


1.1 Algebra and Real Numbers

Essential Question(s):

- How do you categorize real numbers?
- How do you add, subtract, multiply, and divide real numbers?

Set	A collection of objects
Element (Member)	Each object in a set Ex. $3 \in \{1,2,3\}$ "3 is an element of the set"
Finite Set	Elements in the set can be counted
Infinite Set	Elements in the set can be counted without end 
Empty (Null) Set	The set that contains no elements. Notation: \emptyset Note: The empty set is a subset of any set.
Listing (Roster) Method	Set notation that lists the elements of a set. Ex: $A = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4 \}$
Set Builder (Rule) Notation	Set notation that uses a rule to describe the members of the set. Ex: $\{x \mid x > 5\}$ "x such that x is greater than 5"
Subset	A set of elements that are members of a larger set Ex. $A \subset B$ "set A is a subset of set B"
Equal Sets	Two or more sets having exactly the same elements
Intersection of Sets	The set of elements common to both sets A AND B → Think overlapping sets Notation: $A \cap B$ "A intersect B"
Union of Sets	The set of elements that are members of set A OR of set B OR of both sets → Think all of set A with all of set B Notation: $A \cup B$ "A union B"

Important Symbols					
\in	"element of"	\subset	"subset of"	\emptyset	"null set"
	"such that"	\cap	"intersection"	\cup	"union"

Examples:

1. List all possible subsets of $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$\underline{\{1, 2, 3\}}$ $\underline{\{1, 2\}}$ $\underline{\{1, 3\}}$ $\underline{\{2, 3\}}$
 $\underline{\{1\}}$ $\underline{\{2\}}$ $\underline{\{3\}}$ $\underline{\emptyset}$

2. Determine whether each of the following is true or false.

- a. $\underline{\text{F}}$ $2 \notin \{1, 2, 3\}$
- b. $\underline{\text{T}}$ $\{y, x, z\} \subset \{x, y, z\}$
- c. $\underline{\text{T}}$ $\{y, x, z\} = \{x, y, z\}$
- d. $\underline{\text{F}}$ $\emptyset \in \{x, y, z\}$ The null set is a *subset* of every set, not an *element*.
- e. $\underline{\text{F}}$ $\{w, x, y, z\} \subset \{x, y, z\}$

3. Write each of the following sets using *set builder notation*.

- a. $\{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$ $\underline{\{x \mid x \text{ an even integer between 2 and 10 inclusive}\}}$
- b. $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ $\underline{\{x \mid x \text{ an integer between 1 and 5 inclusive}\}}$

4. Write the following set using the *listing method*.

- a. $\{x \mid x \text{ is a letter in the word ALGEBRA}\}$ $\underline{\{A, L, G, E, B, R\}}$
- b. $\{x \mid x \text{ is an even integer between 6 and 12 inclusive}\}$ $\underline{\{6, 8, 10, 12\}}$

5. Given set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and set $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$, find the following:

- a. $A \cap B$ $\underline{\{2, 4, 6\}}$
- b. $A \cup B$ $\underline{\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8\}}$

Natural Numbers	The set of positive counting numbers {1, 2, 3, ...}
Whole Numbers	The set of natural numbers AND zero {0, 1, 2, 3, ...}
Integers	The set of whole numbers AND their opposites {..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...}
Rational Numbers	The set of numbers that can be written as a quotient of two integers. Rational means fractional (decimals that terminate or repeat) Ex. $-\frac{5}{3}, \frac{7}{9}, 0.5, \frac{4}{1}, 0.\overline{33}$
Irrational Numbers	The set of numbers that are not rational (13 and nonterminating decimal numbers) Ex. $\sqrt{7}, \pi, -\sqrt{13}$
Real Numbers	The set of rational numbers and irrational numbers

Examples:

6. Given set $B = \left\{ -2, \frac{1}{3}, \sqrt{2}, 0, \frac{8}{3}, \pi, \sqrt{36} \right\}$, list the following:

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|-----------------------|---|
| a. Rational Numbers | $\left\{ -2, \frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{8}{3}, \sqrt{36} \right\}$ |
| b. Irrational Numbers | $\left\{ \sqrt{2}, \pi \right\}$ |
| c. Integers | $\left\{ -2, 0, \sqrt{36} \right\}$ |
| d. Whole Numbers | $\left\{ 0, \sqrt{36} \right\}$ |
| e. Natural Numbers | $\left\{ \sqrt{36} \right\}$ |

