

Simplifying Expressions With Rational Exponents Guided Lesson Explanation

1. Fractional exponents can be simplified using the following formula.

$$a^{b/c} = \sqrt[c]{(a)^b}$$

Applying this to our problem, we will get:

$$\sqrt[3]{(36)^2}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{(1,296)} = 10.90$$

$$2. \frac{7^{\frac{7}{4}}}{7^{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

$$= 7^{\frac{7}{4} - \frac{3}{4}} \text{ We would subtract the numerators.}$$

$$= 7^{\frac{4}{4}} = 7$$

$$3. \left(\frac{4}{15}\right)^{-3}$$

A negative exponent of a fraction can be made positive by taking the reciprocal of the fraction.

$$\left(\frac{4}{15}\right)^{-3} = \left(\frac{15}{4}\right)^3 = \frac{3375}{64} = 52 \frac{47}{64}$$

