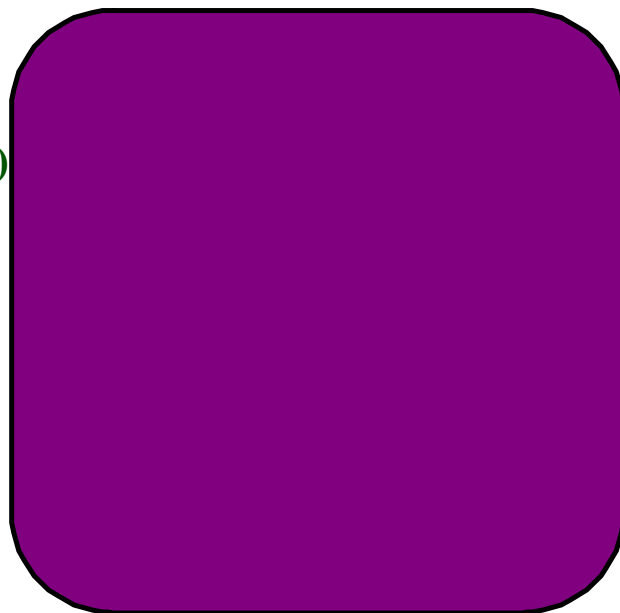
$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{EXPONENT} \\
 \swarrow \\
 x^{\frac{m}{n}} = \left(x^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^m \\
 \uparrow \\
 \text{INDEX} \\
 = \left(\sqrt[n]{x} \right)^m
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{EXPONENT} \\
 \swarrow \\
 x^{\frac{m}{n}} = \left(x^m \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\
 \uparrow \\
 \text{INDEX} \\
 = \sqrt[n]{x^m}
 \end{array}$$

AND

EX.: Evaluate $16^{\frac{3}{2}}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 16^{\frac{3}{2}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{3 (EXPONENT)} \\ \text{2 (INDEX)} \end{array} \\
 & = \left(\sqrt{16} \right)^3 \\
 & = 4^3 \\
 & = 64
 \end{aligned}$$



EXAMPLE:

a) Write $40^{\frac{2}{3}}$ in radical form in 2 ways.

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

b) Write $\sqrt{3^5}$ and $(\sqrt[3]{25})^2$ in exponent form.

$$3^{\frac{5}{2}} \quad 25^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

SOLUTION:

$$\text{a) } 40^{\frac{2}{3}} = (\sqrt[3]{40})^2 \text{ or } \sqrt[3]{40^2}$$

$$\text{b) } \sqrt{3^5} = 3^{\frac{5}{2}} \text{ AND } (\sqrt[3]{25})^2 = 25^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

YOU TRY!

a) Write $26^{\frac{2}{5}}$ in radical form in 2 ways. $(\sqrt[5]{26})^2$ $\sqrt[5]{26^2}$

b) Write $\sqrt{6^5}$ and $(\sqrt[4]{19})^3$ in exponent form. $6^{\frac{5}{2}}$ $19^{\frac{3}{4}}$

SOLUTION:

a) $(\sqrt[5]{26})^2$ or $\sqrt[5]{26^2}$

b) $6^{\frac{5}{2}}$, $19^{\frac{3}{4}}$

EXAMPLE:

Evaluate.

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{4}{100}\right)^3} = \left(\frac{2}{10}\right)^3 \rightarrow \frac{8}{1000}$$

a) $0.04^{\frac{3}{2}}$ 0.008 b) $27^{\frac{4}{3}}$ $\left(27^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^4 = 3^4 = 81$

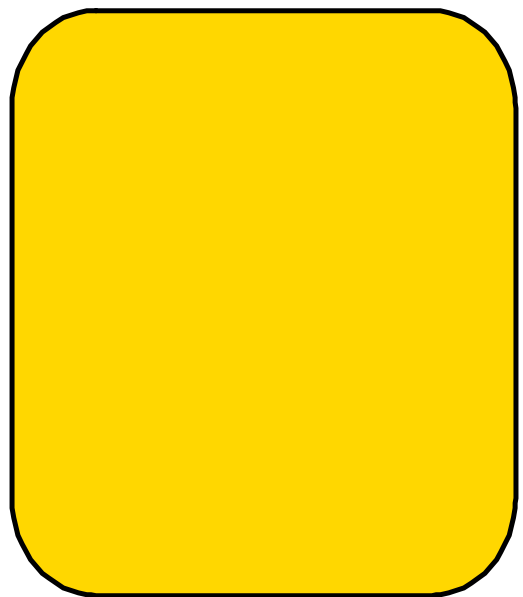
c) $(-32)^{0.4}$ d) $1.8^{1.4} = 2.27\dots$

$$\begin{aligned} & -32^{\frac{4}{10}} \\ & -32^{\frac{2}{5}} \\ & (-2)^2 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 1\frac{4}{10} \\ & \frac{14}{10} \\ & \left(\frac{7}{5}\right) \text{ Exponent} \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{a) } 0.04^{\frac{3}{2}} &= \left(0.04^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^3 \\ &= \left(\sqrt{0.04}\right)^3 \\ &= 0.2^3 \\ &= 0.008\end{aligned}$$



c) The exponent $0.4 = \frac{4}{10}$ or $\frac{2}{5}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } (-32)^{0.4} &= (-32)^{\frac{2}{5}} \\ &= \left[(-32)^{\frac{1}{5}}\right]^2 \\ &= \left(\sqrt[5]{-32}\right)^2 \\ &= (-2)^2 \\ &= 4\end{aligned}$$

d) $1.8^{1.4}$

Use a calculator.



A calculator display showing the calculation of $1.8^{1.4}$. The input $1.8^{1.4}$ is shown on the top line, and the result 2.277096874 is shown on the bottom line.

$$1.8^{1.4} = 2.2770\dots$$

YOU TRY!

Evaluate.

$$\left(\left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^3 \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^3$$

$$\text{a) } 0.01^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{1000} = 0.001$$

$$\text{b) } (-27)^{\frac{4}{3}} = 81$$

$$\text{c) } 81^{\frac{3}{4}} = 27$$

$$\text{d) } 0.75^{1.2} \quad \begin{array}{l} 0.75 \text{ y}^{\wedge} 1.2 \\ 0.708\dots \end{array}$$

SOLUTION:

$$\text{a) } 0.001 \quad \text{b) } 81 \quad \text{c) } 27 \quad \text{d) } 0.7080\dots$$

EXAMPLE:

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:

Use the formula $b = 0.01m^{\frac{2}{3}}$.

- a) Substitute: $m = 27$

$$b = 0.01(27)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$b = 0.01(\sqrt[3]{27})^2$$

$$b = 0.01(3)^2$$

$$b = 0.01(9)$$

$$b = 0.09$$

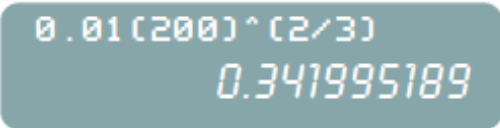
Use the order of operations.
Evaluate the power first.

The brain mass of the husky is approximately 0.09 kg.

b) Substitute: $m = 200$

$$b = 0.01 (200)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Use a calculator.



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0.01(200)^(2/3)  
0.341995189
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The brain mass of the polar bear is approximately 0.34 kg.

YOU TRY!

Use the formula $b = 0.01m^{\frac{2}{3}}$ to estimate the brain mass of each animal.

- a) a moose with a body mass of 512 kg
- b) a cat with a body mass of 5 kg

SOLUTION:

a) approximately 0.64 kg

b) approximately 0.03 kg

CONCEPT REINFORCEMENT:

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