

Chapter 4: Exponents and Radicals

4.1 Square Roots and Cube Roots

Review

1. Evaluate the following.

a. $\sqrt{81} = \sqrt{9 \cdot 9} = 9$

b. $\sqrt{36} = \sqrt{6^2} = 6$

Outcome: Demonstrate an understanding of factors of whole numbers by determining the:

- Prime factors
- Greatest common factor
- Least common multiple
- Square root
- Cube root

Definitions:

Perfect Square: A number that can be expressed as the product of two equal factors

Example:

- $16 = (4)(4)$ or 4^2
- $25 = (5)(5)$ or 5^2
- $36 = (6)(6)$ or 6^2

*(2x3=6)
the numbers being multiplied to get a number*

*↑
multiplying*

Perfect Squares	
1	1
2	4
3	9
4	16
5	25
6	36
7	49
8	64
9	81

Square Root: one of two equal factors of a number

Example:

• $\sqrt{49} = \sqrt{(7)(7)} = 7$

** can't take the square root of a *
negative number.*

Cube roots

1	1
2	8
3	27
4	64
5	125
6	216

Perfect Cube: A number that is the product of three equal factors

Example:

- $64 = (4)(4)(4) = 4^3$
- $27 = (3)(3)(3) = 3^3$

Cube Root: one of three equal factors of a number

Example:

• $\sqrt[3]{512} = \sqrt{(8)(8)(8)} = 8$

• $\sqrt[3]{125} = \sqrt{(5)(5)(5)} = 5$

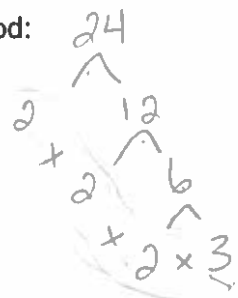
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Prime Factorization: the process of writing a number written as a product of its prime factors.

Example: The prime factorization of 24 is $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3$.

$24 \div 2 = 12 \div 2 = 6 \div 2 = 3$

Tree Method:



Relationship between Square Roots and Perfect Squares (Cube roots and Perfect Cubes)

The number 16 is a perfect square. It is formed by multiplying the same number, 4, twice together.

$$(4)(4) = 4^2 = 16$$

The square root of 16 is 4. $\sqrt{16} = \sqrt{(4)(4)} = \sqrt{4^2} = 4$

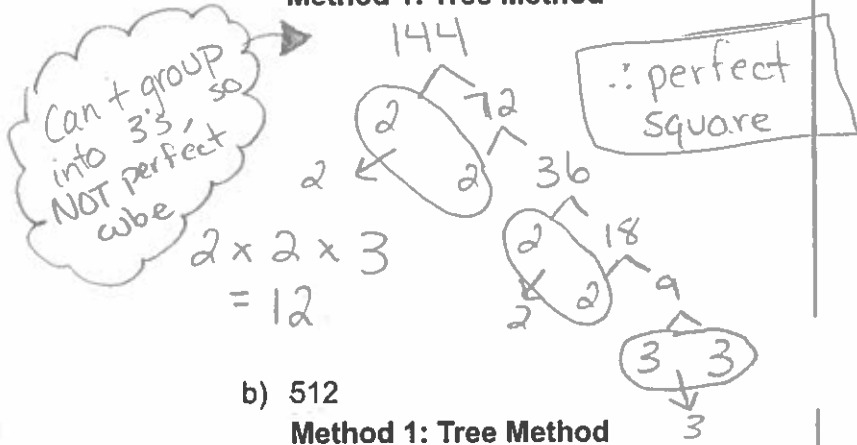
This is the same for perfect cubes and cube roots, however, the only difference is you the perfect cube is formed by multiplying the same number three times together.

