

Y13 negative and fractional powers #1

Write without using negatives or fractional exponents:

1. x^{-2}

2. $x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

3. $x^{\frac{3}{2}}$

4. $x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

Write in the form ax^n where a and n can be fractional and/or negative:

5. $\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

6. $\sqrt{4x^5}$

7. $\frac{5}{\sqrt[4]{x}}$

8. $(2\sqrt{x})^3$

Simplify and write in the form x^n :

9. $\frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{x^5}}$

10. $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^3}$

11. $\frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

12. $\frac{\sqrt[2]{x}}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

Of the four terms which, if any, is different from the others?

13. x^{-3} $\frac{1}{x^3}$ $(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}})^9$ $\frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{x^7}}{\sqrt{x}}}$

14. $x^2\sqrt{x}$ $x^{2.5}$ $\frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x}}$ $(\sqrt[5]{x})^2$

15. $(x^3)^2$ $(\sqrt{x})^{12}$ $\frac{1}{x^{-6}}$ $(\sqrt[3]{x})^{18}$

16. $\frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$ $\sqrt[3]{x^2}$ $x^{1.5}$ $\frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{x}}$

Answers: Y13 negative and fractional powers #1

Write without using negatives or fractional exponents:

- $x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$
- $x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$
- $x^{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{x^3}$ or, less usually, $(\sqrt{x})^3$
- $x^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$ or, less usually, $\frac{1}{(\sqrt[3]{x})^2}$

Write in the form ax^n where a and n can be fractional and/or negative:

- $\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = 2x^{-\frac{1}{3}}$
- $\sqrt{4x^5} = 2x^{\frac{5}{2}}$ or $2x^{2.5}$
- $\frac{5}{\sqrt[4]{x}} = 5x^{-0.25}$ or $5x^{-\frac{1}{4}}$
- $(2\sqrt{x})^3 = 8x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ or $8x^{1.5}$

Simplify and write in the form x^n :

- $\frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{x^5}} = x^3$
- $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^3} = x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$ or $x^{-2.5}$
- $\frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$
- $\frac{\sqrt[2]{x}}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = x^{\frac{1}{6}}$

Of the four terms which, if any, is different from the others?

- x^{-3} $\frac{1}{x^3}$ $(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}})^9$ $\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^7}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}}$ are all the same
- $x^2\sqrt{x}$ $x^{2.5}$ $\frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x}}$ are the same but $(\sqrt[5]{x})^2 = x^{\frac{2}{5}} = x^{0.4}$ is different
- $(x^3)^2$ $(\sqrt{x})^{12}$ $\frac{1}{x^{-6}}$ $(\sqrt[3]{x})^{18}$ are all the same
- $\frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$ $\sqrt[3]{x^2}$ $\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}}}{\frac{1}{x}}$ are all equal to $x^{\frac{2}{3}}$, so $x^{1.5}$ is the different one