

Classwork: Exponents and radicals

Do these problems without a calculator. Use algebra properties to simplify each expression.

Exponent rules

1. $3x^2 \times 2x^4y^2$
2. $\frac{1}{2}(xy^2) \times \frac{2}{3}(x^2y)$
3. $(a^2b^3)(ab^3)$
4. $x^3 \div x^3$
5. $4y^5 \div (2y)^2$
6. $(x^5)^2$
7. $(-a^2)^3$

Fractional and negative exponents

8. $16^{\frac{1}{2}}$
9. $27^{\frac{1}{3}}$
10. $125^{\frac{2}{3}}$
11. $\left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$
12. 2^{-4}
13. $9^{-\frac{3}{2}}$
14. $\left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}}$

Radicals and exponents

Simplify, leaving no negative or fractional exponents.

15. $(9x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
16. $\sqrt{25y^{-4}}$
17. $\frac{x\sqrt{25x}}{x^2}$
18. $\sqrt[3]{\frac{y^6}{x^9}}$

19. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - 2$, for $-5 \leq x \leq 5$.

- (a) On the grid below, sketch the graph of f .
- (b) Consider the graph of f . Write down
 - i. the slope;
 - ii. the y -intercept;
 - iii. the x -intercept;
- (c) the vertex as an ordered pair.
 - i. What is the value of $f(2)$?
 - ii. Plot the point on the graph representing $(2, f(2))$.

