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**UNIT 1: ROOTS AND POWERS**

**SECTION 4.6:  
APPLYING THE  
EXPONENT LAWS**

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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."**



## 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**



**EXPONENT LAWS (separate sheet):****1. Zero Exponent Law:**

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$(1 \times \square \times \dots)^0 = 1$$

**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:**

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

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

**7. MULTIPLICATION PROPERTY OF RADICALS:**

$$\sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} \quad (ab)^{\frac{1}{n}} = a^{\frac{1}{n}} b^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sqrt{18} \\
 &= \sqrt{9 \times 2} \\
 &= 9^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{2} \\
 &= 3\sqrt{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} 9^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \sqrt[2]{9} \\ &= \sqrt{9} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

**EX.:**

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

## 9. POWERS WITH RATIONAL EXPONENTS:

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

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

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

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

OR

$$\begin{array}{l}
 16^{\frac{3 \text{ (EXP.)}}{2 \text{ (INDEX)}}} \\
 = \sqrt[2]{16^3} \\
 = \sqrt{4096} \\
 = 64
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(-125)^{\frac{2}{3}} &= \left(\sqrt[3]{-125}\right)^2 \\ &= (-5)^2 \\ &= 25\end{aligned}$$



**10. POWERS WITH NEGATIVE EXPONENTS:**

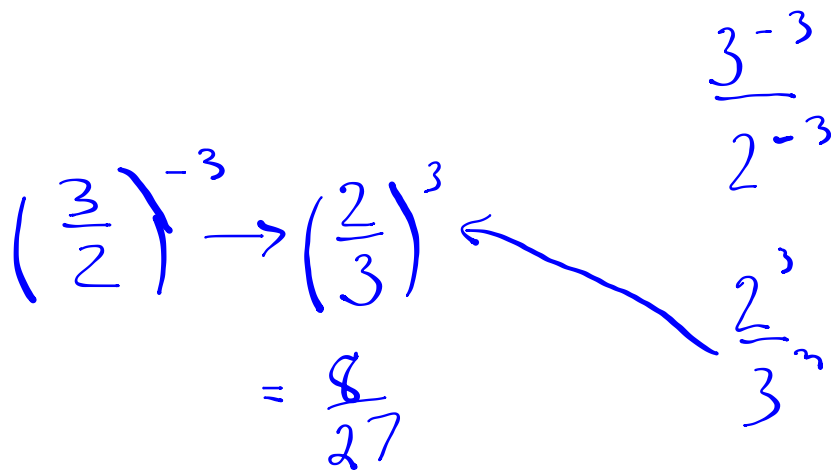
$$x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n} \quad \text{AND} \quad \frac{1}{x^{-n}} = x^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EX.:} \quad & 4^{-2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4^2} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EX.:} \quad & \frac{1}{5^{-2}} \\ &= 5^2 \\ &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-3} \rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{8}{27}$$

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



**Basically, remember to take the reciprocal of the ENTIRE base and change the negative exponent to a positive exponent.**

**EX.:**

$$\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-3} = \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^3$$
$$= -\frac{64}{27}$$

## LAST MINUTE QUESTIONS???

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$$2. \text{iv) } 400^{1.5} = 400^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= (\sqrt{400})^3$$

$$= 20^3$$

$$= 8000$$

$$\text{v) } (-125)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{-125}$$

$$= -5$$

$$\text{vi) } \left(\frac{8}{125}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{125}}\right)^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{4}{25}$$

$$8. \quad P = 5000 (1.029)^{-3}$$
$$= \$4589.06$$

$$4. \quad T = 17.5 (85)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$
$$= 371.88$$

**QUIZ TIME!**  
**(Sections 4.4 and 4.5 - 10 to 15 min.)**

## 4.6 - APPLYING EXPONENT LAWS:

Let's build gradually on what we knew in grade 9...

**For example:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^2)(2^6) \\ = & 2^8 \\ = & 256 \end{aligned}$$

## APPLYING EXPONENT LAWS:

Let's build gradually on what we knew in grade 9...

For example:

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^2)(2^{-6}) \\ = & 2^{-4} \\ = & \frac{1}{2^4} \\ = & \frac{1}{16} \end{aligned}$$

**APPLYING EXPONENT LAWS:**

Let's build gradually on what we knew in grade 9...

For example:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ (2^2)(2^{-6}) \right]^{\frac{-3}{2}} \\ &= \left( 2^{-4} \right)^{\frac{-3}{2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2^4} \right)^{\frac{-3}{2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{16} \right)^{\frac{-3}{2}} \\ &= 16^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \left( \sqrt{16} \right)^3 \\ &= 4^3 \\ &= 64 \end{aligned}$$



**EXAMPLE:**

a)  $0.3^{-3} \cdot 0.3^5$

b)  $\left[ \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right)^{-4} \right]^2 \cdot \left[ \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right)^2 \right]^3$

c)  $\frac{(1.4^3)(1.4^4)}{1.4^{-2}}$

d)  $\left( \frac{7^{\frac{2}{3}}}{7^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 7^{\frac{5}{3}}} \right)^6$