Properties of Fractions

$\frac{ka}{kb} = \frac{a}{b}$	In order to reduce a fraction, cancel common factors
$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{b} = \frac{a+c}{b} \quad \frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{b} = \frac{a-c}{b}$	In order to add or subtract fractions, the denominators must be the same → find the least common denominator (LCD)
$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{d} + \frac{c}{d} \cdot \frac{b}{b} = \frac{ad+cb}{bd}$	
$\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$	In order to multiply fractions, multiply numerators together and multiply denominators together → multiplication goes straight across
$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{c}$	In order to divide fractions, multiply by the reciprocal → division flips the second fraction then changes to multiplication

Properties of Negatives

$-(-a) = a$ $(-a)(-b) = ab$ $\frac{-a}{-b} = -\frac{-a}{b} = -\frac{a}{-b} = \frac{a}{b}$	An even number of negatives results in a positive number
$(-a)b = -ab$ $-1(a) = -a$ $\frac{-a}{b} = -\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{-b}$	An odd number of negatives results in a negative number

Examples:

$$1. \quad \frac{3}{2} + \frac{-2}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$2. \quad \frac{3}{2} \div -\frac{2}{3} = -\frac{9}{4}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{-3} = -1$$

Properties of Equality		
Name	Example	Translation
Reflexive Property	$a = a$	Every number is equal to itself.
Symmetric Property	If $a = b$, then $b = a$.	The order in which you write an equation is insignificant.
Transitive Property	If $a = b$ and $b = c$, then $a = c$.	Two numbers equal to the same number are equal to each other.
Addition Property	If $a = b$, then $a + c = b + c$ and $c + a = c + b$.	If you add to one side of an equation, then you must add the same amount to the other. → Equations must be balanced!
Multiplication Property	If $a = b$, then $ac = bc$ and $ca = cb$.	If you multiply on one side of an equation, you must multiply the same amount on the other. → Equations must be balanced!
Distributive Property	$a(b + c) = ab + ac$ $(b + c)a = ba + ca$	In order to multiply a number by a quantity, you must multiply that number by each number inside the quantity

Zero Properties	
$a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$	Any number multiplied by zero is zero
If $AB = 0$, then $A = 0$ or $B = 0$, or $A = 0$ and $B = 0$	If the product of two numbers is zero, then one or both of the numbers must be zero.
Example:	If $(x + 2)(x - 3) = 0$, then $x + 2 = 0$ or $x - 3 = 0$.

Field Properties of Real Numbers		
Name	Example	Translation
Commutative Property	$a + b = b + a$ $ab = ba$	An operation is commutative when a change in order yields the same result
Associative Property	$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$ $(ab)c = a(bc)$	An operation is associative when a change in grouping yields the same result
Identity Property for Addition	$a + 0 = a$ and $0 + a = a$	Zero is the <i>additive identity</i> Adding zero to any number will not change the number
Identity Property for Multiplication	$a \cdot 1 = a$ and $1 \cdot a = a$	One is the <i>multiplicative identity</i> Multiplying by one will not change the number
Inverse Property of Addition – Property of Opposites	$a + (-a) = 0$ and $(-a) + a = 0$	Adding a number and its opposite will result in zero
Inverse Property of Multiplication - Property of Reciprocals	$a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$ and $\frac{1}{a} \cdot a = 1$	Multiplying a number and its reciprocal will result in one

Examples:

- Write the property that justifies each step.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7 + 3) + [(-7) + (-3)] &= [(7 + 3) + (-7)] + (-3) && \text{Associative Property Of Addition} \\
 &= [7 + (-7) + 3] + (-3) && \text{Associative and Commutative Properties} \\
 &= [0 + 3] + (-3) && \text{Inverse Property of Addition (Property of Opposites)} \\
 &= 3 + (-3) && \text{Identity Property of Addition} \\
 &= 0 && \text{Inverse Property of Addition (Property of Opposites)}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Write the property that justifies each step.

