

Exercise 2.1

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Question 1: Simplify the following

(i) $3(a^4 b^3)^{10} \times 5 (a^2 b^2)^3$

(ii) $(2x^{-2} y^3)^3$

(iii) $\frac{(4 \times 10^7) (6 \times 10^{-5})}{8 \times 10^4}$

(iv) $\frac{4ab^2 (-5ab^3)}{10a^2b^2}$

(v) $\left(\frac{x^2 y^2}{a^2 b^3}\right)^n$

(vi) $\frac{(a^{3n-9})^6}{a^{2n-4}}$

Solution:

Using laws: $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$, $a^0 = 1$, $a^{-m} = 1/a$ and $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

(i) $3(a^4 b^3)^{10} \times 5 (a^2 b^2)^3$

On simplifying the given equation, we get;

$$= 3(a^{40} b^{30}) \times 5 (a^6 b^6)$$

$$= 15 (a^{46} b^{36})$$

[using laws: $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$ and $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$]

(ii) $(2x^{-2} y^3)^3$

On simplifying the given equation, we get;

$$= (2^3 x^{-2 \times 3} y^{3 \times 3})$$

$$= 8 x^{-6} y^9$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(4 \times 10^7)(6 \times 10^{-5})}{8 \times 10^4} \\ &= \frac{(24 \times 10^7 \times 10^{-5})}{8 \times 10^4} \\ &= \frac{(24 \times 10^{7-5})}{8 \times 10^4} \\ &= \frac{(24 \times 10^2)}{8 \times 10^4} \\ &= \frac{(3 \times 10^2)}{10^4} \\ &= \frac{3}{100} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad \frac{4ab^2(-5ab^3)}{10a^2b^2} &= \frac{4 \times (-5)}{10} \times a^{1+1-2} b^{2+3-2} \\ &= -2 \times a^0 b^3 \\ &= -2b^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad \left(\frac{x^2 y^2}{a^2 b^3} \right)^n \\ &= \frac{x^{2n} \times y^{2n}}{a^{2n} b^{3n}} = \frac{x^{2n} \times y^{2n}}{a^{2n} b^{3n}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(vi)} \quad \frac{(a^{3n-9})^6}{a^{2n-4}} &= \frac{a^{(3n-9)6}}{a^{2n-4}} \\ &= \frac{a^{18n-54}}{a^{2n-4}} \\ &= a^{18n-54-2n+4} = a^{16n-50} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2: If $a = 3$ and $b = -2$, find the values of:

(i) $a^a + b^b$

(ii) $a^b + b^a$

(iii) $(a+b)^{ab}$

Solution:

(i) $a^a + b^b$

Now putting the values of 'a' and 'b', we get;

$$= 3^3 + (-2)^{-2}$$

$$= 3^3 + (-1/2)^2$$

$$= 27 + 1/4$$

$$= 109/4$$

(ii) $a^b + b^a$

Now putting the values of 'a' and 'b', we get;

$$= 3^{-2} + (-2)^3$$

$$= (1/3)^2 + (-2)^3$$

$$= 1/9 - 8$$

$$= -71/9$$

(iii) $(a+b)^{ab}$

Now putting the values of 'a' and 'b', we get;

$$= (3 + (-2))^{3(-2)}$$

$$= (3-2)^{-6}$$

$$= 1^{-6}$$

$$= 1$$

Question 3: Prove that

$$(i) \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a^2+ab+b^2} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b^2+bc+c^2} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c^2+ca+a^2} = 1$$

$$(ii) \left(\frac{x^a}{x^{-b}}\right)^{a^2-ab+b^2} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^{-c}}\right)^{b^2-bc+c^2} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^{-a}}\right)^{c^2-ca+a^2} = 1$$

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

Solution:

(i) L.H.S. =

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

= R.H.S.

(ii) We have to prove here;

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

L.H.S. =

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

=R.H.S.

(iii) L.H.S. =

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

Question 4: Prove that

$$(i) \frac{1}{1+x^{a-b}} + \frac{1}{1+x^{b-a}} = 1$$

$$(ii) \frac{1}{1+x^{b-a}+x^{c-a}} + \frac{1}{1+x^{a-b}+x^{c-b}} + \frac{1}{1+x^{b-c}+x^{a-c}}$$

Solution:

(i) L.H.S

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{1+\frac{x^a}{x^b}} + \frac{1}{1+\frac{x^b}{x^a}} \\
 &= \frac{x^b}{x^b+x^a} + \frac{x^a}{x^a+x^b} \\
 &= \frac{x^b+x^a}{x^a+x^b} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

= R.H.S.