**SOLUTIONS:**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a)} \quad 0.3^{-3} \cdot 0.3^5 &= 0.3^{(-3) + 5} \\ &= 0.3^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{b)} \quad \left[ \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right)^{-4} \right]^2 \cdot \left[ \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right)^2 \right]^3 &= \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right)^{-8} \cdot \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right)^6 \\ &= \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right)^{-2} \\ &= \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{c)} \quad & \frac{(1.4^3)(1.4^4)}{1.4^{-2}} \\ &= \frac{1.4^{3+4}}{1.4^{-2}} \\ &= \frac{1.4^7}{1.4^{-2}} \\ &= 1.4^{7 - (-2)} \\ &= 1.4^9\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{d)} \quad & \left( \frac{7^{\frac{2}{3}}}{7^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 7^{\frac{5}{3}}} \right)^6 \\ &= \left( \frac{7^{\frac{2}{3}}}{7^{\frac{6}{3}}} \right)^6 \\ &= \left( 7^{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{6}{3}} \right)^6 \\ &= \left( 7^{-\frac{4}{3}} \right)^6 \\ &= 7^{-\frac{24}{3}} \\ &= 7^{-8} \\ &= \frac{1}{7^8}\end{aligned}$$

**YOU TRY!**

a)  $0.8^2 \cdot 0.8^{-7}$

b)  $\left[ \left( -\frac{4}{5} \right)^2 \right]^{-3} \div \left[ \left( -\frac{4}{5} \right)^4 \right]^{-5}$

c)  $\frac{(1.5^{-3})^{-5}}{1.5^5}$

d)  $\frac{9^{\frac{5}{4}} \cdot 9^{-\frac{1}{4}}}{9^{\frac{3}{4}}}$

[Answers: a)  $\frac{1}{0.8^5}$     b)  $\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^{14}$   
c)  $1.5^{10}$     d)  $9^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ]

**EXAMPLE:**

**a)**  $(x^3y^2)(x^2y^{-4})$

**b)**  $\frac{10a^5b^3}{2a^2b^{-2}}$

**SOLUTIONS:**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{a) } (x^3y^2)(x^2y^{-4}) &= x^3 \cdot y^2 \cdot x^2 \cdot y^{-4} \\ &= x^3 \cdot x^2 \cdot y^2 \cdot y^{-4} \\ &= x^{3+2} \cdot y^{2+(-4)} \\ &= x^5 \cdot y^{-2} \\ &= x^5 \cdot \frac{1}{y^2} \\ &= \frac{x^5}{y^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{b)} \quad \frac{10a^5b^3}{2a^2b^{-2}} &= \frac{10}{2} \cdot \frac{a^5}{a^2} \cdot \frac{b^3}{b^{-2}} \\ &= 5 \cdot a^{5-2} \cdot b^{3-(-2)} \\ &= 5 \cdot a^3 \cdot b^5 \\ &= 5a^3b^5\end{aligned}$$



**HOW I WOULD ACTUALLY SHOW MY WORK:**

**a)**  $(x^3y^2)(x^2y^{-4})$

**b)**  $\frac{10a^5b^3}{2a^2b^{-2}}$

**YOU TRY!**

a)  $m^4 n^{-2} \cdot m^2 n^3$

b)  $\frac{6x^4 y^{-3}}{14xy^2}$

$$\left[ \text{Answers: a) } m^6 n \quad \text{b) } \frac{3x^3}{7y^5} \right]$$

**EXAMPLE:**

a)  $(8a^3b^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

b)  $(x^{\frac{3}{2}}y^2)(x^{\frac{1}{2}}y^{-1})$

c)  $\frac{4a^{-2}b^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2a^2b^{\frac{1}{3}}}$

d)  $\left(\frac{100a}{25a^5b^{-\frac{1}{2}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**SOLUTIONS:**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{a) } (8a^3b^6)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= 8^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot a^{3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} \cdot b^{6\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} \\ &= (2^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot a^1 \cdot b^2 \\ &= 2ab^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{b)} \quad (x^{\frac{3}{2}}y^2)(x^{\frac{1}{2}}y^{-1}) &= x^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot y^2 \cdot y^{-1} \\ &= x^{\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} \cdot y^{2 + (-1)} \\ &= x^2y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } \frac{4a^{-2}b^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2a^2b^{\frac{1}{3}}} &= \frac{4}{2} \cdot \frac{a^{-2}}{a^2} \cdot \frac{b^{\frac{2}{3}}}{b^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\ &= 2 \cdot a^{(-2) - 2} \cdot b^{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 2 \cdot a^{-4} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \frac{2b^{\frac{1}{3}}}{a^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d)} \left( \frac{100a}{25a^5b^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \left( \frac{100}{25} \cdot \frac{a^1}{a^5} \cdot \frac{1}{b^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( 4 \cdot a^{1-5} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( 4 \cdot a^{-4} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 4^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot a^{(-4)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \cdot b^{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \\ &= 2 \cdot a^{-2} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= \frac{2b^{\frac{1}{4}}}{a^2} \end{aligned}$$



**HOW I WOULD ACTUALLY SHOW MY WORK:**

**a)**  $(8a^3b^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

**b)**  $(x^{\frac{3}{2}}y^2)(x^{\frac{1}{2}}y^{-1})$

**HOW I WOULD ACTUALLY SHOW MY WORK:**

$$\text{c) } \frac{4a^{-2}b^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2a^2b^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$\text{d) } \left( \frac{100a}{25a^5b^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**YOU TRY!**

a)  $(25a^4b^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

b)  $(x^3y^{-\frac{3}{2}})(x^{-1}y^{\frac{1}{2}})$

c)  $\frac{12x^{-5}y^{\frac{5}{2}}}{3x^{\frac{1}{2}}y^{-\frac{1}{2}}}$

d)  $\left(\frac{50x^2y^4}{2x^4y^7}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$[\text{Answers: a) } 125a^6b^3 \quad \text{b) } \frac{x^2}{y}]$$

$$\text{c) } \frac{4y^3}{x^{\frac{11}{2}}}$$

$$\text{d) } \frac{5}{xy^{\frac{3}{2}}}]$$

**CONCEPT REINFORCEMENT:**

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