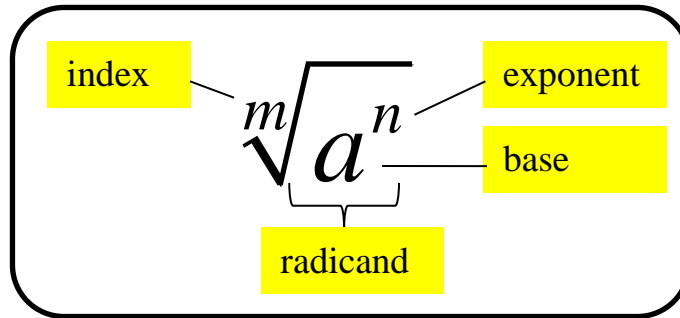
$$\begin{aligned} 3 - \{4 - 2[3 + 2 + (-3)]\} &= 3 - \{4 - 2[2 + 3 + (-3)]\} && \text{Commutative Property} \\ & && \text{Of Addition} \\ &= 3 - \{4 - 2[2 + 0]\} && \text{Inverse Property of} \\ & && \text{Addition (Property of} \\ & && \text{Opposites)} \\ &= 3 - \{4 - 2[2]\} && \text{Identity Property} \\ & && \text{of Addition} \\ &= 3 - \{4 - 4\} && \text{Simplify} \\ &= 3 - \{0\} && \text{Inverse Property of} \\ & && \text{Addition (Property of} \\ & && \text{Opposites)} \\ &= 3 && \text{Identity Property} \\ & && \text{of Addition} \end{aligned}$$

1.2 Radicals

Essential Question(s):

- How do you simplify radicals?
- How do you convert radicals to rational exponents and vice versa?

Anatomy of a radical:



Simplifying Radicals	
$\sqrt[n]{a^n} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^n = a$	When the index and the exponent are equal , they cancel Note: When n is even, the result should include the absolute value $\sqrt{x^2} = x $
$\sqrt[3]{x^4} = x\sqrt[3]{x}$	Exponents in the radicand must be less than the index
$\sqrt[6]{x^3} = \sqrt{x}$	Exponents in the radicand CANNOT have a common factor other than one with the index
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{3}$	No radicals in the denominator
$\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$	No fractions within the radical

Examples:

1. $\sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$

2. $\sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2}$

3. $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$

4. $\sqrt[3]{625} = 5\sqrt[3]{5}$

$$5. \sqrt[4]{x^4} = |x|$$

$$6. \sqrt[5]{x^5} = x$$

$$7. \sqrt[4]{x^5} = |x| \sqrt[4]{x}$$

$$8. \sqrt[3]{x^5} = x \sqrt[3]{x^2}$$

$$9. \sqrt[4]{x^6} = \sqrt{x^3} = |x| \sqrt{x}$$

$$10. \sqrt[10]{x^5} = \sqrt{x}$$

$$11. \sqrt{18x^5y^2z^3} = 3x^2 |yz| \sqrt{2xz}$$

$$12. \sqrt[3]{8x^5y^3} = 2xy \sqrt[3]{x}$$

Properties of Radicals:		
Name	Formula	Translation
Product Property	$a\sqrt{x} \cdot b\sqrt{y} = ab\sqrt{xy}$	<p>Coefficients multiply together and radicands multiply together</p> <p>→ Outside times outside Inside times inside</p> <p>➤ Make sure to fully simplify the resulting radical!</p>
Division Property	$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$	<p>The square root of a quotient is the quotient of the square roots</p> <p>→ You can break apart division</p>
Nested Radical	$\sqrt[m]{\sqrt[n]{a}} = \sqrt[mn]{a}$	To take the radical of a radical, multiply the indexes then simplify

Examples (Assume all variables are positive- no need to include absolute values):

$$1. 2\sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{12} = 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$2. 3\sqrt[3]{4} \cdot \sqrt[3]{10} = 3\sqrt[3]{40} = 6\sqrt[3]{5}$$

$$3. \sqrt[3]{\frac{x^2}{8}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}{2}$$

$$4. \sqrt[4]{\frac{x}{16}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{x}}{2}$$

$$5. \sqrt[4]{27a^3b^3} \sqrt[4]{3a^5b^3}$$

$$= \sqrt[4]{81a^8b^6} = 3a^2b^4\sqrt{b^2} = 3a^2b\sqrt{b}$$

$$6. \sqrt[3]{12x^3y^2z^7} \sqrt[3]{3xy^2z}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{36x^4y^4z^8} = xyz^2\sqrt[3]{36xyz^2}$$

$$7. \sqrt[3]{\sqrt[4]{x}} = \sqrt[12]{x}$$

$$8. \sqrt{\sqrt{x^4}} = \sqrt[4]{x^4} = x$$

Properties of Radicals:		
Name	Example	Translation
Addition Property	$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{a} = 2\sqrt{a}$ $4\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{a} = 3\sqrt{a}$	When the radicand and the index are equal, add/subtract the coefficients → You must have like terms to add or subtract