Example 1: Identifying Perfect Squares and Perfect Cubes

State whether each of the following numbers is a perfect square or a perfect cube, both, or neither.

a) 144

Method 1: Tree Method



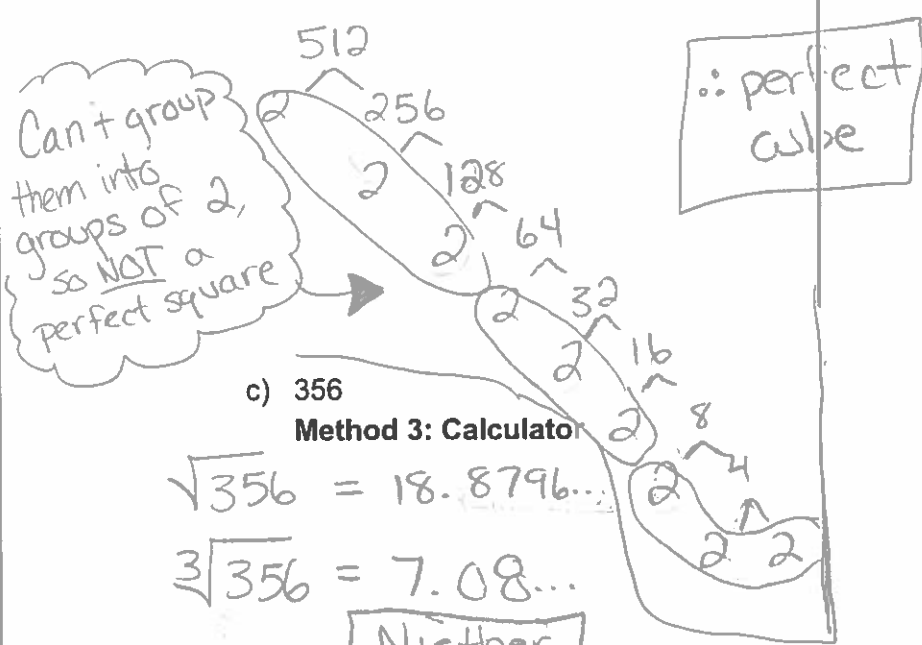
Method 2: Factor out perfect squares/cubes

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{144} &= \sqrt{4 \cdot 36} \\ &= \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{36} \\ &= 2 \cdot 6 \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

x	x ²
1	1
2	(2) ² = 4
3	(3) ² = 9
4	(4) ² = 16
5	(5) ² = 25

b) 512

Method 1: Tree Method



Method 2: Factor out perfect square/cubes

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{512} &= \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 64} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{64} \\ &= 2 \cdot 4 \\ &= 8 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

x	x ³
1	1
2	8
3	27
4	64
5	125

c) 356

Method 3: Calculator

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{356} &= 18.8796... \\ \sqrt[3]{356} &= 7.08... \end{aligned}$$

Neither

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{356} &= \sqrt{16 \cdot 32} \\ &= \sqrt{16} \cdot \sqrt{32} \\ &= 4 \cdot \sqrt{32} \\ &= 4 \cdot \sqrt{4 \cdot 8} \\ &= 4 \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{8} = 8 \cdot \sqrt{8} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2:

Evaluate the following.

a) $\sqrt{64}$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{64} &= \sqrt{4 \cdot 16} \\ &= \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{16} \\ &= 2 \cdot 4 = \boxed{8}\end{aligned}$$

b) $\sqrt{144x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{144x^2} &= \sqrt{144} \cdot \sqrt{x^2} \\ &= \sqrt{144} \cdot x \\ &= \sqrt{4 \cdot 36} \cdot x \\ &= \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{36} \cdot x \\ &= 2 \cdot 6 \cdot x = \boxed{12x}\end{aligned}$$

c) $\sqrt[3]{125}$

$$\sqrt[3]{125} = 5$$

d) $\sqrt[3]{27a^3}$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt[3]{27a^3} &= \sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^3} \\ &= 3 \cdot a \\ &= 3a\end{aligned}$$

x	x ³
1	1
2	8
3	27
4	64
5	125

Example 3:

A floor mat for gymnastics is a square with an area of $196m^2$. What is its side length?

① What is the formula to find area of a square?