(ii) L.H.S

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x^b}{x^a} + \frac{x^c}{x^a}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x^a}{x^b} + \frac{x^c}{x^b}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x^b}{x^c} + \frac{x^a}{x^c}} \\
 &= \frac{x^a}{x^a + x^b + x^c} + \frac{x^b}{x^b + x^a + x^c} + \frac{x^c}{x^c + x^b + x^a} \\
 &= \frac{x^a + x^b + x^c}{x^a + x^b + x^c} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

= R.H.S.

Question 5: Prove that

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

$$ii) (a^{-1} + b^{-1})^{-1} = \frac{ab}{a+b}$$

Solution:

(i) L.H.S.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{a+b+c}{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} \\
 &= \frac{a+b+c}{\frac{a+b+c}{abc}} \\
 &= abc
 \end{aligned}$$

= R.H.S.

(ii)

L.H.S.

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

$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{a+b}{ab}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{ab}{a+b}$$

= R.H.S.

Question 6: If $abc = 1$, show that

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{1+a+\frac{1}{b}} + \frac{1}{1+b+\frac{1}{c}} + \frac{1}{1+c+\frac{1}{a}} \\ &= \frac{b}{b+ab+1} + \frac{c}{c+bc+1} + \frac{a}{a+ac+1} \dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

Given, $abc = 1$

So, $c = 1/ab$

By putting the value c in equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{b}{b+ab+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{ab}}{\frac{1}{ab} + b(\frac{1}{ab}) + 1} + \frac{a}{a + a(\frac{1}{ab}) + 1} \\ &= \frac{b}{b+ab+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{ab} \times ab}{1+b+ab} + \frac{ab}{1+ab+b} \\ &= \frac{b}{b+ab+1} + \frac{1}{1+b+ab} + \frac{ab}{1+ab+b} \\ &= \frac{1+ab+b}{b+ab+1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2.2

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Question 1: Assuming that x, y, z are positive real numbers, simplify each of the following:

(i) $(\sqrt{(x^{-3})})^5$ (ii) $\sqrt{x^3 y^{-2}}$ (iii) $(x^{-\frac{2}{3}} y^{-\frac{1}{2}})^2$

(iv) $(\sqrt{x})^{-\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{y^4} \div \sqrt{xy^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ (v) $\sqrt[5]{243x^{10}y^5z^{10}}$

(vi) $(\frac{x^{-4}}{y^{-10}})^{\frac{5}{4}}$ (vii) $(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}})^5 (\frac{6}{7})^2$

Solution:

(i) $(\sqrt{(x^{-3})})^5 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^3}}\right)^5$
 $\left(\frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{x^{\frac{15}{2}}}$

(ii) $\sqrt{x^3 y^{-2}} = \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{y^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{y}$

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



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iv)} \quad & (\sqrt{x})^{-\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{y^4} \div \sqrt{xy^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
 &= \left(x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} (y^2) \div \sqrt{xy^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
 &= \frac{x^{-\frac{1}{3}} y^2}{x^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{-\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}}} \\
 &= \left(x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \times x^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \times \left(y^2 \times y^{\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\
 &= \left(x^{-\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2}}\right) \left(y^{2 + \frac{1}{4}}\right) \\
 &= \left(x^{-\frac{2-3}{6}}\right) \left(y^{\frac{8+1}{4}}\right) \\
 &= \left(x^{-\frac{5}{6}}\right) \left(y^{\frac{9}{4}}\right) \\
 &= \frac{y^{\frac{9}{4}}}{x^{\frac{5}{6}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(v)} \quad & \sqrt[5]{243x^{10}y^5z^{10}} \\
 &= (243x^{10}y^5z^{10})^{\frac{1}{5}} \\
 &= (243)^{\frac{1}{5}} x^{\frac{10}{5}} y^{\frac{5}{5}} z^{\frac{10}{5}} \\
 &= (3^5)^{\frac{1}{5}} x^2 y z^2 \\
 &= 3x^2 y z^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(vi)} \quad & \left(\frac{x^{-4}}{y^{-10}}\right)^{\frac{5}{4}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{y^{10}}{x^4}\right)^{\frac{5}{4}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{y^{10 \times \frac{5}{4}}}{x^{4 \times \frac{5}{4}}}\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{y^{\frac{25}{2}}}{x^5}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(vii)} \quad & \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2 \\
 &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^{\frac{4}{2}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{5}{2}} \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^{\frac{4}{2}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{2^5}{3^5}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{6^4}{7^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{2^5}{3^5} \times \frac{6^4}{7^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3} \times \frac{6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6}{7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7}\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{512}{7203}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 2: Simplify