Examples:

$$1. 6\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} = 8\sqrt{2}$$

$$2. 4\sqrt[3]{5} - \sqrt[3]{5} = 3\sqrt[3]{5}$$

$$3. 3\sqrt[5]{2x^2y^3} - 8\sqrt[5]{2x^2y^3} = -5\sqrt[5]{2x^2y^3}$$

$$4. 5\sqrt{mn^2} - 3\sqrt{mn} - 2\sqrt[3]{mn^2} + 7\sqrt{mn}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{mn^2} + 4\sqrt{mn}$$

Rationalizing the Denominator

Rationalizing the denominator is a process of removing a radical from the denominator of a fraction.

Example: $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$ Step 1: $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$ Step 2: $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{9}}$ Step 3: $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3}$

Form of the denominator:	Multiply numerator AND denominator by:
\sqrt{b}	\sqrt{b} multiply by the <i>same square root</i>
$\sqrt[n]{b}$	$\sqrt[n]{b^{n-1}}$ multiply to get an <i>exponent of n</i>
$a + \sqrt{b}$	$a - \sqrt{b}$ multiply by the <i>conjugate</i>
$a - \sqrt{b}$	$a + \sqrt{b}$ multiply by the <i>conjugate</i>

Examples:

$$1. \frac{6}{\sqrt{2x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2x}}{\sqrt{2x}} = \frac{6\sqrt{2x}}{2x} = \frac{3\sqrt{2x}}{x}$$

$$2. \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{y^3}} = \frac{x}{y\sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{x}{y^2}$$

$$3. \frac{10x^3}{\sqrt[3]{4x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{2x^2}}{\sqrt[3]{2x^2}} = \frac{10x^3\sqrt[3]{2x^2}}{2x} = 5x^2\sqrt[3]{2x^2}$$

$$4. \sqrt[3]{\frac{8c}{9d^5}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{8c}}{d\sqrt[3]{3^2d^2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{3d}}{\sqrt[3]{3d}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{24cd}}{3d^2}$$

$$5. \frac{\sqrt{x}+2}{2\sqrt{x}+3} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{x}-3}{2\sqrt{x}-3} = \frac{2\sqrt{x^2}-3\sqrt{x}+4\sqrt{x}-6}{4\sqrt{x^2}-9} = \frac{2x+\sqrt{x}-6}{4x-9}$$

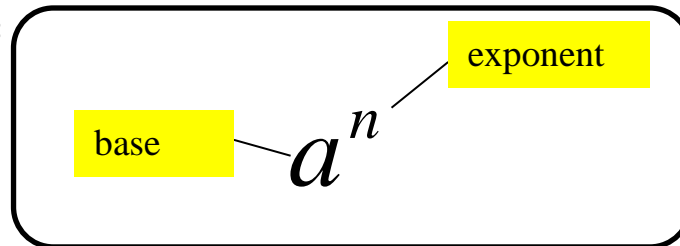
$$6. \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{3-\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{3+\sqrt{5}} = \frac{9+2\sqrt{5}+5}{9-5} = \frac{14+2\sqrt{5}}{4} = \frac{7+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

1.3 Exponents

Essential Question(s):

- How do you simplify exponential expressions?
- How do you express numbers using scientific notation?

Anatomy of an exponent:



Integer Exponents	
For n a positive integer, $a^n = a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a \rightarrow n$ factors of a	$"a"$ multiplies by itself " n " times
For $n = 0$ $a^0 = 1 \quad a \neq 0$	Anything to the zero power is ONE Caution: 0^0 is not defined
For n a negative integer: $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$	A negative exponent results in a reciprocal \rightarrow flip the fraction! Caution: A negative exponent DOES NOT result in a negative number!!

