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Topic: 7.2 Properties of Rational Exponents- Day 3

Summary:

All of the rules we've used this week also apply when there are variables.

Examples:

1.  $\sqrt[3]{27z^9}$

$$\begin{array}{c} 9^3 \rightarrow \cancel{2} \cancel{7} \cancel{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \cancel{3} \cancel{3} \quad \textcircled{2} \cancel{2} \cancel{2} \\ \textcircled{2} \cancel{2} \cancel{2} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{3z^3}$$

2.  $(16g^4h^2)^{1/2} = \sqrt{16g^4h^2}$

$$\begin{array}{c} 4^4 \rightarrow \textcircled{9} \textcircled{9} \rightarrow \cancel{h} \cancel{h} \\ \textcircled{2} \cancel{2} \textcircled{2} \cancel{2} \quad \textcircled{9} \textcircled{9} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{4g^2h}$$

3.  $\sqrt[5]{\frac{x^5}{y^{10}}}$

$$\boxed{\frac{x}{y^2}}$$

4.  $\sqrt[4]{12d^4e^9f^{14}} =$

$$\begin{array}{c} 4^3 \\ \underline{\underline{2}} \underline{\underline{2}} \underline{\underline{3}} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{de^2f^3\sqrt[4]{12ef^2}}$$

5.  $8\sqrt{x} - 3\sqrt{x}$

$$\boxed{5\sqrt{x}}$$

6.  $2\sqrt[4]{6x^5} + x\sqrt[4]{6x}$

$$2x\sqrt[4]{6x} + x\sqrt[4]{6x}$$

$$\boxed{3x\sqrt[4]{6x}}$$

\*Divide  
inside  
exponent  
by index  
to pull  
out -  
put  
remainders  
under  
radical.

7.  $\sqrt[3]{8r^3s^5t^{10}}$

Handwritten work:  $\sqrt[3]{8r^3s^5t^{10}} \rightarrow \sqrt[3]{2^3 r^3 s^3 s^2 t^9 t}$   
 $\sqrt[3]{2^3 r^3 s^3 s^2 t^9 t} \rightarrow 2rst \sqrt[3]{s^2 t}$

$2rst \sqrt[3]{s^2 t}$

8.  $(625j^8k^4)^{1/4}$

Handwritten work:  $\sqrt[4]{625j^8k^4} \rightarrow \sqrt[4]{5^4 j^8 k^4} \rightarrow 5j^2k$

$5j^2k$

Let's examine the similarity between radicals and fractional exponents.  
In your calculator, find the value of the following...

$\sqrt{4} = \pm 2$

$(4)^{1/2} = \pm 2$

$\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$

$(27)^{1/3} = 3$

$\sqrt[4]{16} = \pm 2$

$(16)^{1/4} = \pm 2$

$\sqrt[5]{1,024} = 4$

$(1,024)^{1/5} = 4$

What is the pattern that you recognize?

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

Examples:

Write each expression in radical form.

9.  $7^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$\sqrt{7}$

10.  $4^{\frac{4}{3}}$

$(\sqrt[3]{4})^4$

11.  $2^{\frac{5}{3}}$   
 $(\sqrt[5]{2})^3$

12.  $7^{\frac{4}{3}}$   
 $(\sqrt[4]{7})^3$

13.  $(5x)^{-\frac{5}{4}}$   
 $\frac{1}{(5x)^{5/4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{(5x)^5}}$   
 $\boxed{\frac{1}{5x \sqrt[4]{5x}}}$

14.  $(5x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $\frac{1}{(5x)^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5x}}$  \*can't leave radical in denominator.  
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5x}}{\sqrt{5x}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{5x}}{5x}}$

Write each expression in exponential form. Then Simplify.

15.  $(\sqrt{10})^3$   
 $10^{\frac{3}{2}}$

16.  $\sqrt[6]{2}$   
 $2^{\frac{1}{6}}$

17.  $(\sqrt[4]{2})^5$   
 $2^{\frac{5}{4}}$

18.  $(\sqrt[4]{5})^5$   
 $5^{\frac{5}{4}}$

19.  $(\sqrt[4]{m})^3$   
 $m^{\frac{3}{4}}$

20.  $(\sqrt[3]{6x})^4$   
 $(6x)^{\frac{4}{3}}$