

# \*Unit 3 Exponents, Roots, and Radicals

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## **Transfer Skills**

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In this unit, students extend their work by solving equations with exponents and radicals. A major emphasis will be placed on students ability to transform equations into equivalent forms.

## **Instructional Notes**

Teacher should pre-asses students knowledge of exponents and simplifying radicals.

## **Enduring Understandings**

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Algebraic representation can be used to generalize patterns in mathematics.

Patterns and relationships can be represented graphically, numerically, symbolically, or verbally.

The arithmetic of rational expressions is governed by the same rules as the arithmetic of rational numbers.

## **Essential Questions**

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How do we apply mathematical principles?

What makes an algebraic algorithm both effective and efficient?

How do operations affect numbers?

## **Content**

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### **Vocabulary**

Rational Exponents

Radicals

Domain

Range

Average Rate of Change

## **Skills**

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### **Equivalent Forms**

Explain how the definition of the meaning of rational exponents follows from extending the properties of integer exponents to those values, allowing for a notation for radicals in terms of rational exponents.

Apply the properties of exponents to simplify expressions including positive and negative integers and fractional exponents.

Rewrite radical expressions using rational exponents and vice versa.

Rewrite expressions involving radicals and rational exponents using the properties of exponents.

Evaluate  $n$ th roots of real numbers using both radical notation and rational exponent notation.

Write equivalent expressions for exponential functions using the properties of exponents. (For example, rewrite exponential function  $f(x)=3^x \cdot 2^{3x}$  in the form

$$f(x) = a(b^x).)$$

Simplify radical expressions using absolute value symbols when appropriate.

### **Solving all types of Exponential Equations**

Solve equations with radicals and rational exponents.

Solve equations with extraneous solutions.

Solve exponential equations with like bases.

## **Graphing Exponential, and Radical Functions**

Find the domain of radical functions.

Graph radical functions identifying domain and range.

Calculate and interpret the average rate of change of a function (presented symbolically or as a table) over a specified interval. (Compare to finding the average rate of change for a linear function.)

Estimate the rate of change from a graph and compare on different intervals.

State the domain and range of exponential function

Sketch the graph of exponential function showing intercepts, key points, asymptotes, and end behavior.

Identify the effect on the graph of exponentials and logarithms replacing  $f(x)$  by  $f(x) + k$ ,  $k f(x)$ ,  $f(kx)$ , and  $f(x + k)$  for specific values of  $k$  (both positive and negative); find the value of  $k$  given the graphs. Experiment with cases and illustrate an explanation of the effects on the graph using technology. Include recognizing even and odd functions from their graphs and algebraic expressions for them.

## **Resources**

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### **Teacher Resources by Standard**

[www.illustrativemathematics.org](http://www.illustrativemathematics.org)

[katm.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/flipbooks/High-School-CCSS-Flip-Book-USD-259-2012.pdf](http://katm.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/flipbooks/High-School-CCSS-Flip-Book-USD-259-2012.pdf)

[illuminations.nctm.org/](http://illuminations.nctm.org/)

[www.pbslearningmedia.org/](http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/)

### **Online Teaching Websites**

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

[www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com)

### **Algebra 2 Common Core Textbook**

Roots and Radicals: Chapter 6 pg. 357

## **Standards**

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### **NJSLS 2016**

#### **Number and Quantity**

##### **The Real Number System**

###### **N-RN A. Extend the properties of exponents to rational exponents.**

1. Explain how the definition of the meaning of rational exponents follows from extending the properties of integer exponents to those values, allowing for a notation for radicals in terms of rational exponents. For example, we define  $5^{1/3}$  to be the cube root of 5 because we want  $(5^{1/3})^3 = 5^{(1/3) \cdot 3}$  to hold, so  $(5^{1/3})^3$  must equal 5.
2. Rewrite expressions involving radicals and rational exponents using the properties of exponents.

#### **Algebra**

##### **Seeing Structure in Expressions**

###### **A-SSE B. Write expressions in equivalent forms to solve problems**

- c. Use the properties of exponents to transform expressions for exponential functions. For example the expression  $1.15^t$  can be rewritten as  $(1.15^{1/12})^{12t} \approx 1.012^{12t}$  to reveal the approximate equivalent monthly interest rate if the annual rate is 15%.

##### **Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities**

###### **A-REI A. Understand solving equations as a process of reasoning and explain the reasoning**

2. Solve simple rational and radical equations in one variable, and give examples showing how extraneous solutions may arise.

#### **Functions**

##### **Interpreting Functions**

###### **F-IF B. Interpret functions that arise in applications in terms of the context**

4. For a function that models a relationship between two quantities, interpret key features of graphs and tables in terms of the quantities, and sketch graphs showing key features given a verbal description of the relationship. Key features include: intercepts; intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, positive, or negative; relative maximums and minimums; symmetries; end behavior; and periodicity.

