

## Exercise 1.6

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### 1. Find:

(i)  $64^{1/2}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 64^{1/2} &= (8 \times 8)^{1/2} \\ &= (8^2)^{1/2} \\ &= 8^1 \quad [\because 2 \times 1/2 = 2/2 = 1] \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $32^{1/5}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 32^{1/5} &= (2^5)^{1/5} \\ &= (2^5)^{1/5} \\ &= 2^1 \quad [\because 5 \times 1/5 = 1] \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $125^{1/3}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (125)^{1/3} &= (5 \times 5 \times 5)^{1/3} \\ &= (5^3)^{1/3} \\ &= 5^1 \quad (3 \times 1/3 = 3/3 = 1) \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

### 2. Find:

(i)  $9^{3/2}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 9^{3/2} &= (3 \times 3)^{3/2} \\ &= (3^2)^{3/2} \\ &= 3^3 \quad [\because 2 \times 3/2 = 3] \\ &= 27 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $32^{2/5}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 32^{2/5} &= (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)^{2/5} \\ &= (2^5)^{2/5} \\ &= 2^2 \quad [\because 5 \times 2/5 = 2] \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $16^{3/4}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 16^{3/4} &= (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)^{3/4} \\ &= (2^4)^{3/4} \\ &= 2^3 \quad [\because 4 \times 3/4 = 3] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 8$$

(iv)  $125^{-1/3}$

$$125^{-1/3} = (5 \times 5 \times 5)^{-1/3}$$

$$= (5^3)^{-1/3}$$

$$= 5^{-1} \quad [\because 3 \times -1/3 = -1]$$

$$= 1/5$$

### 3. Simplify:

(i)  $2^{2/3} \times 2^{1/5}$

**Solution:**

$$2^{2/3} \times 2^{1/5} = 2^{(2/3)+(1/5)} \quad [\because \text{Since, } a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n} \text{ Laws of exponents}]$$

$$= 2^{13/15} \quad [\because 2/3 + 1/5 = (2 \times 5 + 3 \times 1)/(3 \times 5) = 13/15]$$

(ii)  $(1/3^3)^7$

**Solution:**

$$(1/3^3)^7 = (3^{-3})^7 \quad [\because \text{Since, } (a^m)^n = a^{m \times n} \text{ Laws of exponents}]$$

$$= 3^{-27}$$

(iii)  $11^{1/2}/11^{1/4}$

**Solution:**

$$11^{1/2}/11^{1/4} = 11^{(1/2)-(1/4)}$$

$$= 11^{1/4} \quad [\because (1/2) - (1/4) = (1 \times 4 - 2 \times 1)/(2 \times 4) = 4 - 2)/8 = 2/8 = 1/4]$$

(iv)  $7^{1/2} \times 8^{1/2}$

**Solution:**

$$7^{1/2} \times 8^{1/2} = (7 \times 8)^{1/2} \quad [\because \text{Since, } (a^m \times b^m) = (a \times b)^m \text{ Laws of exponents}]$$

$$= 56^{1/2}$$