- Rectangle: $A = lw$

- Square: $A = s^2$

② $A = s^2$

$$\sqrt{196m^2} = \sqrt{s^2}$$

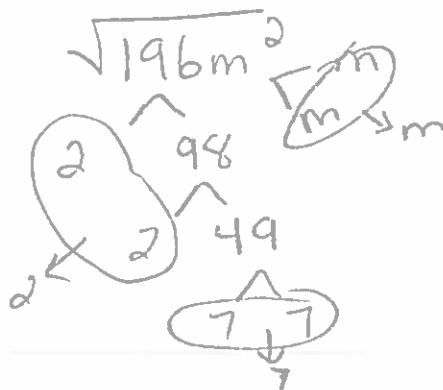
$$\sqrt{196m^2} = s$$

$$\sqrt{4 \cdot 49 \cdot m^2} = s$$

$$\sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{49} \cdot \sqrt{m^2} = s$$

$$2 \cdot 7 \cdot m = s$$

$$\boxed{14m = s}$$



Example 4:

The volume of a cubic box is $27\,000\text{ in}^3$. Use two methods to determine its dimensions.

① What is the formula for volume of a cube?

$$V = s^3$$

②

$$\sqrt[3]{27000\text{ in}^3} = \sqrt[3]{s^3}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{27000\text{ in}^3} = s$$

$$\sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 1000 \cdot \text{in}^3} = s$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{1000} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\text{in}^3} \\ &= 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{1000} \cdot \text{in} \\ &= 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 125} \cdot \text{in} \\ &= 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{125} \cdot \text{in} \\ &= 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot \text{in} \\ &= 30\text{ in} \end{aligned}$$

Key Ideas

- A perfect square is the product of two equal factors. One of these factors is called the square root.
 - 25 is a perfect square: $\sqrt{25} = 5$ because $5^2 = 25$
- A perfect cube is the product of three equal factors. One of these factors is called the cube root.
 - -216 is a perfect cube: $\sqrt[3]{-216} = -6$ because $(-6)^3 = -216$
- Some numbers will be BOTH a perfect square AND a perfect cube.
 - 15 625 is a perfect square: $125^2 = 15\,625$
 - 15 625 is a perfect cube: $25^3 = 15\,625$
- You can use diagrams or manipulatives, factor trees, or a calculator to solve problems involving square roots and cube roots.

Textbook Questions: Pg.158-159 #1-4, 6, 9, 10

Can you evaluate the following?

a) $\sqrt{-16}$

b) $\sqrt[3]{-27}$

4.2 Integral Exponents

Review:

1. Identify the base and the exponent, then evaluate the power.

base \rightarrow $3^2 = (3)(3) = 9$ exponent \leftarrow

2. Simplify and evaluate the following. (hint: you'll need to use exponent laws)

a. $4^2 \times 4^5 = 4^2 \times 4^5 = 4^{2+5} = \boxed{4^7}$

b. $(5^2)(5^3) = (5)^{2+3} = \boxed{5^5}$

c. $(3^2)^7 = 3^{2 \times 7} = \boxed{3^{14}}$

d. $\frac{6^8}{6^5} = 6^{8-5} = \boxed{6^3}$

Outcome: Demonstrate an understanding of powers with integral exponents.

What is an integral exponent?

Integer number: is a whole number that can be either positive, negative, or zero.

Example: $(\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots)$

Exponent: determines how many times to multiply a number. Usually to the right and above the base.

Example: $x^2 \leftarrow, 3^4 \leftarrow$

Combine the two...

Integral Exponent: the exponent of a number is either a positive or negative whole number.

Examples: $(5^{-2}), 2^{-3}$

!!*!!REMEMBER THE EXPONENT LAWS*!!*!!

