

**EXERCISE 7(A)**

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**1. Evaluate:**

(i)

$$3^3 \times (243)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times 9^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 3^3 \times (243)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times 9^{\frac{1}{3}} &= 3^3 \times (3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times (3 \times 3)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 3^3 \times (3^5)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times (3^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 3^3 \times 3^{\left(\frac{-10}{3}\right)} \times 3^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad [(a^m)^n = a^{mn}] \\ &= 3^{\frac{9-10-2}{3}} \quad [a^m \times a^n \times a^p = a^{m+n+p}] \\ &= 3^{\frac{9-12}{3}} \\ &= 3^{\frac{9-12}{3}} \\ &= 3^{-3} \\ &= 3^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$5^{-4} \times (125)^{\frac{5}{3}} + (25)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 5^{-4} \times (125)^{\frac{5}{3}} + (25)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 5^{-4} \times (5 \times 5 \times 5)^{\frac{5}{3}} + (5 \times 5)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 5^{-4} \times (5^3)^{\frac{5}{3}} + (5^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 5^{-4} \times \left(5^{3 \times \frac{5}{3}}\right) + \left(5^{2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}\right) \\ &= \frac{5^{-4} \times 5^5}{5^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{5^{5-4}}{5^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{5^1}{5^{-1}} \\ &= 5^{1-(-1)} \\ &= 5^2 \\ &= 5 \times 5 \\ &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\left(\frac{27}{125}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{9}{25}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{27}{125}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{9}{25}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} &= \left(\frac{3 \times 3 \times 3}{5 \times 5 \times 5}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{3 \times 3}{5 \times 5}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^3\right]^{\frac{2}{3}} \times \left[\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2\right]^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{2 \times \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-3} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{2-3} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{3}{5}} \\ &= \frac{5}{3} \end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$7^0 \times (25)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 5^{-3}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 7^0 \times (25)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 5^{-3} &= 7^0 \times (5 \times 5)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 5^{-3} \\ &= 7^0 \times (5^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= 7^0 \times 5^{2 \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)} - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= 7^0 \times 5^{-3} - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= 1 \times 5^{-3} - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{5^3} - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= \frac{1-1}{5 \times 5 \times 5} \\ &= \frac{0}{125} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(v)

$$\left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^{-\frac{3}{4}} \times \left(\frac{49}{9}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \left(\frac{343}{216}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^{-\frac{3}{4}} \times \left(\frac{49}{9}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \left(\frac{343}{216}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}\right)^{-\frac{3}{4}} \times \left(\frac{7 \times 7}{3 \times 3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \left(\frac{7 \times 7 \times 7}{6 \times 6 \times 6}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4\right]^{-\frac{3}{4}} \times \left[\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{3}{2}} + \left[\left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^3\right]^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{4 \times \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)} \times \left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^{2 \times \frac{3}{2}} + \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-3} \times \left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3} \times \left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3}} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{7}{3} + \frac{1}{\frac{7}{6} \times \frac{7}{6}} \\ &= \frac{1 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}{2 \times 2 \times 2} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{7}{3} + \frac{1 \times 6 \times 6}{7 \times 7} \\ &= \frac{7 \times 3 \times 3}{2} \\ &= \frac{63}{2} \\ &= 31.5 \end{aligned}$$

2. Simplify:

(i)

$$\left(8x^3 + 125y^3\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8x^3 + 125y^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} &= \left(\frac{8x^3}{125y^3}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{2x \times 2x \times 2x}{5y \times 5y \times 5y}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \left[\left(\frac{2x}{5y}\right)^3\right]^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{2x}{5y}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{2x}{5y}\right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{2x}{5y} \times \frac{2x}{5y} \\
 &= \frac{4x^2}{25y^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$(a+b)^{-1} \cdot (a^{-1} + b^{-1})$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a+b)^{-1} \cdot (a^{-1} + b^{-1}) &= \frac{1}{(a+b)} \times \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(a+b)} \times \left(\frac{b+a}{ab}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(a+b)} \times \frac{(a+b)}{ab} \\
 &= \frac{1}{ab}
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\frac{5^{n+3} - 6 \times 5^{n+1}}{9 \times 5^n - 5^n \times 2^2}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5^{n+3} - 6 \times 5^{n+1}}{9 \times 5^n - 5^n \times 2^2} &= \frac{5^{n+1} \times 5^2 - 6 \times 5^{n+1}}{9 \times 5^n - 5^n \times 2^2} \\ &= \frac{5^{n+1} \times (5^2 - 6)}{5^n \times (9 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{5^n \times 5^1 \times (25 - 6)}{5^n \times (9 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{5^1 \times 19}{5} \\ &= 19 \end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$(3x^2)^{-3} \times (x^9)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (3x^2)^{-3} \times (x^9)^{\frac{2}{3}} &= \frac{1}{(3x^2)^3} \times x^{9 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3^3 \times 2 \times 3} \times x^6 \\ &= \frac{1}{27 \times 6} \times x^6 \\ &= \frac{1}{27} \end{aligned}$$

3. Evaluate:

(i)

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} + (0.01)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (27)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} + (0.01)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (27)^{\frac{2}{3}} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}} + (0.1 \times 0.1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (3 \times 3 \times 3)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + [(0.1)^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (3^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + (0.1)^{2 \times (-\frac{1}{2})} - 3^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + (0.1)^{-1} - 3^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{0.1} - 9 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{10}{1} - 9 \\
 &= \frac{1 + 20 - 18}{2} \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} \\
 &= 1\frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2} + 5^0$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2} + 5^0 &= \left(\frac{3 \times 3 \times 3}{2 \times 2 \times 2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \left(\frac{1 \times 1}{2 \times 2}\right)^{-2} + 5^0 \\
 &= \left[\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3\right]^{\frac{2}{3}} - \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right]^{-2} + 1 \\
 &= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2 \times (-2)} + 1 \\
 &= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{9}{4} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{9}{4} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{16}} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{9}{4} - 16 + 1 \\
 &= \frac{9 - 64 + 4}{4} \\
 &= \frac{-51}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Simplify each of the following and express with positive index:

