

ERL MAP UNIT 6 Algebraic Models Practice

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Chapter 6 : Algebraic Models

A. Simplifying / Evaluating Exponents

1. Simplify (Remember: leave no negative exponents in your answer.)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{y^{-1}}{y^{-2}} \\ \text{a. } & y^{-1-(-2)} \\ & = y^{-1+2} \\ & = y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } & x^{-1}(x^{-3})^{-2}x^{-7} \\ & = x^{-1}(x^6)x^{-7} \\ & = x^{-1+6-7} \\ & = x^{-2} \\ & = \frac{1}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c. } & \frac{t}{v} \left(\frac{v}{t} \right)^{-3} v^4 \\
 &= \frac{t}{v} \left(\frac{t}{v} \right)^3 \frac{v^4}{1} \\
 &= \frac{t}{v} \cdot \frac{t^3}{v^3} \cdot \frac{v^4}{1} \\
 &= \frac{t^4 v^4}{v^4} \\
 &= t^4 v^0 \\
 &= t^4
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Convert to Radical Form $x^{\frac{4}{3}}$

$$\sqrt[3]{x^4} \quad \text{OR} \quad (\sqrt[3]{x})^4$$

3. Convert to Exponent Form $\sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{x^3}} \rightarrow x^{-3}$

$$= \sqrt[4]{x^{-3}}$$

$$= x^{-\frac{3}{4}} \quad \text{OR} \quad x^{\frac{-3}{4}}$$

4. Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } 16^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{16} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } 16^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= \sqrt[4]{16} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } (-27)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{-27} \\ &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d. } \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{9})^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{27} \end{aligned}$$

B. Exponential Equations

5. Solve for the unknown. Express with a common base, if possible. Otherwise use systematic trial.

a. $4^x = 8$

$$(2^2)^x = (2^3)$$

$$2^{2x} = 2^3$$

$$2x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

c. $4^x = 40$

try $x=3$ $4^3=64$

$x=2$ $4^2=16$

$x=2.7$ $4^{2.7}=42.2$ ← closer

$x=2.6$ $4^{2.6}=36.75$

$$x \doteq 2.7$$

note: $4^{2.66} \doteq 39.9$

b. $(81)^{\frac{x}{2}} = (243)^{x+1}$

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

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

$$3^{2x} = 3^{5x+5}$$

$$2x = 5x+5$$

$$2x - 5x = 5$$

$$-3x = 5$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{3}$$

Chapter 6: **Algebraic Models - Practice Problems**

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1. Simplify, with no negative exponents:

a. $(m^5)(m^2)$ b. $t^4 \div t$

c. $(x^5)^3$ d. $\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{-3}$ e. $-(-x)^0$

2. Evaluate the following when $c=5$ and $d=-3$.

a. $c^2 d^3$

b. $\frac{c^2 d^3}{c^4 d}$

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d. $c^{-1} d^2 \times c^3 \div c^2$

3. Evaluate, round to nearest 1000th if necessary.

a. $64^{\frac{2}{3}}$

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i. $a^{\frac{1}{3}}$ ii. $a^{\frac{2}{3}}$ iii. $a^{-\frac{1}{5}}$

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i. \sqrt{x} ii. $\sqrt[3]{x^2}$ iii. $\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{a}}$

B. Exponential Equations

5. Solve the following equations algebraically (using common base). Check your answers.

a. $4^{2x} = 4^6$ b. $5^x = 625$

c. $3^{2x+1} = 9$ d. $10^{x+1} = 10^{2x-3}$

e. $4^{3x-2} = 32^{x+1}$ f. $25^{x+1} = 125^{x-2}$

6. Determine the value of y to the nearest tenth, using systematic trial.

a. $10^y = 125$ b. $3^y = 6$

c. $250(1.03)^y = 400$

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Answers:

1a. m^7 , b. t^3 , c. x^{15} , d. $\frac{y^3}{x^3}$, e. -1, 2a. -675, b. 0.36, c. -2.4, d. 9, 3a. 16, b. $\frac{216}{1331} = 0.1623$, c. 0.3051,

4a.. i. $\sqrt[3]{a}$, ii. $(\sqrt[3]{a})^2$ iii. $\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{a}}$ 4b. i. $x^{1/2}$, ii. $x^{3/2}$ iii. $\frac{1}{x^{1/4}}$ 5a. 3, b. 4, c. 0.5, d. 4, e. 9, f. 8,

6a. 2.1, b. 1.6, c. 15.9 7a. 59.3 b. 11 hours