Exponent Law	Example
Note that a and b are rational or variable bases and m and n are the integral exponents.	
Product of Powers $(a^m)(a^n) = a^{m+n}$	$(3^{-2})(3^4) = 3^{-2+4} = 3^2$
Quotient of Powers $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}, a \neq 0$	$\frac{x^3}{x^{-5}} = (x^{3-(-5)}) = x^8$
Power of a Power $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$	$(0.75^4)^{-2} = 0.75^{(4)(-2)} = 0.75^{-8}$ or $\frac{1}{0.75^8}$
Power of a Product $(ab)^m = (a^m)(b^m)$	$(4z)^{-3} = \frac{1}{(4z)^3}$ or $\frac{1}{64z^3}$
Power of a Quotient $(\frac{a}{b})^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}, b \neq 0$	$(\frac{t}{3})^{-2} = (\frac{3}{t})^2 = \frac{3^2}{t^2} = \frac{9}{t^2}$
Zero Exponent $a^0 = 1, a \neq 0$	$(4y^2)^0 = 1$ $-(4y^2)^0 = -1$
Power of a Negative Exponent $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}, a \neq 0$	$4^{-3} = \frac{1}{4^3}$
Quotient of Negative Power $\frac{1}{a^{-n}} = a^n, a \neq 0$	$\frac{1}{3^{-2}} = 3^2$

Example 1:

Write each product or quotient as a power with a single exponent.

a) $(7^6)(7^{-2})$

Use the exponent laws for multiplying or dividing powers with the same base.

Method 1: Add the exponents

$$7^{6+(-2)} = 7^{6-2} = \boxed{7^4}$$

Method 2: Use Positive Exponents

$$7^6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{7^2}\right) = \frac{7^6}{7^2} = 7^{6-2} = \boxed{7^4}$$

$$b) \frac{7^{-5}}{7^3}$$

Method 1: Subtract the Exponents

$$7^{-5-3} = 7^{-8}$$

Method 2: Use Positive Exponents

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{7^5}\right)\left(\frac{1}{7^3}\right) &= \frac{1}{(7^5)(7^3)} \\ &= \frac{1}{7^{5+3}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{7^8}} \end{aligned}$$

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

Method 1: Subtract the Exponents

$$\begin{aligned} (3y)^{3-(-2)} &= (3y)^{3+2} \\ &= \boxed{(3y)^5} \end{aligned}$$

Method 2: Use Positive Exponents

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(3y)^3}{\left(\frac{1}{(3y)^2}\right)} &= (3y)^3 (3y)^2 = (3y)^{3+2} \\ &= \boxed{(3y)^5} \end{aligned}$$

$$d) \frac{(-3.5)^4}{(-3.5)^{-3}}$$

Method 1: Subtract the Exponents

$$\begin{aligned} (-3.5)^{4-(-3)} \\ = (-3.5)^{4+3} = \boxed{(-3.5)^7} \end{aligned}$$

Method 2: Use Positive Exponents

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(-3.5)^4}{\left(\frac{1}{(-3.5)^3}\right)} &= (-3.5)^4 (-3.5)^3 \\ &= (-3.5)^{4+3} \\ &= \boxed{(-3.5)^7} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2:

Simplify and evaluate where possible.

$$a) [(0.6^3)(0.6^{-3})]^{-5}$$

Order of operations matter!

1st distribute exponent into brackets

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \left[(0.6^3)(0.6^{-3}) \right]^{-5} \right. &= \left[(0.6^3)^{-5} (0.6^{-3})^{-5} \right] \\ &= (0.6^{-15})(0.6^{15}) \\ &= (0.6^{-15+15}) \\ &= (0.6^0) = \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$b) \left(\frac{x^6}{x^{-4}}\right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(x^6)^2}{(x^{-4})^2} &= \frac{x^{12}}{x^{-8}} = x^{12-(-8)} = x^{12+8} = \boxed{x^{20}} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3:

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives staff conducted a grasshopper count. In one 25 km² area, there were 401 000 000 grasshoppers. Use the following table to assess the degree of grasshopper infestation in this area.