(i)

$$\left(\frac{3^{-4}}{2^{-8}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{3^{-4}}{2^{-8}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} &= \left(\frac{2^8}{3^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= \frac{(2^8)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{(3^4)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{2^{8 \times \frac{1}{4}}}{3^{4 \times \frac{1}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{2^2}{3} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\left(\frac{27^{-3}}{9^{-3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{27^{-3}}{9^{-3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} &= \left(\frac{9^3}{27^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \left(\frac{(3^2)^3}{(3^3)^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \left[\frac{(3^2)^3}{(3^3)^3}\right]^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3\right]^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{3 \times \frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3^{\frac{3}{5}}} \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$(32)^{-\frac{2}{5}} + (125)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (32)^{-\frac{2}{5}} + (125)^{-\frac{2}{3}} &= \frac{(32)^{-\frac{2}{5}}}{(125)^{-\frac{2}{3}}} \\ &= \frac{(125)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(32)^{\frac{2}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{(5 \times 5 \times 5)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)^{\frac{2}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{(5^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(2^5)^{\frac{2}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{5^2}{2^2} \\ &= \frac{25}{4} \\ &= 6\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$\left[1 - \left\{1 - (1-n)^{-1}\right\}^{-1}\right]^{-1}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left[1 - \left\{1 - (1-n)^{-1}\right\}^{-1}\right]^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\left[1 - \left\{1 - (1-n)^{-1}\right\}^{-1}\right]^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - (1-n)^{-1}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - n}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\frac{1(1-n)-1}{(1-n)}}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\frac{1-n-1}{(1-n)}}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\frac{-n}{(1-n)}}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{(1-n)}{-n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(1-n)}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{n+(1-n)}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{n+1-n}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{n}{1} \\
 &= n
 \end{aligned}$$

5. If  $2160 = 2^a \cdot 3^b \cdot 5^c$ , find a, b and c. Hence calculate the value of  $3^a \cdot 2^{-b} \cdot 5^{-c}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 2160 &= 2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c \\
 \Rightarrow 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5 &= 2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c \\
 \Rightarrow 2^4 \times 3^3 \times 5^1 &= 2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c \\
 \Rightarrow 2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c &= 2^4 \times 3^3 \times 5^1
 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing powers of 2, 3 and 5 on the both sides of equation, we have  
 $a=4$ ;  $b=3$  and  $c=1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hence value of } 3^a \times 2^{-b} \times 5^{-c} &= 3^4 \times 2^{-3} \times 5^{-1} \\
 &= 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2^3} \times \frac{1}{5} \\
 &= 81 \times \frac{1}{2 \times 2 \times 2} \times \frac{1}{5} \\
 &= 81 \times \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{5} \\
 &= \frac{81}{40} \\
 &= 2\frac{1}{40}
 \end{aligned}$$

6. If  $1960 = 2^a \cdot 3^b \cdot 5^c$ , find a,b and c. Calculate the value of  $2^{-a} \times 7^b \times 5^{-c}$ .

**Solution:**

$$1960 = 2^a \times 5^b \times 7^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 7 = 2^a \times 5^b \times 7^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^3 \times 5^1 \times 7^2 = 2^a \times 5^b \times 7^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^a \times 5^b \times 7^c = 2^3 \times 5^1 \times 7^2$$

Comparing powers of 2,5 and 7 on the both sides of equation, we have

$$a=3; b=1 \text{ and } c=2$$

$$\text{Hence value of } 2^{-a} \times 7^b \times 5^{-c} = 2^{-3} \times 7^1 \times 5^{-2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^3} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{5^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{5 \times 5}$$

$$= \frac{7}{200}$$

7. Simplify:

(i)

$$\frac{8^{3a} \times 2^5 \times 2^{2a}}{4 \times 2^{11a} \times 2^{-2a}}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{3 \times 27^{n+1} + 9 \times 3^{3n-1}}{8 \times 3^{3n} - 5 \times 27^n}$$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{8^{3a} \times 2^5 \times 2^{2a}}{4 \times 2^{11a} \times 2^{-2a}} &= \frac{(2^3)^{3a} \times 2^5 \times 2^{2a}}{2^2 \times 2^{11a} \times 2^{-2a}} \\ &= \frac{2^{3 \times 3a} \times 2^5 \times 2^{2a}}{2^2 \times 2^{11a} \times 2^{-2a}} \\ &= \frac{2^{9a} \times 2^5 \times 2^{2a}}{2^2 \times 2^{11a} \times 2^{-2a}} \\ &= 2^{9a+5+2a-2-11a+2a} \\ &= 2^{2a+3} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3 \times 27^{n+1} + 9 \times 3^{3n-1}}{8 \times 3^{3n} - 5 \times 27^n} &= \frac{3 \times (3 \times 3 \times 3)^{n+1} + 3 \times 3 \times 3^{3n-1}}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3^{3n} - 5 \times (3 \times 3 \times 3)^n} \\
 &= \frac{3 \times (3^3)^{n+1} + 3^2 \times 3^{3n-1}}{2^3 \times 3^{3n} - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
 &= \frac{3 \times 3^{3n+3} + 3^{3n+1}}{2^3 \times (3^3)^n - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
 &= \frac{3^{3n+3+1} + 3^{3n+1}}{2^3 \times (3^3)^n - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
 &= \frac{3^{3n+4} + 3^{3n+1}}{2^3 \times (3^3)^n - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
 &= \frac{3^{3n} \times 3^4 + 3^{3n} \times 3^1}{2^3 \times (3^3)^n - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
 &= \frac{3^{3n} (3^4 + 3^1)}{(3^3)^n (8 - 5)} \\
 &= \frac{3^{3n} (3^4 + 3^1)}{3^{3n} \times 3} \\
 &= \frac{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 + 3}{3} \\
 &= \frac{81 + 3}{3} \\
 &= \frac{84}{3} \\
 &= 28
 \end{aligned}$$

