

## Math 32.1101/6 Worksheet 0

1. Express the following in the form  $x^r$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

a) $(\sqrt[5]{x})^6$	b) $\sqrt[8]{x^3}$	c) $\frac{1}{(\sqrt{x})^5}$	d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^4}}$
e) $\sqrt[4]{\sqrt[3]{x}}$	f) $\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{x}}}$		

2. Express the following in the form  $x^r$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

a) $x^{5/2}x^3$	b) $\frac{x^{6/7}}{x^4}$	c) $(x^3)^{-4/5}$	d) $x^{7/5}x^{-8/3}$
e) $(x^{2/3})^4$	f) $\frac{1}{x^{5/2}}$	g) $\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{-2/3}$	h) $\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x}}$
i) $x^2(\sqrt[3]{x})$	j) $\frac{x}{x^{2/5}}$	k) $\frac{x^{1/3}}{x}$	l) $\frac{1}{x^{-5/4}}$

3. Which of the following equations are true for all non-zero values of  $x$  and  $y$ ?

a) $x^5 + x^2 = x^7$	b) $x^4x^7 = x^{11}$	c) $(xy)^3 = x^3y^3$
d) $(x^4)^3 = x^7$	e) $(x+y)^4 = x^4 + y^4$	f) $(x^3)^3 = x^9$
g) $x^7 - x^3 = x^4$	h) $\frac{x^8}{x^2} = x^4$	i) $\frac{x^4}{y^4} = \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^4$
j) $\frac{x^9}{x^3} = x^6$	k) $(x-y)^4 = \frac{x^4}{y^4}$	l) $\frac{x^{10}}{y^2} = \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^5$

4. Express the following as single polynomials:

a) $(3x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x - 7) + (5x^3 + 4x^2 - 8x + 9)$	
b) $-(9x^3 - 4x^2 - 6x + 10)$	
c) $(2x^5 - x^3 + 4x^2 - x) - (2x^5 + x^4 - x^3 + 2x^2 - 7)$	
d) $5x^2 - 3x - \{3x^3 + 4x - [8x^2 - 2x - (7x^2 - 4)]\}$	
e) $(x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 4)(x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 - 5)$	
f) $(x+1)(x+2)(x-3) - (x^2-1)(x-2)$	
g) $(x^2 + 2)^3 - (3x^3 - 4)^2$	

5. Express the following as single polynomials:

- a)  $(2x-3)^2$                       b)  $(x+5)^3$                       c)  $(2x-3)^3$   
 d)  $(x-2)^5$                       e)  $(2x+1)^4$

6. Factor the following as completely as possible (using real numbers):

- a)  $x^4 - 9x^2$                       b)  $x^2 - 10$                       c)  $21x^2 - 3x^4$   
 d)  $3x^5 - 24x^3$                       e)  $7x^6 + 28x^4$                       f)  $x^2 - 17x + 16$   
 g)  $-4x^4 + 20x^3 + 24x^2$                       h)  $6x^2 - 17x + 7$                       i)  $-18x^3 + 36x^2 - 16x$   
 j)  $x^4 - 81$                       k)  $x^4 - 9$                       l)  $x^4 + 5x^2 - 36$   
 m)  $3x^5 - 18x^3 + 15x$                       n)  $-12x^6 - 46x^4 - 14x^2$                       o)  $x^3 + 8$   
 p)  $8x^3 - 27$                       q)  $x^3 + 3$                       r)  $64x^8 + 27x^5$   
 s)  $4x^2 - 3x^5$

7. Reduce the following as much as possible:

- a)  $\frac{x^2 + 6x + 9}{x^2 - 9}$                       b)  $\frac{x^2}{4x^2 + 7x}$                       c)  $\frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 5x}$   
 d)  $\frac{x^3 + 8}{x^2 - 4}$                       e)  $\frac{x^4 + 3x^3 - 10x^2}{4x^3 - x^5}$