(i) $(16^{-1/5})^{5/2}$

(ii) $\sqrt[5]{(32)^{-3}}$

(iii) $\sqrt[3]{(343)^{-2}}$

(iv) $(0.001)^{1/3}$

(v) $\frac{(25)^{3/2} \times (243)^{3/5}}{(16)^{5/4} \times (8)^{4/3}}$

(vi) $\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^8 \div \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^{13}$

(vii) $\left(\frac{5^{-1} \times 7^2}{5^2 \times 7^{-4}}\right)^{\frac{7}{2}} \times \left(\frac{5^{-2} \times 7^3}{5^3 \times 7^{-5}}\right)^{\frac{-5}{2}}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \left(16^{-\frac{1}{5}}\right)^{\frac{5}{2}} \\ &= (16)^{-\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{5}{2}} = (16)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (4^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(4^{2 \times -\frac{1}{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad & \sqrt[5]{(32)^{-3}} = \left[(2^5)^{-3}\right]^{\frac{1}{5}} = (2^{-15})^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= 2^{-3} = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad & \sqrt[3]{(343)^{-2}} = \left[(7^3)^{-2}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = (7^3)^{-2 \times \frac{1}{3}} \\ &= (7^3)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = (7^{-2}) = \left(\frac{1}{7^2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{49}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad & (0.001)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{10^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{10^{3 \times \frac{1}{3}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{10} = 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(v)} \quad & \frac{(25)^{\frac{3}{2}} \times (243)^{\frac{3}{5}}}{(16)^{\frac{5}{4}} \times (8)^{\frac{4}{3}}} \\
 &= \frac{((5^2))^{\frac{3}{2}} \times ((3^5))^{\frac{3}{5}}}{((4^2))^{\frac{5}{4}} \times ((2^3))^{\frac{4}{3}}} \\
 &= \frac{5^3 \times 3^3}{2^5 \times 2^4} \\
 &= \frac{125 \times 27}{32 \times 16} \\
 &= \frac{3375}{512}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(vi)} \quad & \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^8 \div \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^{13} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^{8-13} \\
 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^{-5} = \frac{5^5}{2^{\frac{5}{2}}} = \frac{3125}{4\sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(vi)} \quad & \left(\frac{5^{-1} \times 7^2}{5^2 \times 7^{-4}}\right)^{\frac{7}{2}} \times \left(\frac{5^{-2} \times 7^3}{5^3 \times 7^{-5}}\right)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{5^{-1 \times \frac{7}{2}} \times 7^{2 \times \frac{7}{2}}}{5^{2 \times \frac{7}{2}} \times 7^{-4 \times \frac{7}{2}}} \times \frac{5^{-2 \times \left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)} \times 7^{3 \times \left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)}}{5^{3 \times \left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)} \times 7^{-5 \times \left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)}} \\
 &= \frac{5^{-\frac{7}{2}} \times 7^7}{5^7 \times 7^{-14}} = \frac{5^5 \times 7^{\frac{-15}{2}}}{5^{\frac{-15}{2}} \times 7^{\frac{25}{2}}} \\
 &= 5^{\frac{-7}{2} + 5 - 7 + \frac{15}{2}} \times 7^{\frac{15}{2} + 14 - \frac{25}{2}} \\
 &= 5^{\frac{25}{2} - \frac{21}{2}} \times 7^{21 - \frac{40}{2}} = 5^{\frac{4}{2}} \times 7^{\frac{2}{2}} \\
 &= 5^2 \times 7^1 = 25 \times 7 = 175
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 3: Prove that

$$(i) \left(\sqrt{3 \times 5^{-3}} \div \sqrt[3]{3^{-1} \sqrt{5}} \right) \times \sqrt[6]{3 \times 5^6} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$(ii) 9^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3 \times 5^0 - \left(\frac{1}{81}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 15$$

$$(iii) \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2} - 3 \times 8^{\frac{2}{3}} \times 4^0 + \left(\frac{9}{16}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{16}{3}$$

$$(iv) \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 4^{\frac{1}{4}}}{10^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{\frac{3}{5}}} \div \frac{4^{\frac{4}{3}} \times 5^{-\frac{7}{5}}}{4^{-\frac{3}{5}} \times 6} = 10$$