8. Show that:

$$\left(\frac{a^m}{a^{-n}}\right)^{m-n} \times \left(\frac{a^n}{a^{-l}}\right)^{n-l} \times \left(\frac{a^l}{a^{-m}}\right)^{l-m}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{a^m}{a^{-n}}\right)^{m-n} \times \left(\frac{a^n}{a^{-l}}\right)^{n-l} \times \left(\frac{a^l}{a^{-m}}\right)^{l-m} \\
 &= \left(a^m \times a^n\right)^{m-n} \times \left(a^n \times a^l\right)^{n-l} \times \left(a^l \times a^m\right)^{l-m} \\
 &= \left(a^{m+n}\right)^{m-n} \times \left(a^{n+l}\right)^{n-l} \times \left(a^{l+m}\right)^{l-m} \\
 &= a^{m^2-n^2} \times a^{n^2-l^2} \times a^{l^2-m^2} \\
 &= a^{m^2-n^2+n^2-l^2+l^2-m^2} \\
 &= a^0 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

9. If  $a = x^{m+n} \cdot y^l$ ;  $b = x^{n+l} \cdot y^m$  and  $c = x^{l+m} \cdot y^n$ , prove that:  $a^{m-n} \cdot b^{n-l} \cdot c^{l-m} = 1$

**Solution:**

$$a = x^{m+n} \cdot y^l$$

$$b = x^{n+l} \cdot y^m$$

$$c = x^{l+m} \cdot y^n$$

LHS

$$a^{m-n} \cdot b^{n-l} \cdot c^{l-m}$$

$$= (x^{m+n} \cdot y^l)^{m-n} \cdot (x^{n+l} \cdot y^m)^{n-l} \cdot (x^{l+m} \cdot y^n)^{l-m} \text{ [Substituting a,b,c in LHS]}$$

$$= x^{(m+n)(m-n)} \cdot x^{l(m-n)} \cdot x^{(n+l)(n-l)} \cdot x^{m(n-l)} \cdot x^{(l+m)(l-m)} \cdot x^{n(l-m)}$$

$$= x^{m^2-n^2+ml-nl+n^2-l^2+mn-nl+l^2-m^2+nl-mn}$$

$$= x^0$$

$$= 1 = \text{RHS}$$

10. Simplify:

(i)

$$\left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a^2+ab+b^2} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b^2+bc+c^2} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c^2+ca+a^2}$$

(ii)

$$\left(\frac{x^a}{x^{-b}}\right)^{a^2-ab+b^2} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^{-c}}\right)^{b^2-bc+c^2} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^{-a}}\right)^{c^2-ca+a^2}$$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a^2+ab+b^2} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b^2+bc+c^2} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c^2+ca+a^2} \\
 &= \left(x^{a-b}\right)^{a^2+ab+b^2} \times \left(x^{b-c}\right)^{b^2+bc+c^2} \times \left(x^{c-a}\right)^{c^2+ca+a^2} \\
 &= x^{a^3-b^3} \times x^{b^3-c^3} \times x^{c^3-a^3} \\
 &= x^{a^3-b^3+b^3-c^3+c^3-a^3} \\
 &= x^0 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a^2-ab+b^2} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b^2-bc+c^2} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c^2-ca+a^2} \\
 &= \left(x^{a+b}\right)^{a^2-ab+b^2} \times \left(x^{b+c}\right)^{b^2-bc+c^2} \times \left(x^{c+a}\right)^{c^2-ca+a^2} \\
 &= x^{a^3+b^3} \times x^{b^3+c^3} \times x^{c^3+a^3} \\
 &= x^{a^3+b^3+b^3+c^3+c^3+a^3} \\
 &= x^{(a^3+b^3+b^3+c^3+c^3+a^3)} \\
 &= x^{2(a^3+b^3+c^3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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1. Solve for x:

(i)  $2^{2x+1} = 8$

(ii)  $2^{5x-1} = 4 \times 2^{3x+1}$

(iii)  $3^{4x+1} = 27^{(x+1)}$

(iv)  $49^{x+4} = 7^2(343)^{(x+1)}$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$2^{2x+1} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{2x+1} = 2^3$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow 2x+1=3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x=3-1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

(ii)

$$2^{5x-1} = 4 \times 2^{3x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{5x-1} = 2^2 \times 2^{3x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{5x-1} = 2^{3x+1+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{5x-1} = 2^{3x+3}$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow 5x-1=3x+3$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x-3x=3+1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2$$

(iii)

$$3^{4x+1} = 27^{(x+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{4x+1} = (3^3)^{x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{4x+1} = 3^{3x+3}$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow 4x+1=3x+3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x-3x=3-1$$

$$\Rightarrow x=2$$

(iv)

$$49^{x+4} = 7^2(343)^{(x+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (7 \times 7)^{x+4} = 7^2(7 \times 7 \times 7)^{(x+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (7^2)^{x+4} = 7^2(7^3)^{(x+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^{2x+8} = 7^2 \times 7^{3x+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^{2x+8} = 7^{3x+5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^{2x+8} = 7^{3x+5}$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow 2x+8=3x+5$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x-2x=8-5$$

$$\Rightarrow x=3$$

2. Find x, if:

(i)

$$4^{2x} = \frac{1}{32}$$

(ii)

$$\sqrt{2^{x+3}} = 16$$

(iii)

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^{x+1} = \frac{125}{27}$$

(iv)

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^{x-1} = \frac{27}{8}$$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$4^{2x} = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 \times 2)^{2x} = \frac{1}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^2)^{2x} = \frac{1}{2^5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{2 \cdot 2x} = 2^{-5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{4x} = 2^{-5}$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow 4x = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-5}{4}$$

(ii)

$$\sqrt{2^{x+3}} = 16$$

$$(2^{x+3})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{x+3}{2}} = 2^4$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+3}{2} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x+3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 8 - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5$$

(iii)

