

# Radical Rules

$$\sqrt[m]{a^m} = |a| \quad m = \text{odd \#}$$

Root and exponent cancel each other out

$$\sqrt[1]{\boxed{\text{blue}}} = |\boxed{\text{blue}}|$$

$$\sqrt[m]{a^m} = a \quad m = \text{even \#}$$

Root and exponent cancel each other out

$$\sqrt[1]{\boxed{\text{blue}}} = \boxed{\text{blue}}$$

$$\sqrt[m]{a} \times \sqrt[m]{b} = \sqrt[m]{a \times b}$$

When roots match put them under one root

$$\sqrt[1]{\boxed{\text{blue}}} \times \sqrt[1]{\boxed{\text{green}}} = \sqrt[1]{\boxed{\text{blue}} \times \boxed{\text{green}}}$$

$$\text{Ex)} \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{3x}$$

$$\sqrt[m]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[m]{a}}{\sqrt[m]{b}}$$

$$\text{Ex)} \sqrt[3]{\frac{z}{y}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{z}}{\sqrt[3]{y}}$$

break it - root numerator  
root denominator

$$\sqrt[1]{\frac{\boxed{\text{blue}}}{\boxed{\text{green}}}} = \frac{\sqrt[1]{\boxed{\text{blue}}}}{\sqrt[1]{\boxed{\text{green}}}}$$



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

EX]  $\sqrt[3]{x^2} = (\sqrt[3]{x})^2 = x^{2/3}$

root and inside exponent  
root becomes 1/index, exponent becomes  
numerator.

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

## Rational Properties

$$a^{(-\frac{m}{n})} = \frac{1}{a^{m/n}}$$

EX]  $x^{-2/3} = \frac{1}{x^{2/3}}$

Cannot have negative exponents

$$\sqrt[n]{a^m} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{a^m}}$$

$$\frac{1}{a^{-m}} = a^m$$

EX]  $\frac{1}{2^{-x}} = 2^x$

Cannot have negative exponents

$$\frac{1}{a^{-m}} = a^m$$