① $1 \text{ km} = 1000 \text{ m}$
 $\left(\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}}\right)^2 = \frac{25 \text{ km}^2}{?}$
 $\frac{(1 \text{ km})^2}{(1000 \text{ m})^2} = \frac{25 \text{ km}^2}{?}$
 $\frac{1 \text{ km}^2}{1000000 \text{ m}^2} \leftarrow \frac{25 \text{ km}^2}{?}$
 25000000 m^2

② $\frac{401000000}{25000000} = 16.04$
 \therefore severe

Grasshopper Density	
0 - 4 per square metre	= very light
5 - 8 per square metre	= light
9 - 12 per square metre	= moderate
13 - 24 per square metre	= severe
25 per square metre	= very severe

Key Ideas

- A power with a negative exponent can be written as a power with a positive exponent.
 - Example:

$$2^{-5} = \frac{1}{2^5} \quad \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-2} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2$$

- You can use the exponent laws to simplify.

Exponent Laws

Note that a and b are rational or variable bases and m and n are the integral exponents.

Product of Powers $(a^m)(a^n) = a^{m+n}$	Power of a Product $(ab)^m = (a^m)(b^m)$
Quotient of Powers $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}, a \neq 0$	Power of a Quotient $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}, b \neq 0$
Power of a Power $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$	Zero Exponent $a^0 = 1, a \neq 0$
Power of a Negative Exponent $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}, a \neq 0$	Quotient of Negative Power $\frac{1}{a^{-n}} = a^n, a \neq 0$

Textbook Questions: Pg.169-170 #1, 2, 3-6, 8, 10.

4.3 Rational Exponents

Review: Evaluate the following:

a) $4^3 = (4)(4)(4) = 64$

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

Outcome: Demonstrate an understanding of powers with rational exponents.

Definition

Rational Exponents: the power of a number is in the form of a fraction.

Example: $4^{\frac{1}{3}}$, $x^{\frac{2}{3}}$

Example 1:

Write each expression as a power with a single exponent.

a) $(x^{1.5})(x^{3.5})$

$x^{1.5+3.5} = \boxed{x^5}$

b) $\frac{4^{\frac{1}{2}}}{4^{0.5}}$

$4^{0.5-0.5} = 4^0 = \boxed{1}$

Note: $4^{\frac{1}{2}} = 4^{0.5}$

c) $\frac{1.5^{\frac{2}{3}}}{1.5^{\frac{1}{6}}}$

$= 1.5^{(\frac{2}{3}-\frac{1}{6})} = 1.5^{(\frac{4}{6}-\frac{1}{6})} = \boxed{1.5^{\frac{3}{6}}}$

$\frac{2}{2}(\frac{4}{3}) - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{8}{6} - \frac{1}{6}$

Example 2:

Simplify and evaluate where possible.

a) $(27x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 27x^{(6 \times \frac{2}{3})} = 27x^{\frac{12}{3}} = \boxed{27x^4}$

$\frac{6}{1} \times \frac{2}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } \left[\left(t^{\frac{4}{3}} \right) \left(t^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) \right]^9 &= \left(t^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^9 \left(t^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^9 = \left(t^{\frac{36}{3}} \right) \left(t^{\frac{9}{3}} \right) \\
 &= \left(t^{12} \right) \left(t^3 \right) \\
 &= t^{12+3} = \boxed{t^{15}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3:

Caylie invests \$5000 in a fund that increases in value at a rate of 12.6% per year. The bank provides a quarterly update on the value of the investment using the formula

$A = 5000(1.126)^{\frac{q}{4}}$, where q represents the number of quarterly periods and A represents the final amount of the investment.

- a) What is the relationship between the interest rate of 12.6% and the value 1.126 in the formula?

interest rate: amount owing PLUS an extra cost for borrowing money.

So, 12.6% = extra cost, amount owing = 100% $100\% + 12.6\% = 112.6\%$
 $= 1.126$

- b) What is the value of the investment after the 3rd quarter?

$$\begin{aligned}
 q=3 : A &= 5000(1.126)^{\frac{3}{4}} \\
 A &= 5000(1.0924) \\
 A &= \underline{\underline{\$5461.78}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Round!! Money is ALWAYS 2 decimal places.

