RD Sharma Solutions for Class 9 Chapter 2 Exponents of Real Numbers

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) $\frac{(4\times10^7)(6\times10^{-5})}{8\times10^4}$

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

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

(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;

$= (2^3 \times^{-2\times3} y^{3\times3})$

$= 8 \times^{-6} y^9$

(iii)

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$$\frac{(4\times10^{7})(6\times10^{-5})}{8\times10^{4}}$$

$$= \frac{(24\times10^{7}\times10^{-5})}{8\times10^{4}}$$

$$= \frac{(24\times10^{7-5})}{8\times10^{4}}$$

$$= \frac{(24\times10^{2})}{8\times10^{4}}$$

$$= \frac{(3\times10^{2})}{10^{4}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{100}$$

$$(iv)\ \frac{4ab^2\,(-5ab^3)}{10a^2b^2} = \frac{4\times(-5)}{10} \times a^{1+1-2}\, b^{2+3-2}$$

$$= -2 \times a^0 b^3$$

$$= -2b^3$$

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

$$= \frac{x^{2n}\times y^{2n}}{a^{2n}\,b^{3n}} = \frac{x^{2n}\times y^{2n}}{a^{2n}\,b^{3n}}$$

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

$$= \frac{a^{18n-54}}{a^{2n-4}}$$

$$= a^{18n-54-2n+4} = a^{16n-50}$$

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) $a^a + b^b$

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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. =

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$$\frac{x^{a^3+a^2b+ab^2}}{x^{a^2b+ab^2+b^3}} \times \frac{x^{b^3+b^2c+bc^2}}{x^{b^2c+bc^2+c^3}} \times \frac{x^{c^3+c^2a+ca^2}}{x^{c^2a+ca^2+a^3}}$$

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

$$= x^{a^3-b^3} \times x^{b^3-c^3} \times x^{c^3-a^3}$$

$$= x^{a^3-b^3+b^3-c^3+c^3-a^3}$$

$$= x^0$$

$$= 1$$

= R.H.S.

(ii) We have to prove here;

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

L.H.S. =

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

$$= x^{a^3+b^3} \times x^{b^3+c^3} \times x^{c^3+a^3}$$

$$= x^{a^3+b^3+b^3+c^3+c^3+a^3}$$

$$= x^{2(a^3+b^3+c^3)}$$

=R.H.S.

(iii) L.H.S. =

$$(\frac{x^a}{x^b})^c \times (\frac{x^b}{x^c})^a \times (\frac{x^c}{x^a})^b$$

$$= (\frac{x^{ac}}{x^{bc}}) \times (\frac{x^{ba}}{x^{ca}}) \times (\frac{x^{bc}}{x^{ab}})$$

$$= x^{ac-bc} \times x^{ba-ca} \times x^{bc-ab}$$

$$= x^{ac-bc+ba-ca+bc-ab}$$

$$= x^0$$

$$= 1$$

Question 4: Prove that

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

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

Solution:

(i) L.H.S

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

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

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

$$=1$$

= R.H.S.

(ii) L.H.S

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

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

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

$$=1$$

= R.H.S.

Question 5: Prove that

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

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

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Solution:

(i) L.H.S.

$$= \frac{a+b+c}{\frac{1}{ab}+\frac{1}{bc}+\frac{1}{ca}}$$

$$= \frac{a+b+c}{\frac{a+b+c}{abc}}$$

$$= abc$$

= R.H.S.

(ii)

L.H.S.