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^{x+1} = \frac{125}{27}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right]^{x+1} = \frac{5 \times 5 \times 5}{3 \times 3 \times 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{\frac{x+1}{2}} = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{\frac{x+1}{2}} = \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-3}$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{2} = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -6 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -7$$



(iv)

$$\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{x-1} = \frac{27}{8}$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right]^{x-1} = \frac{3^3}{2^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{x-1}{3}} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{x-1}{3}} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-3}$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{3} = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x-1 = -9$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -9+1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -8$$

3. Solve:

(i)

$$4^{x-2} - 2^{x+1} = 0$$

(ii)

$$3^{x^2} : 3^x = 9 : 1$$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$4^{x-2} - 2^{x+1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^{x-2} = 2^{x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^2)^{x-2} = 2^{x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{2x-4} = 2^{x+1}$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 4 = x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - x = 4 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5$$

(ii)

$$3^{x^2} : 3^x = 9 : 1$$

$$\frac{3^{x^2}}{3^x} = \frac{9}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{x^2} = 9 \times 3^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{x^2} = 3^2 \times 3^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{x^2} = 3^{x+2}$$

We know that if bases are equal, the powers are equal

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = x + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 2) + 1(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 1 = 0 \text{ or } x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } x = 2$$

4. Solve:

(i)  $8 \times 2^{2x} + 4 \times 2^{x+1} = 1 + 2^x$

(ii)  $2^{2x} + 2^{x+2} - 4 \times 2^3 = 0$

(iii)  $(\sqrt{3})^{x-3} = (\sqrt[4]{3})^{x+1}$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$8 \times 2^{2x} + 4 \times 2^{x+1} = 1 + 2^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \times (2^x)^2 + 4 \times 2^x \times 2^1 = 1 + 2^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \times (2^x)^2 + 4 \times (2^x) \times 2^1 - 1 - 2^x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \times (2^x)^2 + (2^x) \times (8 - 1) - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \times (2^x)^2 + 7(2^x) - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8y^2 + 7y - 1 = 0 \quad [y = 2^x]$$

$$\Rightarrow 8y^2 + 8y - y - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8y(y + 1) - 1(y + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (8y - 1)(y + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8y = 1 \text{ or } y = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{8} \text{ or } y = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^x = \frac{1}{8} \text{ or } 2^x = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^x = \frac{1}{2^3} \text{ or } 2^x = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^x = 2^{-3} \text{ or } 2^x = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -3$$

[ $\therefore 2^x = -1$  is not possible]

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^{2x} + 2^{x+2} - 4 \times 2^3 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow (2^x)^2 + 2^x \cdot 2^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow (2^x)^2 + 2^x \cdot 2^2 - 32 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow y^2 + 4y - 32 &= 0 \quad [y = 2^x] \\
 \Rightarrow y^2 + 8y - 4y - 32 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow y(y+8) - 4(y+8) &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow (y+8)(y-4) &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow y+8 = 0 \text{ or } y-4 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow y = -8 \text{ or } y = 4 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^x = -8 \text{ or } 2^x = 4 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^x = 2^2 \quad [ \because 2^x = -8 \text{ is not possible} ] \\
 \Rightarrow x = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\sqrt{3})^{x-3} &= (4\sqrt{3})^{x+1} \\
 \Rightarrow \left(3^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{x-3} &= \left(3^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^{x+1} \\
 \Rightarrow 3^{\frac{x-3}{2}} &= 3^{\frac{x+1}{4}} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{2} &= \frac{x+1}{4} \\
 \Rightarrow 4(x-3) &= 2(x+1) \\
 \Rightarrow 4x - 12 &= 2x + 2 \\
 \Rightarrow 4x - 2x &= 12 + 2 \\
 \Rightarrow 2x &= 14 \\
 \Rightarrow x &= \frac{14}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow x &= 7
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Find the values of m and n if:

$$4^{2m} = \left(\sqrt[3]{16}\right)^{-\frac{6}{n}} = (\sqrt{8})^2$$

**Solution:**

$$4^{2m} = (\sqrt[3]{16})^{-\frac{6}{n}} = (\sqrt{8})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^{2m} = (\sqrt{8})^2 \dots (1)$$

and

$$(\sqrt[3]{16})^{-\frac{6}{n}} = (\sqrt{8})^2 \dots (2)$$

From (1)

$$4^{2m} = (\sqrt{8})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^2)^{2m} = (\sqrt{2^3})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{4m} = \left[ (2^3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{4m} = \left[ 2^{3 \times \frac{1}{2}} \right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{4m} = 2^{3 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{4m} = 2^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4m = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{3}{4}$$

From (2), we have

$$(\sqrt[3]{16})^{-\frac{6}{n}} = (\sqrt{8})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt[3]{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2})^{-\frac{6}{n}} = (\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 2})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt[3]{2^4})^{-\frac{6}{n}} = (\sqrt{2^3})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ (2^4)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right]^{-\frac{6}{n}} = \left[ (2^3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ 2^{\frac{4}{3}} \right]^{-\frac{6}{n}} = \left[ 2^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{4}{3} \times \left( -\frac{6}{n} \right)} = 2^{\frac{3}{2} \times 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\left( -\frac{8}{n} \right)} = 2^3$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{8}{n} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{-8}{3} \quad \text{Thus } m = \frac{3}{4} \quad n = \frac{-8}{3}$$

6. Solve for x and y, if:

$$(\sqrt{32})^x + 2^{y+1} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 8^y - 16^{4-\frac{x}{2}} = 0$$

**Solution:**

Consider the equation

$$(\sqrt{32})^x + 2^{y+1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2})^x + 2^{y+1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2^5})^x + 2^{y+1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ (2^5)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^x + 2^{y+1} = 2^0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{5x}{2}} + 2^{y+1} = 2^0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5x}{2} - (y + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x - 2(y + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x - 2y - 2 = 0 \dots (1)$$

Now consider the other equation

$$8^y - 16^{4-\frac{x}{2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^3)^y - (2^4)^{4-\frac{x}{2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{3y} - 2^{4\left(4-\frac{x}{2}\right)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{3y} = 2^{4\left(4-\frac{x}{2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y = 4\left(4 - \frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y = 16 - 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3y = 16 \dots (2)$$