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

$$(vi) \frac{2^n + 2^{n-1}}{2^{n+1} - 2^n} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$(vii) \left(\frac{64}{125}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{256}{625}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{25}}{\sqrt[3]{64}}\right)^0 = \frac{61}{16}$$

$$(viii) \frac{3^{-3} \times 6^2 \times \sqrt{98}}{5^2 \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{25}} \times (15)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}}} = 28\sqrt{2}$$

$$(ix) \frac{(0.6)^0 - (0.1)^{-1}}{\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-1}} = \frac{-3}{2}$$

Solution:

(i) L.H.S.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\sqrt{3 \times 5^{-3}} \div \sqrt[3]{3^{-1} \sqrt{5}} \right) \times \sqrt[6]{3 \times 5^6} \\
 &= \left((3 \times 5^{-3})^{\frac{1}{2}} \div (3^{-1})^{\frac{1}{3}} (5)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \times (3 \times 5^6)^{\frac{1}{6}} \\
 &= \left((3)^{\frac{1}{2}} (5^{-3})^{\frac{1}{2}} \div (3^{-1})^{\frac{1}{3}} (5)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \times (3 \times 5^6)^{\frac{1}{6}} \\
 &= \left((3)^{\frac{1}{2}} (5)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \div (3)^{-\frac{1}{3}} (5)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \times \left((3)^{\frac{1}{6}} \times (5)^{\frac{6}{6}} \right) \\
 &= \left((3)^{\frac{1}{2} - (-\frac{1}{3})} \times (5)^{-\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} \right) \times \left((3)^{\frac{1}{6}} \times (5) \right) \\
 &= \left((3)^{\frac{3+2}{6}} \times (5)^{-\frac{4}{2}} \right) \times \left((3)^{\frac{1}{6}} \times (5) \right) \\
 &= \left((3)^{\frac{5}{6}} \times (5)^{-2} \right) \times \left((3)^{\frac{1}{6}} \times (5) \right) \\
 &= \left((3)^{\frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{6}} \times (5)^{-2+1} \right) \\
 &= \left((3)^{\frac{6}{6}} \times (5)^{-1} \right) \\
 &= \left((3)^1 \times (5)^{-1} \right) \\
 &= \left((3) \times (5)^{-1} \right) \\
 &= \left((3) \times \left(\frac{1}{5} \right) \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{3}{5} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