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

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

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

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

= 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:

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

$$= \frac{b}{b+ab+1} + \frac{c}{c+bc+1} + \frac{a}{a+ac+1} \quad ...(1)$$

Given, abc = 1

So, c = 1/ab

By putting the value c in equation (1)

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

$$= \frac{b}{b+ab+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{ab} \times ab}{1+b+ab} + \frac{ab}{1+ab+b}$$

$$= \frac{b}{b+ab+1} + \frac{1}{1+b+ab} + \frac{ab}{1+ab+b}$$

$$= \frac{1+ab+b}{b+ab+1}$$

$$= 1$$

Exercise 2.2

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

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

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

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

Solution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

$= \frac{1}{x^{\frac{4}{3}} y}$

(iv) $(\sqrt{x})^{-\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{y^4} \div \sqrt{xy^{-\frac{1}{2}}}$

$= \left(x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left(y^2\right) \div \sqrt{xy^{-\frac{1}{2}}}$

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

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

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

$= \left(x^{\frac{-2-3}{6}}\right)\left(y^{\frac{8+1}{4}}\right)$

$= \left(x^{-\frac{5}{6}}\right)\left(y^{\frac{9}{4}}\right)$

$= \frac{y^{\frac{9}{4}}}{x^{\frac{5}{6}}}$

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(v) $\sqrt[5]{243x^{10}y^5z^{10}}$

$= \left(243x^{10}y^5z^{10}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

$= (243)^{\frac{1}{5}} x^{\frac{10}{5}} y^{\frac{5}{5}} z^{\frac{10}{5}}$

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

$= 3x^2yz^2$

(vi) $\left(\frac{x^{-4}}{y^{-10}}\right)^{\frac{5}{4}}$

$= \left(\frac{y^{10}}{x^4}\right)^{\frac{5}{4}}$

$= \left(\frac{y^{10\times\frac{5}{4}}}{x^{4\times\frac{5}{4}}}\right)$

$= \left(\frac{y^{\frac{25}{2}}}{x^5}\right)$

(vii) $\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2$

$= \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^{\frac{4}{2}}$

$= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{5}{2}} \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^{\frac{4}{2}}$

$= \left(\frac{2^5}{3^5}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{6^4}{7^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$= \left(\frac{2^5}{3^5} \times \frac{6^4}{7^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$= \left(\frac{2\times2\times2\times2\times2}{3\times3\times3\times3\times3} \times \frac{6\times6\times6\times6}{7\times7\times7\times7}\right)$

$= \left(\frac{512}{7203}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Question 2: Simplify

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(i) $(16^{-1/5})^{5/2}$ (ii) $\sqrt[5]{(32)^{-3}}$

(iii) $\sqrt[3]{(343)^{-2}}$ (iv) $(0.001)^{1/3}$

(v) $\dfrac{(25)^{3/2}\times(243)^{3/5}}{(16)^{5/4}\times(8)^{4/3}}$ (vi) $\left(\dfrac{\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^{8}\div\left(\dfrac{\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^{13}$

(vii) $\left(\dfrac{5^{-1}\times7^{2}}{5^{2}\times7^{-4}}\right)^{\frac{7}{2}}\times\left(\dfrac{5^{-2}\times7^{3}}{5^{3}\times7^{-5}}\right)^{\frac{-5}{2}}$

Solution:

(i) $\left(16^{-\frac{1}{5}}\right)^{\frac{5}{2}}$

$= (16)^{-\frac{1}{5}\times\frac{5}{2}} = (16)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

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

(ii) $\sqrt[5]{(32)^{-3}} = \left[(2^5)^{-3}\right]^{\frac{1}{5}} = (2^{-15})^{\frac{1}{5}}$

$= 2^{-3} = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$

(iii) $\sqrt[3]{(343)^{-2}} = \left[(343)^{-2}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = (343)^{-2\times\frac{1}{3}}$

$= (7^3)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = (7^{-2}) = \left(\frac{1}{7^2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{49}\right)$

(iv) $(0.001)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$= \left(\frac{1}{10^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{10^{3\times\frac{1}{3}}}$

$= \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$

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

$= \frac{((5^2))^{\frac{3}{2}} \times ((3^5))^{\frac{3}{5}}}{((4^2))^{\frac{5}{4}} \times ((4^2))^{\frac{4}{3}}}$