Examples:

1. $636^0 = 1$

4. $(x^2)^0 = x^0 = 1$

2. $\frac{1}{10^{-3}} = 10^3 = 1000$

5. $10^{-5} = \frac{1}{10^5} = \frac{1}{10000} = 0.00001$

3. $\frac{u^{-7}}{v^{-3}} = \frac{v^3}{u^7}$

6. $\frac{1}{x^{-4}} = x^4$

Properties of Integer Exponents	
$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$	If bases are the same, add exponents
$(a^n)^m = a^{mn}$	If bases are the same, multiply exponents
$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = \begin{cases} a^{m-n} \\ 1 \\ a^{n-m} \end{cases} \quad a \neq 0$	If bases are the same, subtract exponents
$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$	If bases are different, distribute exponents
$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m} \quad b \neq 0$	If bases are different, distribute exponents

Examples:

1. $(5x^{-3})(3x^4) = 15x$

6. $(2y^2)(3y^5) = 6y^7$

2. $\frac{9y^{-7}}{6y^{-4}} = \frac{3}{2y^3}$

7. $\frac{6m^{-2}n^3}{15m^{-1}n^{-2}} = \frac{2n^5}{5m}$

3. $\left(\frac{x^2}{y^4}\right)^{-3} = \frac{y^{12}}{x^6}$

8. $\left(\frac{x^{-3}}{y^4 y^{-4}}\right)^{-3} = x^9$

4. $(3x^4 y^{-3})^{-2} = 3^{-2} x^{-8} y^6 = \frac{y^6}{9x^8}$

9. $2x^4 - (-2x)^4 = 2x^4 - 16x^4 = -14x^4$

5. $\frac{1}{(a-b)^{-2}} = (a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$

10. $(x+y)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(x+y)^2} = \frac{1}{x^2 + 2xy + y^2}$

Anatomy of a rational exponent:

$$a^{\frac{n}{m}}$$

Labels: base (points to a), exponent (points to n), index (points to m)

Anatomy of a radical:

$$\sqrt[m]{a^n}$$

Labels: index (points to m), exponent (points to n), base (points to a)

Examples:

1. Change from rational exponent form to radical form.

a. $u^{\frac{1}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{u}$

b. $w^{\frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{w^2}$

c. $(3xy)^{\frac{-3}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{(3xy)^{-3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{27x^3y^3}}$

d. $ab^{\frac{-2}{3}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt[3]{b^2}}$

2. Change from radical form to rational exponent form.

a. $\sqrt[4]{9u} = (9u)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

b. $\sqrt[3]{x^3 + y^3} = (x^3 + y^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

c. $\sqrt[7]{(-2x)^4} = (-2x)^{\frac{4}{7}}$

d. $-\sqrt[7]{(2x)^4} = -(2x)^{\frac{4}{7}}$

Evaluate:

1. $4^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{4} = 2$

2. $-4^{\frac{1}{2}} = -\sqrt{4} = -2$

3. $(-4)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{-4} = \text{not real}$

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

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

6. $0^{\frac{1}{8}} = \sqrt[8]{0} = 0$

7. $9^{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{9^3} = 9\sqrt{9} = 9(3) = 27$

8. $(-27)^{\frac{4}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{(-27)^4} = -27\sqrt[3]{-27} = -27(-3) = 81$

Simplify. Write your answer in *exponential form* (using positive exponents only) and *simplest radical form* (where applicable).

$$1. \left(2x^{-\frac{3}{4}}y^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^4 = 16x^{-3}y = \frac{16y}{x^3}$$

$$2. \left(\frac{4x^{-2}}{y^4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2^{-1}x}{y^{-2}} = \frac{xy^2}{2}$$

$$3. \left(3x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)\left(2x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) = 6x^{\frac{2}{6}+\frac{3}{6}} = 6x^{\frac{5}{6}} = \sqrt[6]{6^6x^5}$$

Exp. Form
Rad. Form

$$4. \left(5y^{\frac{3}{4}}\right)\left(2y^{\frac{1}{3}}\right) = 10y^{\frac{9}{12}+\frac{4}{12}} = 10y^{\frac{13}{12}} = 10\sqrt[12]{y^{13}} = 10y^{\frac{10}{12}}\sqrt[12]{y}$$

Exp. Form
Rad. Form