Thus we have two equations,

$$5x - 2y = 2 \dots\dots(1)$$

$$2x + 3y = 16\dots\dots(2)$$

Multiplying (1) by 3 and (2) by 2, we have

$$15x - 6y = 6\dots\dots(3)$$

$$4x + 6y = 32\dots\dots(4)$$

Adding (3) and (4), we have

$$19x = 38$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2$$

Substituting the value of x in equation (1), we have,

$$5(2) - 2y = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 - 2y = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y = 10 - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{8}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4$$

Thus the values of x and y are:

$$x = 2 \text{ and } y = 4$$

7. Prove that:

(i)

$$\left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a+b-c} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b+c-a} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c+a-b} = 1$$

(ii)

$$\frac{x^{a(b-c)}}{x^{b(a-c)}} \div \left(\frac{x^b}{x^a}\right)^c = 1$$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S.} &= \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a+b-c} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b+c-a} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c+a-b} \\
 &= \left(x^{a-b}\right)^{(a+b-c)} \times \left(x^{b-c}\right)^{(b+c-a)} \times \left(x^{c-a}\right)^{(c+a-b)} \\
 &= x^{(a-b)(a+b-c)} \times x^{(b-c)(b+c-a)} \times x^{(c-a)(c+a-b)} \\
 &= x^{a^2+ab-ac-ab-b^2+bc} \times x^{b^2+bc-ab-cb-c^2+ac} \times x^{c^2+ac-bc-ac-a^2+ab} \\
 &= x^{a^2-ac-b^2+bc+b^2-ab-c^2+ac+c^2-bc-a^2+ab} \\
 &= x^0 \\
 &= 1 \\
 &= \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

We need to prove that

$$\frac{x^{a(b-c)}}{x^{b(a-c)}} + \left(\frac{x^b}{x^a}\right)^c = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S.} &= x^{a(b-c)-b(a-c)} + \frac{x^{bc}}{x^{ac}} \\
 \Rightarrow &= x^{ab-ac-ab+bc} + x^{bc-ac} \\
 \Rightarrow &= x^{ab-ac-ab+bc-(bc-ac)} \\
 \Rightarrow &= x^{ab-ac-ab+bc-bc+ac} \\
 \Rightarrow &= x^0 \\
 \Rightarrow &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow &= \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

8. If  $a^x=b$ ,  $b^y=c$  and  $c^z=a$ , prove that  $xyz=1$ .

**Solution:**

We are given that

$$a^x = b, b^y = c \text{ and } c^z = a$$

Consider the equation

$$a^x = b$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{xyz} = b^{yz} \quad [\text{raising to the power } yz \text{ on both sides}]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{xyz} = (b^y)^z$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{xyz} = (c)^z \quad [:\cdot b^y = c]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{xyz} = c^z$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{xyz} = a \quad [:\cdot c^z = a]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{xyz} = a^1$$

$$\Rightarrow xyz = 1$$

9. If  $a^x = b^y = c^z$  and  $b^2 = ac$ , prove that:

$$y = \frac{2xz}{z+x}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } a^x = b^y = c^z = k$$

$$\therefore a = k^{\frac{1}{x}}; b = k^{\frac{1}{y}}; c = k^{\frac{1}{z}}$$

$$\text{Also, we have } b^2 = ac$$

$$\therefore \left(k^{\frac{1}{y}}\right)^2 = \left(k^{\frac{1}{x}}\right) \times \left(k^{\frac{1}{z}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow k^{\frac{2}{y}} = k^{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z}}$$

$$\Rightarrow k^{\frac{2}{y}} = k^{\frac{z+x}{xz}}$$

Comparing the powers we have

$$\frac{2}{y} = \frac{z+x}{xz}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2xz}{z+x}$$

10. If  $5^{-p} = 4^{-q} = 20^r$ ; show that:

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } 5^{-p} = 4^{-q} = 20^r = k$$

$$5^{-p} = k \Rightarrow 5 = k^{-\frac{1}{p}} [\therefore a^p = b^q \Rightarrow a = b^{\frac{q}{p}}]$$

$$4^{-q} = k \Rightarrow 4 = k^{-\frac{1}{q}} [\therefore a^p = b^q \Rightarrow a = b^{\frac{q}{p}}]$$

$$20^r = k \Rightarrow 20 = k^{\frac{1}{r}} [\therefore a^p = b^q \Rightarrow a = b^{\frac{q}{p}}]$$

$$5 \times 4 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow k^{-\frac{1}{p}} \times k^{-\frac{1}{q}} = k^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

$$\Rightarrow k^{-\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} = k^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

$$\Rightarrow k^0 = k^{\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 0 \text{ [If bases are equal, powers are also equal]}$$



11. If  $m \neq n$  and  $(m+n)^{-1}(m^{-1}+n^{-1})=m^x n^y$ ;  
Show that:  $x+y+2=0$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}(m+n)^{-1}(m^{-1}+n^{-1}) &= m^x n^y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(m+n)} \times \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right) &= m^x n^y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(m+n)} \times \left(\frac{m+n}{mn}\right) &= m^x n^y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{mn} &= m^x n^y \\ \Rightarrow m^{-1}n^{-1} &= m^x n^y\end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $x$  and  $y$ , we get  
 $x = -1$  and  $y = -1$

LHS,

$$x + y + 2 = (-1) + (-1) + 2 = 0 = \text{RHS}$$

12. If  $5^{x+1}=25^{x-2}$ ; find the value of:  
 $3^{x-3} \times 2^{3-x}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}5^{x+1} &= 25^{x-2} \\ \Rightarrow 5^{x+1} &= (5^2)^{x-2} \\ \Rightarrow 5^{x+1} &= 5^{2x-4} \quad [\text{If bases are equal, powers are also equal}] \\ \Rightarrow x + 1 &= 2x - 4 \\ \Rightarrow 2x - x &= 4 + 1 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 5\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 3^{x-3} \times 2^{3-x} = 3^{5-3} \times 2^{3-5} = 3^2 \times 2^{-2} = 9 \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{9}{4}$$