$= \frac{5^3 \times 3^3}{2^5 \times 2^4}$

$= \frac{125 \times 27}{32 \times 16}$

$= \frac{3375}{512}$

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

$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)^{-5} = \frac{5^5}{2^{\frac{5}{2}}} = \frac{3125}{4\sqrt{2}}$

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

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

$= \frac{5^{\frac{-7}{2}} \times 7^7}{5^7 \times 7^{-14}} = \frac{5^5 \times 7^{\frac{-15}{2}}}{5^{\frac{-15}{2}} \times 7^{\frac{25}{2}}}$

$= 5^{\frac{-7}{2}+5-7+\frac{15}{2}} \times 7^{7-\frac{15}{2}+14-\frac{25}{2}}$

$= 5^{\frac{25}{2}-\frac{21}{2}} \times 7^{21-\frac{40}{2}} = 5^{\frac{4}{2}} \times 7^{\frac{2}{2}}$

$= 5^2 \times 7^1 = 25 \times 7 = 175$

Question 3: Prove that

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

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

$$= \left(\left(3\times 5^{-3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div \left(3^{-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}(5)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \times \left(3\times 5^{6}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$= \left((3)^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(5^{-3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div \left(3^{-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}(5)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \times \left(3\times 5^{6}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$= \left((3)^{\frac{1}{2}}(5)^{\frac{-3}{2}} \div (3)^{\frac{-1}{3}}(5)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \times \left((3)^{\frac{1}{6}} \times (5)^{\frac{6}{6}}\right)$$

$$= \left((3)^{\frac{1}{2}-\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)} \times (5)^{-\frac{3}{2}-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \times \left((3)^{\frac{1}{6}} \times (5)\right)$$

$$= \left((3)^{\frac{3+2}{6}} \times (5)^{-\frac{4}{2}}\right) \times \left((3)^{\frac{1}{6}} \times (5)\right)$$

$$= \left((3)^{\frac{5}{6}} \times (5)^{-2}\right) \times \left((3)^{\frac{1}{6}} \times (5)\right)$$

$$= \left((3)^{\frac{5}{6}+\frac{1}{6}} \times (5)^{-2+1}\right)$$

$$= \left((3)^{\frac{6}{6}} \times (5)^{-1}\right)$$

$$= \left((3)^{1} \times (5)^{-1}\right)$$

$$= \left((3) \times (5)^{-1}\right)$$

$$= \left((3) \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$$

=R.H.S.

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

$= \left(3^2\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3 - \left(\frac{1}{9^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

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

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

$= 27 - 3 - 9$

$= 15$

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

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

$= 2^4 - 3 \times 2^{3\times\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{4}{3}$

$= 16 - 3 \times 4 + \frac{4}{3}$

$= \frac{12+4}{3}$

$= \frac{16}{3}$

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

$= \dfrac{2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \times (2^2)^{\frac{1}{4}} (2^2)^{-\frac{3}{5}} \times (2 \times 3)}{(2 \times 5)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{\frac{3}{5}} \times 3^{\frac{4}{3}} \times 5^{-\frac{7}{5}}}$

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

$= \dfrac{2^{\frac{1}{5}} \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^{-\frac{6}{5}} \times 2 \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 3 \times 3^{-\frac{4}{3}}}{5^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{\frac{3}{5}} \times 5^{-\frac{7}{5}}}$

$= \dfrac{(2)^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}-\frac{6}{5}+1+\frac{1}{5}} \times (3)^{\frac{1}{3}+1-\frac{4}{3}}}{5^{-\frac{1}{5}} \times 5^{\frac{3}{5}} \times 5^{-\frac{7}{5}}}$

$= \dfrac{(2)^{\frac{1}{5}+2-\frac{6}{5}} \times (3)^{1-1}}{5^{-1}}$

$= \dfrac{(2)^1 \times (3)^0}{5^{-1}}$

$= 2 \times 1 \times 5$

$=10$

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

$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(0.01)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \left(3^3\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(0.1)^{2\times\frac{1}{2}}} - (3)^{3\times\frac{2}{3}}$