- c) What is the value of the investment after 3 years?

① How many quarters are in 3 years?
 → 4 quarters in 1 year
 → $4 \times 3 = 12$ quarters

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{② } t=12 : A &= 5000(1.126)^{\frac{12}{4}} \\
 A &= 5000(1.126)^3 \\
 A &= 5000(1.42763) = \boxed{\$7138.14}
 \end{aligned}$$

Key Ideas

- You can write a power with a negative exponent as a power with a positive exponent.
 - $(-9)^{-1.3} = \frac{1}{(-9)^{1.3}}$
- You can apply the above principle to the exponent laws for rational expressions

Exponent Laws

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Quotient of Powers $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}, a \neq 0$	Power of a Quotient $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}, b \neq 0$
Power of a Power $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$	Zero Exponent $a^0 = 1, a \neq 0$
Power of a Negative Exponent $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}, a \neq 0$	Quotient of Negative Power $\frac{1}{a^{-n}} = a^n, a \neq 0$

- A power with a rational exponent can be written with the exponent in decimal or fractional form.
 - $x^{3/5} = x^{0.6}$

Textbook Questions: Pg. 180-182 #1, 3-6, 8, 10, 12.

Review: The Real Number System

Define each of the following terms below and fill in the graphic organizer to the right.

Natural Numbers:

positive whole numbers
excluding zero.

Whole Numbers:

A positive number with
no decimal or fractions
(0, 1, 2, 3, ...)

Integers:

A whole number either
negative or positive
(..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2...)

Rational Numbers:

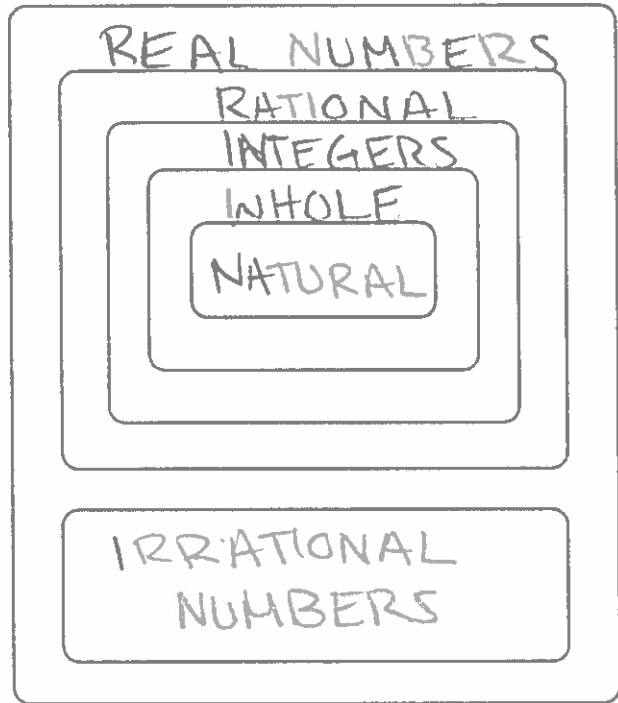
any number that can be expressed as a
fraction or quotient ($\frac{a}{b}$), where a and b are integers
and not equal to 0.

Irrational Numbers:

A number that CANNOT be expressed as a
fraction. The decimal goes on forever, and
doesn't repeat. ($\sqrt{2}$, π)

Real Numbers:

- Positive or negative, large or small,
whole or decimal, are all real numbers
- Any rational or irrational number
- Can't be "imaginary" i.e. ∞ , $\sqrt{-1}$



Determine which sets each number belongs to. In the graphic organizer, shade in the sets.

a) -4



b) 0



c) 1.273958...



d) 7



e) $7.\overline{4}$



f) 4.93



g) $-\frac{2}{3}$



h) π



4.4 Irrational Numbers

Outcome: 1) Demonstrate an understanding of powers with rational and integral exponents.

