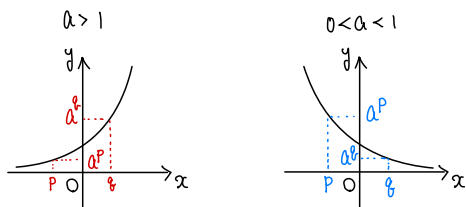


・乗の大小比較

<u>$a > 1$ のとき</u>
$P \leq Q \iff a^P \leq a^Q$ 一致
<u>$0 < a < 1$ のとき</u>
$P \leq Q \iff a^P \geq a^Q$ 逆転

(ざっくり証明)



(例) 次の数の大小を調べよ。

- (1) $2^{\frac{1}{2}}, 4^{\frac{1}{4}}, 8^{\frac{1}{8}}$ (2) $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}, \sqrt[8]{\frac{1}{4}}, \sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{8}}$
 (3) $2^{15}, 3^9, 5^6$ (4) $\sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[6]{3}, \sqrt[12]{5}$

point

・底をそろえる ・指数をそろえる

(1) $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $4^{\frac{1}{4}} = (2^2)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $8^{\frac{1}{8}} = (2^3)^{\frac{1}{8}} = 2^{\frac{3}{8}}$

底 2 は 1 より大きいから, $\frac{3}{8} < \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ より

$$2^{\frac{3}{8}} < 2^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{つまり} \quad 8^{\frac{1}{8}} < 2^{\frac{1}{2}} = 4^{\frac{1}{4}}, //$$

(2) $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $\sqrt[8]{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[8]{(\frac{1}{2})^2} = (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{2}{8}} = (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{1}{4}}$
 $\sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{8}} = \sqrt[4]{(\frac{1}{2})^3} = (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{3}{4}}$

底 $\frac{1}{2}$ は 1 より小さいから, $\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2} < \frac{3}{4}$ より

$$(\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{1}{4}} > (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} > (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{3}{4}} \quad \text{つまり} \quad \sqrt[8]{\frac{1}{4}} > \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} > \sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{8}}, //$$

(3) $2^{15} = (2^5)^3 = 32^3$
 $3^9 = (3^3)^3 = 27^3$
 $5^6 = (5^2)^3 = 25^3$

$$25 < 27 < 32 \quad \text{より}$$

$$25^3 < 27^3 < 32^3$$

つまり

$$5^6 < 3^9 < 2^{15}, //$$

(4) $\sqrt[4]{2} = 2^{\frac{1}{4}} = (2^3)^{\frac{1}{12}} = 8^{\frac{1}{12}}$
 $\sqrt[6]{3} = 3^{\frac{1}{6}} = (3^2)^{\frac{1}{12}} = 9^{\frac{1}{12}}$
 $\sqrt[12]{5} = 5^{\frac{1}{12}}$

$$5 < 8 < 9 \quad \text{より}$$

$$5^{\frac{1}{12}} < 8^{\frac{1}{12}} < 9^{\frac{1}{12}}$$

つまり

$$\sqrt[12]{5} < \sqrt[4]{2} < \sqrt[6]{3}, //$$