13. If  $4^{x+3}=112+8x4^x$ ; find  $(18x)^{3x}$

**Solution:**

$$4^{x+3} = 112 + 8 \times 4^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^x \times 4^3 = 112 + 8 \times 4^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 64 \times 4^x = 112 + 8 \times 4^x$$

$$\text{Let } 4^x = y$$

$$64y = 112 + 8y$$

$$\Rightarrow 56y = 112$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2$$

Substituting we get,

$$4^x = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{2x} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(18x)^{3x} = \left(\frac{18}{2}\right)^{3 \times \frac{1}{2}} = 9^{3 \times \frac{1}{2}} = \left(9^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^3 = 3^3 = 27$$

14. Solve for x:

(i)

$$4^{x-1} \times (0.5)^{3-2x} = \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{-x}$$

(ii)

$$a^{2(3x+5)} \times a^{4x} = a^{8x+12}$$

(iii)

$$\left(81\right)^{\frac{3}{4}} - \left(\frac{1}{32}\right)^{-\frac{2}{5}} + x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} \cdot 2^0 = 27$$

(iv)

$$2^{3x} \times 2^3 = 2^{3x} \times 2 + 48$$

(v)

$$3 \times 2^x + 3 - 2^x \times 2^2 + 5 = 0$$

(vi)

$$9^{x+2} = 720 + 9^x$$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
 4^{x-1} \times (0.5)^{3-2x} &= \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{-x} \\
 \Rightarrow (2^2)^{x-1} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{3-2x} &= \left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right)^{-x} \\
 \Rightarrow 2^{2x-2} \times 2^{-(3-2x)} &= (2^{-3})^{-x} \\
 \Rightarrow 2^{2x-2-3+2x} &= 2^{3x} \\
 \Rightarrow 2^{4x-5} &= 2^{3x} \\
 \Rightarrow 4x - 5 &= 3x \\
 \Rightarrow 4x - 3x &= 5 \\
 \Rightarrow x &= 5
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^{2(3x+5)} \times a^{4x} &= a^{8x+12} \\
 \Rightarrow a^{6x+10+4x} &= a^{8x+12} \\
 \Rightarrow 10x + 10 &= 8x + 12 \text{ [If bases are the same, powers are also same]} \\
 \Rightarrow 2x &= 2 \\
 \Rightarrow x &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (81)^{\frac{3}{4}} - \left(\frac{1}{32}\right)^{-\frac{2}{5}} + x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} \cdot 2^0 &= 27 \\
 \Rightarrow 3^{4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}} - (2^{-5})^{-\frac{2}{5}} + x(2) &= 27 \\
 \Rightarrow 3^3 - 2^2 + 2x &= 27 \\
 \Rightarrow 2x + 27 - 4 &= 27 \\
 \Rightarrow 2x &= 4 \\
 \Rightarrow x &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^{3x} \times 2^3 &= 2^{3x} \times 2 + 48 \\
 \Rightarrow 8 \times 2^{3x} &= 2^{3x} \times 2 + 48 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^{3x} (8 - 2) &= 48 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^{3x} \times 6 &= 48 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^{3x} &= 8 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^{3x} &= 2^3 \\
 \Rightarrow 3x &= 3 \\
 \Rightarrow x &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(v)

$$\begin{aligned}3 \times 2^x + 3 - 2^x \times 2^2 + 5 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2^x (3 - 4) + 8 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow -2^x &= -8 \\ \Rightarrow 2^x &= 8 \\ x &= 3\end{aligned}$$

(vi)

$$\begin{aligned}9^{x+2} &= 720 + 9^x \\ \Rightarrow 9^{x+2} - 9^x &= 720 \\ \Rightarrow 9^x (9^2 - 1) &= 720 \\ \Rightarrow 9^x (81 - 1) &= 720 \\ \Rightarrow 9^x (80) &= 720 \\ \Rightarrow 9^x &= 9 \\ \Rightarrow 9^x &= 9^1 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 1\end{aligned}$$

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1. Evaluate:

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad & 9^{\frac{5}{2}} - 3 \times 8^{\circ} - \left(\frac{1}{81}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & = (3^2)^{\frac{5}{2}} - 3 \times 1 - \left(\frac{1}{3^4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & = 3^{2 \times \frac{5}{2}} - 3 - 3^{-4 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \\
 & = 3^5 - 3 - 3^2 \\
 & = 243 - 3 - 9 \\
 & = 231
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad & (64)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \sqrt[3]{125} - \frac{1}{2^{-5}} + (27)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{25}{9}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & = (4^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \sqrt[3]{5^3} - 2^5 + (3^3)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{5^2}{3^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & = 4^2 - 5 - 2^5 + 3^{-2} \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{2 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \\
 & = 16 - 5 - 32 + \frac{1}{3^2} \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{-1} \\
 & = -21 + \frac{1}{9} \times \frac{3}{5} \\
 & = -21 + \frac{1}{15} \\
 & = \frac{-315 + 1}{15} \\
 & = \frac{-314}{15} \\
 & = -20\frac{14}{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iii)} \quad & \left[ \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-2} \right]^3 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-4} \times 3^{-1} \times \frac{1}{6} \\
 & = \left[ \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \right]^3 \times (3)^4 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3 \times 2} \\
 & = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^6 \times (3)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \\
 & = \frac{3^{6+2}}{2^{6+1}} \\
 & = \frac{3^8}{2^7}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Simplify:

$$\frac{3 \times 9^{n+1} - 9 \times 3^{2n}}{3 \times 3^{2n+3} - 9^{n+1}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3 \times 9^{n+1} - 9 \times 3^{2n}}{3 \times 3^{2n+3} - 9^{n+1}} \\ &= \frac{3 \times (3^2)^{n+1} - 3^2 \times 3^{2n}}{3 \times 3^{2n+3} - (3^2)^{n+1}} \\ &= \frac{3^{1+2n+2} - 3^{2+2n}}{3^{1+2n+3} - 3^{2n+2}} \\ &= \frac{3^{3+2n} - 3^{2+2n}}{3^{4+2n} - 3^{2n+2}} \\ &= \frac{3^{2n}(3^3 - 3^2)}{3^{2n}(3^4 - 3^2)} \\ &= \frac{27 - 9}{81 - 9} \\ &= \frac{18}{72} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

