

Scientific Notation

• a way to write larger or smaller number easier

ex 1 $1, \underline{270,000}$

1.27×10^6 ← # of jumps

* a positive exp → go right

* a negative exp → go left

ex 2 $3, \underline{1045,0000}$

3.1045×10^8

ex 4 2.6×10^4

26,000

ex 3 $0. \underline{000452}$

4.52×10^{-4}

ex 5 -1.72×10^{-6}

-0.00000172

Radicals

$$a^{m/n} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

examples: rewrite & simplify

1. $\sqrt{x^7} = x^{7/2}$

2. $2 \times (\sqrt[4]{x}) = 2x \cdot x^{1/4} = 2x^{5/4}$

3. $k^{-2/3} = \frac{1}{k^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{k^2}}$

4. $16^{3/2} = (\sqrt{16})^3 = 4^3 = 64$

5. $27^{2/3} = (\sqrt[3]{27})^2 = 3^2 = 9$

Rationalizing

* no $\sqrt{\quad}$ in denominator

examples

1. $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$

2. $\frac{4\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{4\sqrt{14}}{2}$
 $= 2\sqrt{14}$