

Test Notes

chP. 2

Exponent rules

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^5 \cdot x^7 = x^{12}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad x^0 = 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{x^{10}}{x^3} = x^7$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad x^{-5} = \frac{1}{x^5} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{1}{x^{-7}} = x^7$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (x^4)^5 = x^{20}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad (ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x = \frac{a^x}{b^x}$$

Scientific notation

* positive exponent means a big #

* negative exponent means a small #

$$\text{ex 1} \quad 1,020,000 \rightarrow 1.02 \times 10^6$$

$$\text{ex 2} \quad 0.000042 \rightarrow 4.2 \times 10^{-5}$$

Simplify radicals

* look for perfect squares & cubes

how many in a group to escape

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt[3]{54} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{27} \sqrt[3]{2} \\ &= 3 \sqrt[3]{2} \end{aligned}$$

no # means hidden 2

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{50} \\ &= \sqrt{25} \sqrt{2} \\ &= 5\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ex 1} \quad \sqrt{72x^3} = 6x\sqrt{2x}$$

$$\text{ex 2} \quad \sqrt[3]{81x^4y^2} = 3x^2(\sqrt[3]{3y^2})$$

Combining radicals

add/subtract: you need the same # in the root ($\sqrt{\quad}$)
then you combine the front #s

multiply: multiply the front #s together & the
inside #s together & reduce!

$$\boxed{\text{ex 1}} \quad 5\sqrt{3} + 10\sqrt{3} = 15\sqrt{3}$$

$$\boxed{\text{ex 2}} \quad 10\sqrt{2} \cdot 3\sqrt{5} = 30\sqrt{10}$$

rationalize

* no $\sqrt{\quad}$ in the denominator
→ multiply by 1 (hidden)

$$\boxed{\text{ex 1}} \quad \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$