8. Express the following as rational terms with denominators of lowest possible degree:

- a)  $\left(\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + x}\right)\left(\frac{x+1}{x+2}\right)$                       b)  $\left(\frac{4x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x}{2x^2 + 12x + 18}\right)\left(\frac{2x^2 + 4x - 6}{3x^4 - 12x^3 + 12x^2}\right)$   
 c)  $\left(\frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x^2 - 4}\right) \div \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{x+2}\right)$                       d)  $\left(\frac{4x^2 - 12x + 9}{2x^2 - 5x + 2}\right) \div \left(\frac{9 - 4x^2}{4x^2 - 1}\right)$   
 e)  $\frac{x}{x+3} + \frac{5x^2}{x^2 - 9}$                       f)  $\frac{x}{x^2 - 2x + 5} + \frac{3}{x-1}$   
 g)  $\frac{x+1}{x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x} - \frac{x-2}{x^4 - x^3 - 6x^2}$                       h)  $\frac{x}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{4}{x+1}$   
 i)  $1 - \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x^2 - 1}$                       j)  $\frac{\frac{x}{x-2} - \frac{2x}{x^2 - 4}}{\frac{x-1}{x^2 - 9} + \frac{x}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}$   
 k)  $\frac{5}{x^2 + x - 12} + \frac{4}{x^2 - x - 20} - \frac{3}{x^2 - 8x + 15}$

9. Rationalize the denominators of the following:

a)  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{3}}$

b)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4\sqrt{7}}$

c)  $\frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{2+\sqrt{3}}$

d)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}$

e)  $\frac{5}{x\sqrt{x}}$

f)  $\frac{-7x^3}{\sqrt{x+1}}$

g)  $\frac{2x}{x+\sqrt{x+2}}$

h)  $\frac{7}{\sqrt{x+2}-\sqrt{x+1}}$

i)  $\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2-1}+\sqrt{x+3}}$

j)  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}-2}$

k)  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}-2}$

10. Find all the real solutions to the following equations:

a)  $3x^2 - 7x + 1 = 2x^2 - 2x - 5$

b)  $x^2 - 2x - 2 = 0$

c)  $x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$

d)  $9x^2 - 30x + 25 = 0$

e)  $x^3 + 27 = 0$

f)  $\frac{2}{x} - \frac{6}{x+1} = \frac{-5}{x+3}$

g)  $\frac{7}{x+2} - \frac{2}{x^2-4} = 1$

h)  $\sqrt{3x+1} + 1 = x$

i)  $\sqrt{3x+1} = \sqrt{x} + 3$

11. Solve the following systems of equations:

a)  $\begin{cases} 3x - y = -1 \\ 3x - 5y = -11 \end{cases}$

b)  $\begin{cases} 4x^2 + y^2 = 68 \\ 2x + y = 10 \end{cases}$

c)  $\begin{cases} x^2 + xy = -1 \\ x - y + 3 = 0 \end{cases}$

d)  $\begin{cases} y = x^2 \\ x + 2y = 2 \end{cases}$

e)  $\begin{cases} y = x \\ y = x^3 \end{cases}$

## Solutions

1. a)  $x^{\frac{6}{5}}$                       b)  $x^{\frac{3}{8}}$                       c)  $x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$                       d)  $x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$   
 e)  $x^{\frac{1}{12}}$                       f)  $x^{-\frac{1}{10}}$
2. a)  $x^{\frac{11}{2}}$                       b)  $x^{-\frac{22}{7}}$                       c)  $x^{-\frac{12}{5}}$                       d)  $x^{-\frac{19}{15}}$   
 e)  $x^{\frac{8}{27}}$                       f)  $x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$                       g)  $x^2$                       h)  $x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$   
 i)  $x^{\frac{7}{3}}$                       j)  $x^{\frac{3}{5}}$                       k)  $x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$                       l)  $x^{\frac{5}{4}}$
3. The true solutions are b), c), f), i), and j).
4. a)  $8x^3 - 3x + 2$                       b)  $-9x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x - 10$   
 c)  $-x^4 + 2x^2 - x + 7$                       d)  $-3x^3 + 6x^2 - 9x + 4$   
 e)  $x^7 - 4x^5 + 2x^3 - 14x^2 + 5x + 20$                       f)  $2x^2 - 6x - 8$   
 g)  $-8x^6 + 6x^4 + 24x^3 + 12x^2 - 8$
5. a)  $4x^2 - 12x + 9$                       b)  $x^3 + 15x^2 + 75x + 125$   
 c)  $8x^3 - 36x^2 + 54x - 27$                       d)  $x^5 - 10x^4 + 40x^3 - 80x^2 + 80x - 32$   
 e)  $16x^4 + 32x^3 + 24x^2 + 8x + 1$
6. a)  $x^2(x+3)(x-3)$                       b)  $(x + \sqrt{10})(x - \sqrt{10})$   
 c)  $-3x^2(x + \sqrt{7})(x - \sqrt{7})$                       d)  $3x^3(x + 2\sqrt{2})(x - 2\sqrt{2})$   
 e)  $7x^4(x^2 + 4)$                       f)  $(x - 16)(x - 1)$   
 g)  $-4x^2(x+1)(x-6)$                       h)  $(3x - 7)(2x - 1)$   
 i)  $-2x(3x - 4)(3x - 2)$                       j)  $(x^2 + 9)(x + 3)(x - 3)$   
 k)  $(x^2 + 3)(x + \sqrt{3})(x - \sqrt{3})$                       l)  $(x^2 + 9)(x + 2)(x - 2)$   
 m)  $3x(x+1)(x-1)(x + \sqrt{5})(x - \sqrt{5})$                       n)  $-2x^2(3x^2 + 1)(2x^2 + 7)$   
 o)  $(x + 2)(x^2 - 2x + 4)$                       p)  $(2x - 3)(4x^2 + 6x + 9)$   
 q)  $(x + \sqrt[3]{3})(x^2 - \sqrt[3]{3}x + (\sqrt[3]{3})^2)$                       r)  $x^5(4x + 3)(16x^2 - 12x + 9)$
- s)  $-3x^2 \left( x - \sqrt[3]{\frac{4}{3}} \right) \left( x^2 + \sqrt[3]{\frac{4}{3}}x + \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{4}{3}} \right)^2 \right)$