$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(0.1)^1} - (3)^2$

$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(0.1)} - 9$

$= \frac{3}{2}$

(vi) $\dfrac{2^n + 2^{n-1}}{2^{n+1} - 2^n}$

$= \dfrac{2^n + 2^n \times 2^{-1}}{2^n \times 2^1 - 2^n}$

$= \frac{2^n\left[1+2^{-1}\right]}{2^n[2-1]}$

$= 1 + \frac{1}{2}$

$= \frac{3}{2}$

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

$= \left(\frac{125}{64}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{4^4}{5^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}} + 1$

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

$= \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{5}{4} + 1$

$= \frac{25}{16} + \frac{9}{4}$

$= \frac{25}{16} + \frac{36}{16}$

$= \frac{61}{16}$

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

$= \frac{3^{-3} \times 36 \times \sqrt{7 \times 7 \times 2}}{5^2 \times \left(\frac{1}{25}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \times (15)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}}}$

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

$= 2^2 \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 3^{-3+2+\frac{4}{3}-\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 5^{\frac{2}{3}-2+\frac{4}{3}} \cdot 7^1$

$= 4\sqrt{2} \times 3^0 \times 5^0 \times 7^1$

$= 4\sqrt{2} \times 1 \times 1 \times 7$

$= 28\sqrt{2}$

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

$$=\frac{1-\frac{1}{0.1}}{\frac{8}{3}\times\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3-3}$$

$$=\frac{1-10}{\frac{8}{3}\times\frac{3^3}{2^3}-3}$$

$$=\frac{-9}{3^2-3}$$

=-3/2

Question 4.

Show that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Solution:

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

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

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

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

$=1$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$=x^0=1$

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

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

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

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

$=\left(x^{a^3+b^3}\right)\left(x^{b^3+c^3}\right)\left(x^{a^3+c^3}\right)$

$=\left(x^{a^3+b^3+b^3+c^3+a^3+c^3}\right)$

$=\left(x^{2a^3+2b^3+2c^3}\right)$

$=\left(x^{2\left(a^3+b^3+c^3\right)}\right)$

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

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

$=x^{a^2-b^2}x^{b^2-c^2}x^{c^2-a^2}$

$=x^{a^2-b^2+b^2-c^2+c^2-a^2}$

$=x^0$

$=1$

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

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

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

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

$$= x^1 = x$$

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

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

$$= \left[a^{x-y}\right]^{x+y}\left[a^{y-z}\right]^{y+z}\ \left[a^{z-x}\right]^{z+x}$$

$$= \left[a^{x^2-y^2}\right]\left[a^{y^2-z^2}\right]\ \left[a^{z^2-x^2}\right]$$

$$= a^{x^2-y^2+y^2-z^2+z^2-x^2} = a^0 = 1$$

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

$$=\left(3^{a-b}\right)^{a+b}\left(3^{b-c}\right)^{b+c}\left(3^{c-a}\right)^{c+a}$$

$$=3^{a^2-b^2}\times 3^{b^2-c^2}\times 3^{c^2-a^2}$$

$$=3^{a^2-b^2+b^2-c^2+c^2-a^2}$$

$$=3^0=1$$

Exercise-VSAQs

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.

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.

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:

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

$$= (x^{a-b})^{a+b} \times (x^{b-c})^{b+c} \times (x^{c-a})^{c+a}$$

$$= x^{a^2-b^2} \times x^{b^2-c^2} \times x^{c^2-a^2}$$

$$= x^{a^2-b^2+b^2-c^2+c^2-a^2}$$

$$= 1$$

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

Solution:

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

$= \{5(2^{3\times1/3} + 3^{3\times1/3})^3\}^{1/4}$

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

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

= 5

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