



Powers Ex 2.1 Q3

Answer :

(i)

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1/2} + \frac{1}{1/3} + \frac{1}{1/4} \quad \rightarrow (a^{-1} = 1/a)$$

$$= 2 + 3 + 4$$

$$= 12$$

(ii)

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} = \frac{1}{1/4} + \frac{1}{1/9} = \frac{1}{1/4} + \frac{1}{1/9} + \frac{1}{1/16} \quad \rightarrow (a^{-n} = 1/(a^n))$$

$$= \frac{1}{1/4} + \frac{1}{1/9} + \frac{1}{1/16} \quad \rightarrow ((a/b)^n = (a^n/b^n))$$

$$= 4 + 9 + 16$$

$$= 29$$

(iii)

$$\left(2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}\right) \div 2^{-2} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}\right) \div \frac{1}{2^2} \quad \rightarrow (a^{-n} = 1/(a^n))$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \times 4$$

$$= 2$$

(iv)

$$\left(5^{-1} \times 2^{-1}\right) \div 6^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{2}\right) \div \frac{1}{6} \quad \rightarrow (a^{-n} = 1/(a^n))$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \times 6$$

$$= \frac{3}{5}$$

Powers Ex 2.1 Q4

Answer :

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}(4^{-1} \times 3^{-1})^2 &= \left(\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 & \longrightarrow (a^{-1} = 1/a) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{12}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1^2}{12^2} & \longrightarrow ((a/b)^n = (a^n)/(b^n)) \\ &= \frac{1}{24}\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}(5^{-1} \div 6^{-1})^3 &= \left(\frac{1}{5} \div \frac{1}{6}\right)^3 & \longrightarrow (a^{-1} = 1/a) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{5} \times 6\right)^3 \\ &= \left(\frac{6}{5}\right)^3 \\ &= \frac{(6)^3}{(5)^3} & \longrightarrow ((a/b)^n = (a^n)/(b^n)) \\ &= \frac{216}{125}\end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}\left(2^{-1} + 3^{-1}\right)^{-1} &= \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\right)^{-1} & \longrightarrow (a^{-1} = 1/a) \\ &= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{5/6} & \longrightarrow (a^{-1} = 1/a) \\ &= \frac{6}{5}\end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$\begin{aligned}(3^{-1} \times 4^{-1})^{-1} \times 5^{-1} &= \left(\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \times \frac{1}{5} & \longrightarrow (a^{-1} = 1/a) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{12}\right)^{-1} \times \\ &= \frac{12}{5} & \longrightarrow (a^{-1} = 1/a)\end{aligned}$$

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