3. Solve:

$$3^{x-1} \times 5^{2y-3} = 225$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & 3^{x-1} \times 5^{2y-3} = 225 \\ & \Rightarrow 3^{x-1} \times 5^{2y-3} = 3^2 \times 5^2 \\ & \Rightarrow x-1 = 2 \text{ and } 2y-3 = 2 \\ & \Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ and } 2y = 5 \\ & \Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ and } y = \frac{5}{2} \\ & \Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ and } y = 2\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

4. If

$$\left(\frac{a^{-1}b^2}{a^2b^{-4}}\right)^7 \div \left(\frac{a^3b^{-5}}{a^{-2}b^3}\right)^{-5} = a^x \cdot b^y, \text{ find } x+y.$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a^{-1}b^2}{a^2b^{-4}}\right)^7 \div \left(\frac{a^3b^{-5}}{a^{-2}b^3}\right)^{-5} &= a^x \cdot b^y \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{b^6}{a^3}\right)^7 \div \left(\frac{a^5}{b^8}\right)^{-5} &= a^x \cdot b^y \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{b^6}{a^3}\right)^7 \div \left(\frac{b^8}{a^5}\right)^5 &= a^x \cdot b^y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{b^{42}}{a^{21}} \div \frac{b^{40}}{a^{25}} &= a^x \cdot b^y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{b^{42}}{a^{21}} \times \frac{a^{25}}{b^{40}} &= a^x \cdot b^y \\ \Rightarrow b^2 \times a^4 &= a^x \times b^y \\ \Rightarrow x = 4 \text{ and } y = 2 \\ \Rightarrow x + y &= 4 + 2 = 6 \end{aligned}$$

5. If  $3^{x+1} = 9^{x-3}$ , find the value of  $2^{1+x}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 3^{x+1} &= 9^{x-3} \\ \Rightarrow 3^x \times 3 &= (3^2)^{x-3} \\ \Rightarrow 3^x \times 3 &= 3^{2x-6} \\ \Rightarrow 3^x \times 3 &= \frac{3^{2x}}{3^6} \\ \Rightarrow 3^6 \times 3 &= \frac{3^{2x}}{3^x} \\ \Rightarrow 3^7 &= 3^x \\ \Rightarrow x &= 7 \\ \Rightarrow 2^{1+x} &= 2^{1+7} = 2^8 = 256 \end{aligned}$$

6. If  $2^x = 4^y = 8^z$  and  $\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{4y} + \frac{1}{8z} = 4$ , find the value of x.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^x &= 4^y = 8^z \\
 \Rightarrow 2^x &= 2^{2y} = 2^{3z} \\
 \Rightarrow x &= 2y = 3z \\
 \Rightarrow y &= \frac{x}{2} \text{ and } z = \frac{x}{3} \\
 \text{Now, } \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{4y} + \frac{1}{8z} &= 4 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot \frac{x}{2}} + \frac{1}{8 \cdot \frac{x}{3}} &= 4 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{3}{8x} &= 4 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{3}{8x} &= 4 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{4+4+3}{8x} &= 4 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{11}{8x} &= 4 \\
 \Rightarrow x &= \frac{11}{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

7. If

$$\frac{9^n \cdot 3^2 \cdot 3^n - (27)^n}{(3^m \cdot 2)^3} = 3^{-3}$$

Show that:  $m-n=1$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{9^n \cdot 3^2 \cdot 3^n - (27)^n}{(3^m \cdot 2)^3} &= 3^{-3} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{3^{2n} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 3^n - 3^{3n}}{3^{3m} \cdot 2^3} &= \frac{1}{3^3} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{3^{3n} \cdot 3^2 - 3^{3n}}{3^{3m} \cdot 2^3} &= \frac{1}{3^3} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{3^{3n} (3^2 - 1)}{3^{3m} \times 8} &= \frac{1}{3^3} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{3^{3n} \times 8}{3^{3m} \times 8} &= \frac{1}{3^3} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3^{3(m-n)}} &= \frac{1}{3^{3 \times 1}} \\
 \Rightarrow m - n &= 1 \quad (\text{proved})
 \end{aligned}$$



8. Solve for x:

$$(13)^{\sqrt{x}} = 4^4 - 3^4 - 6$$

**Solution:**

$$(13)^{\sqrt{x}} = 4^4 - 3^4 - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow (13)^{\sqrt{x}} = 256 - 81 - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow (13)^{\sqrt{x}} = 169$$

$$\Rightarrow (13)^{\sqrt{x}} = 13^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4$$

9. If  $3^{4x} = (81)^{-1}$  and  $(10)^{\frac{1}{y}} = 0.0001$  find the value of:  
 $2^{-x} \times 16^y$ .

**Solution:**

$$3^{4x} = (81)^{-1} \text{ and } (10)^{\frac{1}{y}} = 0.0001$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{4x} = (3^4)^{-1} \text{ and } (10)^{\frac{1}{y}} = \frac{1}{10000}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{4x} = 3^{-4} \text{ and } (10)^{\frac{1}{y}} = \frac{1}{10^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = -4 \text{ and } (10)^{\frac{1}{y}} = 10^{-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ and } \frac{1}{y} = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ and } y = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore 2^{-x} \times 16^y = 2^{-(-1)} \times 16^{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= 2 \times 2^{4 \times \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)}$$

$$= 2 \times 2^{-1}$$

$$= 2^{1-1}$$

$$= 2^0$$

$$= 1$$

10. Solve:

$$3(2^x + 1) - 2^{x+2} + 5 = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 3(2^x + 1) - 2^{x+2} + 5 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow 3 \times 2^x + 3 - 2^x \times 2^2 + 5 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^x(3 - 2^2) + 8 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^x(3 - 4) &= -8 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^x \times (-1) &= -8 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^x &= 8 \\
 \Rightarrow 2^x &= 2^3 \\
 \Rightarrow x &= 3
 \end{aligned}$$