=R.H.S.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad & 9^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3 \times 5^0 - \left(\frac{1}{81}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (3^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3 - \left(\frac{1}{9^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 3^{2 \times \frac{3}{2}} - 3 - (9^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 3^3 - 3 - (9)^{-2 \times -\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 27 - 3 - 9 \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad & \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2} - 3 \times 8^{\frac{2}{3}} \times 4^0 + \left(\frac{9}{16}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2^2}\right)^{-2} - 3 \times 8^{\frac{2}{3}} \times 1 + \left(\frac{3^2}{4^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 2^4 - 3 \times 2^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} + \frac{4}{3} \\ &= 16 - 3 \times 4 + \frac{4}{3} \\ &= \frac{12+4}{3} \\ &= \frac{16}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iv)} \quad & \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 4^{\frac{1}{4}}}{10^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{\frac{3}{5}}} \div \frac{4^{\frac{4}{3}} \times 5^{-\frac{7}{5}}}{4^{-\frac{3}{5}} \times 6} \\
 &= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \times (2^2)^{\frac{1}{4}} (2^2)^{-\frac{3}{5}} \times (2 \times 3)}{(2 \times 5)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{\frac{3}{5}} \times 3^{\frac{4}{3}} \times 5^{-\frac{7}{5}}} \\
 &= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times (2^2)^{-\frac{6}{5}} \times 2^1 \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 3}{2^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{\frac{3}{5}} \times 3^{\frac{4}{3}} \times 5^{-\frac{7}{5}}} \\
 &= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{5}} \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^{-\frac{6}{5}} \times 2 \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 3 \times 3^{-\frac{4}{3}}}{5^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{\frac{3}{5}} \times 5^{-\frac{7}{5}}} \\
 &= \frac{(2)^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{6}{5} + 1 + \frac{1}{5}} \times (3)^{\frac{1}{3} + 1 - \frac{4}{3}}}{5^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{\frac{3}{5}} \times 5^{-\frac{7}{5}}} \\
 &= \frac{(2)^{\frac{1}{5} + 2 - \frac{6}{5}} \times (3)^{1-1}}{5^{-1}} \\
 &= \frac{(2)^1 \times (3)^0}{5^{-1}} \\
 &= 2 \times 1 \times 5 \\
 &= 10
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad & \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} + (0.01)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (27)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(0.01)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - (3^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(0.1)^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}}} - (3)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(0.1)^1} - (3)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(0.1)} - 9 \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(vi)} \quad & \frac{2^n + 2^{n-1}}{2^{n+1} - 2^n} \\ &= \frac{2^n + 2^n \times 2^{-1}}{2^n \times 2^1 - 2^n} \\ &= \frac{2^n[1+2^{-1}]}{2^n[2-1]} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(vii)} \quad & \left(\frac{64}{125}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{256}{625}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{25}}{\sqrt[3]{64}}\right)^0 \\
 &= \left(\frac{125}{64}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{4^4}{5^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}} + 1 \\
 &= \left(\frac{5^3}{4^3}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)} + 1 \\
 &= \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{5}{4} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{25}{16} + \frac{9}{4} \\
 &= \frac{25}{16} + \frac{36}{16} \\
 &= \frac{61}{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(viii)} \quad & \frac{3^{-3} \times 6^2 \times \sqrt{98}}{5^2 \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{25}} \times (15)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\
 &= \frac{3^{-3} \times 36 \times \sqrt{7 \times 7 \times 2}}{5^2 \times \left(\frac{1}{25}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \times (15)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\
 &= \frac{3^{-3} \times 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times (7^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{5^2 \times (5^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 3^{\frac{-4}{3}} \times 5^{\frac{-4}{3}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\
 &= 2^2 \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 3^{-3+2+\frac{4}{3}-\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 5^{\frac{2}{3}-2+\frac{4}{3}} \cdot 7^1 \\
 &= 4\sqrt{2} \times 3^0 \times 5^0 \times 7^1 \\
 &= 4\sqrt{2} \times 1 \times 1 \times 7 \\
 &= 28\sqrt{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ix)} \quad & \frac{(0.6)^0 - (0.1)^{-1}}{\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{0.1}}{\frac{3}{8} \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 - 3} \\ &= \frac{1 - 10}{\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3^3}{2^3} - 3} \\ &= \frac{-9}{\frac{3^2}{2} - 3} \\ &= -3/2 \end{aligned}$$

Question 4.

Show that:

$$(i) \frac{1}{1+x^{a-b}} + \frac{1}{1+x^{b-a}} = 1$$

$$(ii) \left[\left(\frac{x^{a(a-b)}}{x^{a(a+b)}} \right) \div \left(\frac{x^{b(b-a)}}{x^{b(b+a)}} \right) \right]^{a+b} = 1$$

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

$$(iv) \left(\frac{x^{a^2+b^2}}{x^{ab}} \right)^{a+b} \left(\frac{x^{b^2+c^2}}{x^{bc}} \right)^{b+c} \left(\frac{x^{c^2+a^2}}{x^{ac}} \right)^{a+c} = x^{2(a^3+b^3+c^3)}$$

$$(vi) \left[\left(x^{a-a^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{a-1}} \right]^{\frac{a}{a+1}} = x$$

$$(vii) \left[\frac{a^{x+1}}{a^{y+1}} \right]^{x+y} \left[\frac{a^{y+2}}{a^{z+2}} \right]^{y+z} \left[\frac{a^{z+3}}{a^{x+3}} \right]^{z+x} = 1$$

$$(viii) \left(\frac{3^a}{3^b} \right)^{a+b} \left(\frac{3^b}{3^c} \right)^{b+c} \left(\frac{3^c}{3^a} \right)^{c+a} = 1$$