2) Demonstrate an understanding of irrational numbers by:

- Representing, identifying, and simplifying irrational numbers
- Ordering irrational numbers

Example 1:

Identify the numbers as rational or irrational. You may use a calculator. Explain how you know.

$$\frac{-5}{6}$$

Rational

$$-\frac{5}{6} = -0.8\overline{3}$$

$$\sqrt{11}$$

irrational

$$\sqrt{11} = 3.3166\dots$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{64}}$$

rational

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{64}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{8}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Example 2:

Classify the following numbers as rational, irrational, or neither. You may use a calculator.

$$\sqrt{7}$$

irrational

$$0$$

rational

$$\sqrt[4]{125}$$

rational

$$-\sqrt{2}$$

irrational

$$\frac{2}{3}$$

rational

$$\sqrt{-2}$$

neither

$$\sqrt[5]{\frac{1}{5}}$$

irrational

$$\sqrt[3]{213}$$

irrational

$$\frac{6}{0}$$

neither

$$\sqrt{81}$$

rational

$$8$$

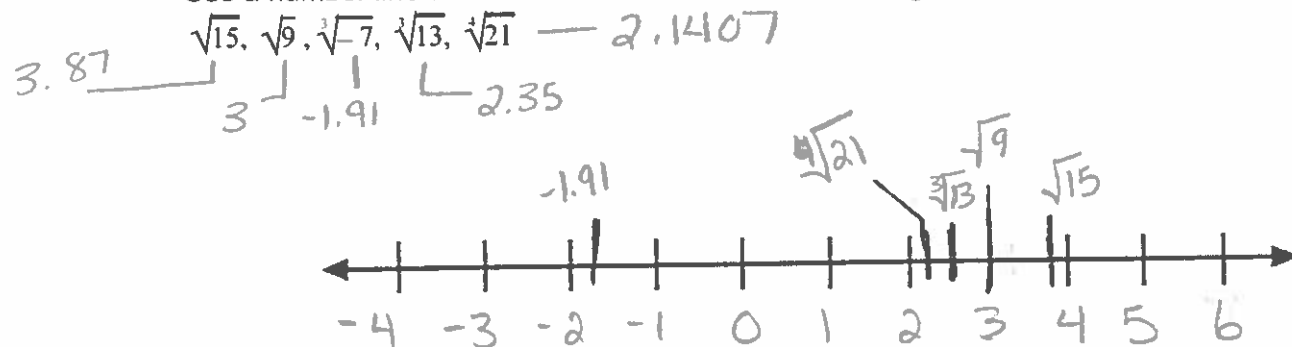
rational

$$(27)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

rational

Example 3:

Use a number line to order these numbers from least to greatest.



Example 4:

Assume the Seabee Mine doubles its daily gold production to 360cm^3 . What is the length of a cube of gold produced in a five-day period? (note the formula for volume, V , of a cube is $V = s^3$).

① 5 day period

$$360\text{cm}^3 \times 5 = 1800\text{cm}^3$$

② $V = s^3$

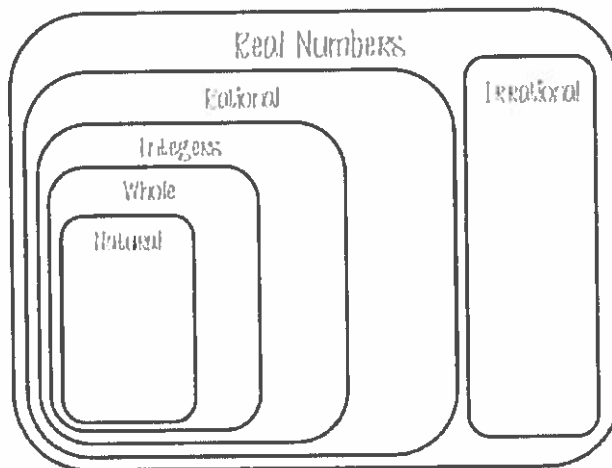
$$\sqrt[3]{1800\text{cm}^3} = \sqrt[3]{5^3}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{1800\text{cm}^3} = 5$$

$$12.1644\text{cm} = s$$

Key Ideas

- Rational Numbers and irrational numbers form the set of real numbers.



