

Honors Algebra 2

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CHAPTER ONE

Radical and Polynomial Operations

Lesson 1: Rational Exponents

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In this lesson, I go over how you:

- Convert radical expressions to rational exponents.
- Convert rational exponents to radical expressions.

Definition 1 (Simplifying radical expressions). Rational expressions can be written as radical exponents.

$$\begin{aligned}t^{\frac{3}{4}} &= t^{\frac{3}{4}} \times t^{\frac{3}{4}} \times t^{\frac{3}{4}}. \\ \sqrt[4]{t^3} &= \sqrt[4]{t} \times \sqrt[4]{t} \times \sqrt[4]{t}. \\ t^{\frac{3}{4}} &= \sqrt[4]{t^3}.\end{aligned}$$

Definition 2 (Simplifying radical expressions). Radical expressions can be written as rational exponents.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt[5]{x^3} &= \sqrt[5]{x} \times \sqrt[5]{x} \times \sqrt[5]{x}. \\ x^{\frac{3}{5}} &= x^{\frac{1}{5}} \times x^{\frac{1}{5}} \times x^{\frac{1}{5}}. \\ x^{\frac{3}{5}} &= \sqrt[5]{x^3}.\end{aligned}$$

Todo list