11. If  $(a^m)^n = a^m \cdot a^n$ , find the value of:  
 $m(n-1) - (n-1)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a^m)^n &= a^m \cdot a^n \\
 \Rightarrow a^{mn} &= a^{m+n} \\
 \Rightarrow mn &= m+n \quad \dots(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(n-1) - (n-1) \\
 &= mn - m - n + 1 \\
 &= m+n - m - n + 1 \quad \dots[\text{From (1)}] \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

12. If  $m = \sqrt[3]{15}$  and  $n = \sqrt[3]{14}$ , find the value of  $m - n - \frac{1}{m^2 + mn + n^2}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 m &= \sqrt[3]{15} \text{ and } n = \sqrt[3]{14} \\
 \Rightarrow m^3 &= 15 \text{ and } n^3 = 14
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore m - n - \frac{1}{m^2 + mn + n^2} &= \frac{(m^3 + m^2n + mn^2) - (m^2n + mn^2 + n^3) - 1}{m^2 + mn + n^2} \\
 &= \frac{m^3 + m^2n + mn^2 - m^2n - mn^2 - n^3 - 1}{m^2 + mn + n^2} \\
 &= \frac{m^3 - n^3 - 1}{m^2 + mn + n^2} \\
 &= \frac{15 - 14 - 1}{m^2 + mn + n^2} \\
 &= \frac{1 - 1}{m^2 + mn + n^2} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

13. Evaluate:

$$\frac{2^n \times 6^{m+1} \times 10^{m-n} \times 15^{m+n-2}}{4^m \times 3^{2m+n} \times 25^{m-1}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2^n \times 6^{m+1} \times 10^{m-n} \times 15^{m+n-2}}{4^m \times 3^{2m+n} \times 25^{m-1}} \\ &= \frac{2^n \times 6^m \times 6 \times 10^m \times 10^{-n} \times 15^m \times 15^n \times 15^{-2}}{4^m \times (3^2)^m \times 3^n \times 25^m \times 25^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{\left(2 \times \frac{1}{10} \times 15\right)^n \times (6 \times 10 \times 15)^m \times 6 \times \frac{1}{15^2}}{3^n \times (4 \times 3^2 \times 25)^m \times \frac{1}{25}} \\ &= \frac{3^n \times 900^m \times \frac{6}{225}}{3^n \times 900^m \times \frac{1}{25}} \\ &= \frac{6}{225} \times \frac{25}{1} \\ &= \frac{6}{9} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

14. Evaluate:

$$\left(\frac{x^q}{x^1}\right)^{\frac{1}{q^1}} \times \left(\frac{x^1}{x^p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p^1}} \times \left(\frac{x^p}{x^q}\right)^{\frac{1}{pq}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{x^q}{x^1}\right)^{\frac{1}{q^1}} \times \left(\frac{x^1}{x^p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p^1}} \times \left(\frac{x^p}{x^q}\right)^{\frac{1}{pq}} \\ &= \left(\frac{x^{q \times \frac{1}{q^1}}}{x^{\frac{1 \times 1}{q^1}}}\right) \times \left(\frac{x^{\frac{1 \times 1}{p^1}}}{x^{\frac{p \times 1}{p^1}}}\right) \times \left(\frac{x^{\frac{p \times 1}{pq}}}{x^{\frac{q \times 1}{pq}}}\right) \\ &= \frac{x^{\frac{1}{1}}}{x^{\frac{1}{1}}} \times \frac{x^{\frac{1}{1}}}{x^{\frac{1}{1}}} \times \frac{x^{\frac{1}{1}}}{x^{\frac{1}{1}}} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

15. Prove that:

(i)

$$\frac{a^{-1}}{a^{-1} + b^{-1}} + \frac{a^{-1}}{a^{-1} - b^{-1}} = \frac{2b^2}{b^2 - a^2}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{a+b+c}{a^{-1}b^{-1} + b^{-1}c^{-1} + c^{-1}a^{-1}} = abc$$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= \frac{a^{-1}}{a^{-1} + b^{-1}} + \frac{a^{-1}}{a^{-1} - b^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}} + \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{\frac{b+a}{ab}} + \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{\frac{b-a}{ab}} \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \times \frac{ab}{b+a} + \frac{1}{a} \times \frac{ab}{b-a} \\ &= \frac{b}{b+a} + \frac{b}{b-a} \\ &= \frac{b^2 - ab + b^2 + ab}{b^2 - a^2} \\ &= \frac{2b^2}{b^2 - a^2} \\ &= \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= \frac{a+b+c}{a^{-1}b^{-1} + b^{-1}c^{-1} + c^{-1}a^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{a+b+c}{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} \\ &= \frac{a+b+c}{\frac{c+a+b}{abc}} \\ &= \frac{(a+b+c)(abc)}{(a+b+c)} \\ &= abc \\ &= \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

16. Evaluate:

$$\frac{4}{(216)^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{1}{(256)^{\frac{3}{4}}} + \frac{2}{(243)^{\frac{1}{5}}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4}{(216)^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{1}{(256)^{\frac{3}{4}}} + \frac{2}{(243)^{\frac{1}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{4}{(6^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{1}{(4^4)^{\frac{3}{4}}} + \frac{2}{(3^5)^{\frac{1}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{4}{6^{-2}} + \frac{1}{4^3} + \frac{2}{3^1} \\ &= 4 \times 6^2 + 1 \times 4^3 + 2 \times 3 \\ &= 4 \times 36 + 1 \times 64 + 6 \\ &= 144 + 64 + 6 \\ &= 214 \end{aligned}$$