Solution:

$$(i) \frac{1}{1+x^{a-b}} + \frac{1}{1+x^{b-a}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+\frac{x^a}{x^b}} + \frac{1}{1+\frac{x^b}{x^a}}$$

$$= \frac{x^b}{x^b+x^a} + \frac{x^a}{x^a+x^b}$$

$$= \frac{x^b+x^a}{x^a+x^b}$$

$$= 1$$

$$(ii) \left[\left(\frac{x^{a(a-b)}}{x^{a(a+b)}} \right) \div \left(\frac{x^{b(b-a)}}{x^{b(b+a)}} \right) \right]^{a+b}$$

$$= \left[\left(\frac{x^{a^2-ab}}{x^{a^2+ab}} \right) \div \left(\frac{x^{b^2-ab}}{x^{b^2+ab}} \right) \right]^{a+b}$$

$$= \left[x^{(a^2-ab)-(a^2+ab)} \div x^{(b^2-ab)-(b^2+ab)} \right]^{a+b}$$

$$= \left[x^{-2ab-(-2ab)} \right]^{a+b}$$

$$= \left[x^0 \right]^{a+b} = \left[1 \right]^{a+b} = 1$$

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

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

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

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

$$= x^0 = 1$$

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

$$(v) (x^{a-b})^{a+b} (x^{b-c})^{b+c} (x^{c-a})^{c+a} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x^{a-b})^{a+b} (x^{b-c})^{b+c} (x^{c-a})^{c+a} \\
 &= x^{a^2-b^2} x^{b^2-c^2} x^{c^2-a^2} \\
 &= x^{a^2-b^2+b^2-c^2+c^2-a^2} \\
 &= x^0 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (vi) & \left[\left(x^{a-a^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{a-1}} \right]^{\frac{a}{a+1}} \\
 &= \left[\left(x^{\frac{a-a^{-1}}{a-1}} \right) \right]^{\frac{a}{a+1}} \\
 &= \left(x^{\frac{a(a-a^{-1})}{a^2-1}} \right) \\
 &= \left(x^{\frac{a^2-a^{-1}+1}{a^2-1}} \right) = \left(x^{\frac{a^2-1}{a^2-1}} \right) \\
 &= x^1 = x
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (vii) & \left[\frac{a^{x+1}}{a^{y+1}} \right]^{x+y} \left[\frac{a^{y+2}}{a^{z+2}} \right]^{y+z} \left[\frac{a^{z+3}}{a^{x+3}} \right]^{z+x} \\
 &= \left[a^{(x+1)-(y+1)} \right]^{x+y} \left[a^{(y+2)-(z+2)} \right]^{y+z} \left[a^{(z+3)-(x+3)} \right]^{z+x} \\
 &= \left[a^{x-y} \right]^{x+y} \left[a^{y-z} \right]^{y+z} \left[a^{z-x} \right]^{z+x} \\
 &= \left[a^{x^2-y^2} \right] \left[a^{y^2-z^2} \right] \left[a^{z^2-x^2} \right] \\
 &= a^{x^2-y^2+y^2-z^2+z^2-x^2} = a^0 = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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



Exercise-VSAQs

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Question 1: Write $(625)^{-1/4}$ in decimal form.

Solution:

$$(625)^{-1/4} = (5^4)^{-1/4} = 5^{-1} = 1/5 = 0.2$$

Question 2: State the product law of exponents:

Solution:

To multiply two parts having same base, add the exponents.

$$\text{Mathematically: } x^m \times x^n = x^{m+n}$$

Question 3: State the quotient law of exponents.

Solution:

To divide two exponents with the same base, subtract the powers.

$$\text{Mathematically: } x^m \div x^n = x^{m-n}$$

Question 4: State the power law of exponents.

Solution:

Power law of exponents :

$$(x^m)^n = x^{m \times n} = x^{mn}$$

Question 5: For any positive real number x , find the value of

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

Solution:

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

Question 6: Write the value of $\{5(8^{1/3} + 27^{1/3})^3\}^{1/4}$.

Solution:

$$\{5(8^{1/3} + 27^{1/3})^3\}^{1/4}$$

$$= \{5(2^{3 \times 1/3} + 3^{3 \times 1/3})^3\}^{1/4}$$

$$= \{5(2 + 3)^3\}^{1/4}$$

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

$$= 5$$