- You can order radicals that are irrational numbers using a calculator to produce approximate values.

4.5 Mixed and Entire Radicals

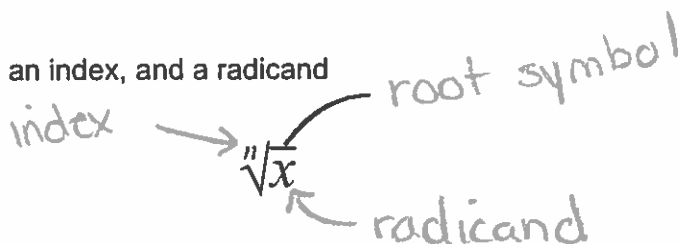
Outcome: 1) Demonstrate an understanding of powers with rational and integral exponents.

2) Demonstrate an understanding of irrational numbers by:

- Representing, identifying, and simplifying irrational numbers
- Ordering irrational numbers

Definitions:

Radical: consists of a root symbol, an index, and a radicand



Radicand: the quantity under the radical sign

Index: indicates what root to take

A power can be expressed as a radical in the form:

$$x^{\frac{m}{n}} = \left(x^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^m = \left(\sqrt[n]{x}\right)^m$$

OR

$$x^{\frac{m}{n}} = \left(x^m\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{x^m}$$

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

Example 1:

Express each power as an equivalent radical.

a) $10^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{10^1} = \sqrt[4]{10}$

b) $1024^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{(1024)^1} = \sqrt[3]{1024}$

c) $(x^4)^{\frac{3}{8}} = \sqrt[8]{(x^4)^3} = \sqrt[8]{x^{4 \times 3}} = \sqrt[8]{x^{12}}$

Example 2:

Express each radical as a power with a rational exponent.

a) $\sqrt[3]{125} = 125^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$b) \sqrt[3]{y^3} = y^{\frac{3}{3}}$$

$$c) \sqrt[3]{27^2} = 27^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Definitions:

Mixed radical: the product of a rational number and a radical.

Example: $2\sqrt{5}$ and $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{7}$

Entire radical: the product of 1 and a radical.

Example: $\sqrt{45}$ and $\sqrt[3]{121}$

Example 3:

Identify whether the radical is a mixed radical or a entire radical.

a) $\sqrt{42}$
entire

b) $4\sqrt[3]{5}$
mixed

c) $3\sqrt{3}$
mixed

Example 4:

Express each mixed radical as an equivalent entire radical.

$$a) 9\sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{(9 \times 9 \times 9) \times 4} = \sqrt[3]{729 \cdot 4} = \sqrt[3]{2916}$$

$$b) 4.2\sqrt{18} = \sqrt{(4.2 \times 4.2) \times 18} = \sqrt{317.52}$$

$$c) \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{10} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}\right) \times 10} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \times 10} = \sqrt{2.5}$$

Example 5:

Express each entire radical as an equivalent mixed radical.

$$\text{a) } \sqrt{40} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 10} = \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{10} = 2\sqrt{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \sqrt{108} &= \sqrt{4 \cdot 27} = \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{27} = 2\sqrt{27} = 2\sqrt{9 \cdot 3} \\ &= 2\sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{3} \\ &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } \sqrt[3]{32} &= \sqrt[3]{32} = \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 4} = \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4} \\ &= 2\sqrt[3]{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 6\sqrt{3}$$

Key Ideas

- Radicals can be expressed as powers with fractional exponents.

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

The index of the radical has the same value as the denominator of the fractional exponent.

$$\sqrt[3]{10} = 10^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \sqrt[3]{7^5} = 7^{\frac{5}{3}}$$

- Radicals can be entire radicals such as $\sqrt{72}$ and $\sqrt[3]{96}$. They can also be mixed radicals such as $6\sqrt{2}$ and $2\sqrt[3]{3}$. You can convert between entire radicals and mixed radicals.

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