

HW #10 - due Fri, 10/2

5.7 #35-75 odd Solving equations by factoring

HW #11 - due Mon, 10/5

6.1 #39-79 odd Simplifying rational expressions

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7.1 #85-113 odd Rational Exponents and Radical Expressions

39-73 odd, 125-149 odd

7.2 #11-21 odd, 43-51 odd, 57-65 odd, 85-91 odd, 97-103 odd, 113-121 odd

8.2 #59-69 odd

Simplify.

$$\frac{ab^3c^5}{a^4bc^7}$$

$$= \frac{b^2}{a^3c^2}$$

Simplify.

$$(x^{-1}y^2)^{-3}(x^2y^{-4})^{-3}$$

$$= x^3y^{-6}x^{-6}y^{12} = x^{-3}y^6 = \frac{y^6}{x^3}$$

# 7.1 Rational Exponents & Radical Expressions

$$m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ ; } a^{\frac{1}{n}} \in \mathbb{R}$$

positive integers                      real

$$1. a^{\frac{m}{n}} = (a^m)^{\frac{1}{n}} = (a^{\frac{1}{n}})^m$$

$$\frac{m}{n} = \frac{m}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

$$a \in \mathbb{R} ; n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$2. a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$

"n<sup>th</sup> root of a" is the number that when raised to the n<sup>th</sup> power (multiplying it by itself n times) equals a.

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$$x^{1/2} = \sqrt{x}$$

$$x^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

$$a^{\frac{1}{n}} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \begin{cases} (a^m)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} \\ (a^{\frac{1}{n}})^m = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m \end{cases}$$

\* numerator of exponent stays an exponent; denominator is a root

special case:

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

$$\sqrt[n]{a^n} = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ |a|, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^{\text{odd}} &= -1 \\ (-1)^{\text{even}} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{2^3} = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$

$$\sqrt[3]{(-2)^3} = \sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{3^2} &= \sqrt{9} = 3 = |3| \\ \sqrt{(-3)^2} &= \sqrt{9} = 3 = |-3| \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \sqrt{3^2} \\ \sqrt{(-3)^2} \end{aligned}} \right\} \sqrt{x^n} = |x| \text{ for } n \text{ even}$$

$\sqrt{-2}$  is not a real #

(even roots of negative #'s are imaginary)

$\sqrt{x}$  domain is  $[0, \infty)$

Rewrite as radical.

$$94. (a^2 b^4)^{3/5}$$

$$= a^{6/5} b^{12/5} = (a^6 b^{12})^{1/5} = \sqrt[5]{a^6 b^{12}}$$

simplified ...  $= \sqrt[5]{a^5 a^1 b^{10} b^2} = \sqrt[5]{a^5 a^1 (b^2)^5 b^2}$

$$= \boxed{ab^2 \sqrt[5]{ab^2}}$$

rewrite as exponent

$$104. \sqrt[4]{a^3} = a^{3/4}$$

$$110. -\sqrt[4]{4x^5}$$

Simplify.

$$\sqrt[3]{81x^5y^6} = \sqrt[3]{\underline{3^3} \cdot \underline{3^1} \cdot \underline{x^3} \cdot \underline{x^2} \cdot \underline{(y^2)^3}}$$

$$= \boxed{3xy^2 \sqrt[3]{3x^2}}$$

Simplify.

$$\sqrt[5]{96x^{12}y^7z^{15}}$$

$$= \sqrt[5]{3 \cdot 2^5 (x^2)^5 x^2 y^5 y^2 (z^3)^5}$$

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

$$x^{12} = x^{10} x^2 \quad 96 = 3 \cdot 32$$

$$= (x^2)^5 x^2 = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 16$$

$$= 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 8$$

$$y^7 = y^5 \cdot y^2 = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$

$$z^{15} = (z^3)^5 = 3 \cdot 2^5$$

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$$38. \left( b^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{6}} \right)^6 = b^{\frac{2}{3} \cdot 6} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{6} \cdot 6} = b^4 b^1 = b^5$$

$$66. \left( \frac{49c^{\frac{5}{3}}}{a^{-\frac{1}{4}} b^{\frac{5}{6}}} \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \quad 49^{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{49^3} = (\sqrt{49})^3$$

$$= \frac{49^{-\frac{3}{2}} c^{-\frac{5}{2}}}{a^{\frac{3}{8}} b^{-\frac{5}{4}}} = \frac{b^{\frac{5}{4}}}{49^{\frac{3}{2}} a^{\frac{3}{8}} c^{\frac{5}{2}}} = \frac{b^{\frac{5}{4}}}{343 a^{\frac{3}{8}} c^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

$$\frac{280}{6^3} = \frac{280}{343}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 72. \quad & b^{-2/5} (b^{-3/5} - b^{7/5}) \\
 &= b^{2/5} b^{-3/5} - b^{-2/5} b^{7/5} \\
 &= b^{-5/5} - b^{5/5} = b^{-1} - b = \frac{1}{b} - b \\
 &= \frac{1 - b^2}{b}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{x^n} = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ |x|, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$\sqrt[n]{x}$  = the # that we raise to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power to get  $x$

e.g.  $\sqrt[3]{64} = 4$  ;  $\sqrt{81} = 9$   
*understood to be  $\sqrt[2]{81}$*

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

$$\sqrt[4]{x^4} = |x|$$

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

$$\sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$$

$$\sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\sqrt{(-2)^2} = |-2| = 2$$

$$114. \sqrt{x^{16}} = \sqrt{(x^8)^2} = |x^8| = \boxed{x^8}$$

$$118. \sqrt{x^2 y^{10}} = \sqrt{(x)(y^5)^2} = \boxed{|xy^5|}$$

$$124. \quad -\sqrt[3]{x^{15}y^3} = -\sqrt[3]{(x^5)^3 y^3}$$

$$= \boxed{-x^5 y}$$

$$136. \quad \sqrt[3]{-64x^9y^{12}} = \sqrt[3]{(-4)^3 (x^3)^3 (y^4)^3}$$

$$= \boxed{-4x^3 y^4}$$

$$146. \quad \sqrt[4]{8|x^4y^{20}|} = \sqrt[4]{(3)^4 x^4 (y^5)^4}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{x^n} = \begin{cases} |x|, & n \text{ even} \\ x, & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$= |3xy^5| = \boxed{3|xy^5|}$$

$$150. \quad \sqrt[5]{243x^{10}y^{40}} = \sqrt[5]{(3)^5 (x^2)^5 (y^8)^5}$$

$$= \boxed{3x^2 y^8}$$