7. a)  $\frac{x+3}{x-3}$  ( $x \neq -3$ )      b)  $\frac{x}{4x+7}$  ( $x \neq 0$ )
- c)  $\frac{x^2+5x+6}{x^2+5x}$       d)  $\frac{x^2-2x+4}{x-2}$  ( $x \neq -2$ )
- e)  $\frac{-x-5}{x^2+2x}$  ( $x \neq 2, x \neq 0$ )
8. a)  $\frac{x-2}{x}$       b)  $\frac{4x^2+x-5}{3x^3+3x^2-18x}$       c)  $\frac{x+4}{x^2-3x+2}$
- d)  $\frac{-4x^2+4x+3}{2x^2-x-6}$       e)  $\frac{6x^2-3x}{x^2-9}$       f)  $\frac{4x^2-7x+15}{x^3-3x^2+7x-5}$
- g)  $\frac{x^3+2x^2+6x-4}{x^5-3x^4-4x^3+12x^2}$       h)  $\frac{x^3-2x^2-5x+2}{x^3+3x^2+2x}$       i)  $\frac{x^2-x+2}{x^2-1}$
- j)  $\frac{x^4-9x^2}{2x^3-6x^2+2x+4}$       k)  $\frac{6x-49}{x^3-4x^2-17x+60}$
9. a)  $\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3}$       b)  $\frac{\sqrt{14}}{28}$       c)  $5-3\sqrt{3}$
- d)  $\frac{\sqrt{15}+3}{2}$       e)  $\frac{5\sqrt{x}}{x^2}$       f)  $\frac{-7x^3\sqrt{x+1}}{x+1}$
- g)  $\frac{2x^2-2x\sqrt{x+2}}{x^2-x-2}$       h)  $7\sqrt{x+2}+7\sqrt{x+1}$       i)  $\frac{x^2\sqrt{x^2-1}-x^2\sqrt{x+3}}{x^2-x-4}$
- j)  $\frac{x+2\sqrt{x}}{x-4}$       k)  $\frac{\sqrt{x^2-2x}}{x-2}$
10. a)  $\{2, 3\}$       b)  $\{1+\sqrt{3}, 1-\sqrt{3}\}$       c)  $\emptyset$
- d)  $\left\{\frac{5}{3}\right\}$       e)  $\{-3\}$       f)  $\{2, 3\}$
- g)  $\{3, 4\}$       h)  $\{5\}$       i)  $\{16\}$
11. a)  $\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right\}$       b)  $\{(4, 2), (1, 8)\}$       c)  $\left\{(-1, 2), \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right)\right\}$
- d)  $\left\{\left(-\frac{1}{4}+\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}, \frac{9}{8}-\frac{\sqrt{17}}{8}\right), \left(-\frac{1}{4}-\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}, \frac{9}{8}+\frac{\sqrt{17}}{8}\right)\right\}$
- e)  $\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (-1, -1)\}$