5. Relate the domain of a function to its graph and, where applicable, to the quantitative relationship it describes. For example, if the function  $h(n)$  gives the number of person-hours it takes to assemble  $n$  engines in a factory, then the positive integers would be an appropriate domain for the function.
6. Calculate and interpret the average rate of change of a function (presented symbolically or as a table) over a specified interval. Estimate the rate of change from a graph.

### **C. Analyze functions using different representations**

7. Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases.
- b. Graph square root, cube root, and piecewise-defined functions, including step functions and absolute value functions.
- e. Graph exponential and logarithmic functions, showing intercepts and end behavior, and trigonometric functions, showing period, midline, and amplitude.
8. Write a function defined by an expression in different but equivalent forms to reveal and explain different properties of the function.
- b. Use the properties of exponents to interpret expressions for exponential functions. For example, identify percent rate of change in functions such as  $y = (1.02)^t$ ,  $y = (0.97)^t$ ,  $y = (1.01)^{12t}$ ,  $y = (1.2)^{t/10}$ , and classify them as representing exponential growth or decay

### **Building Functions**

#### **F-BF B. Build new functions from existing functions**

3. Identify the effect on the graph of replacing  $f(x)$  by  $f(x) + k$ ,  $k f(x)$ ,  $f(kx)$ , and  $f(x + k)$  for specific values of  $k$  (both positive and negative); find the value of  $k$  given the graphs. Experiment with cases and illustrate an explanation of the effects on the graph using technology. Include recognizing even and odd functions from their graphs and algebraic expressions for them.
- 4a. Solve an equation of the form  $f(x) = c$  for a simple function  $f$  that has an inverse and write an expression for the inverse. For example,  $f(x) = 2x^3$  or  $f(x) = (x+1)/(x-1)$  for  $x \neq 1$ .

### **Mathematical Practices**

#### **1 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.**

Mathematically proficient students start by explaining to themselves the meaning of a problem and looking for entry points to its solution. They analyze givens, constraints, relationships, and goals. They make conjectures about the form and meaning of the solution and plan a solution pathway rather than simply jumping into a solution attempt. They consider analogous problems, and try special cases and simpler forms of the original problem in order to gain insight into its solution. They monitor and evaluate their progress and change course

if necessary. Older students might, depending on the context of the problem, transform algebraic expressions or change the viewing window on their graphing calculator to get the information they need. Mathematically proficient students can explain correspondences between equations, verbal descriptions, tables, and graphs or draw diagrams of important features and relationships, graph data, and search for regularity or trends. Younger students might rely on using concrete objects or pictures to help conceptualize and solve a problem. Mathematically proficient students check their answers to problems using a different method, and they continually ask themselves, “Does this make sense?” They can understand the approaches of others to solving complex problems and identify correspondences between different approaches.

## **2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively.**

Mathematically proficient students make sense of quantities and their relationships in problem situations. They bring two complementary abilities to bear on problems involving quantitative relationships: the ability to decontextualize—to abstract a given situation and represent it symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols as if they have a life of their own, without necessarily attending to their referents—and the ability to contextualize, to pause as needed during the manipulation process in order to probe into the referents for the symbols involved. Quantitative reasoning entails habits of creating a coherent representation of the problem at hand; considering the units involved; attending to the meaning of quantities, not just how to compute them; and knowing and flexibly using different properties of operations and objects.

## **4 Model with mathematics.**

Mathematically proficient students can apply the mathematics they know to solve problems arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace. In early grades, this might be as simple as writing an addition equation to describe a situation. In middle grades, a student might apply proportional reasoning to plan a school event or analyze a problem in the community. By high school, a student might use geometry to solve a design problem or use a function to describe how one quantity of interest depends on another. Mathematically proficient students who can apply what they know are comfortable making assumptions and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, realizing that these may need revision later. They are able to identify important quantities in a practical situation and map their relationships using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts and formulas. They can analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions. They routinely interpret their mathematical results in the context of the situation and reflect on whether the results make sense, possibly improving the model if it has not served its purpose.

## **7 Look for and make use of structure.**

Mathematically proficient students look closely to discern a pattern or structure. Young students, for example, might notice that three and seven more is the same amount as seven and three more, or they may sort a collection of shapes according to how many sides the shapes have. Later, students will see  $7 \times 8$  equals the well remembered  $7 \times 5 + 7 \times 3$ , in preparation for learning about the distributive property. In the expression  $x^2 + 9x + 14$ , older students can see the 14 as  $2 \times 7$  and the 9 as  $2 + 7$ . They recognize the significance of an existing line in a geometric figure and can use the strategy of drawing an auxiliary line for solving problems. They also can step back for an overview and shift perspective. They can see complicated things, such as some algebraic expressions, as single objects or as being composed of several objects. For example, they can see  $5 - 3(x - y)^2$  as 5 minus a positive number times a square and use that to realize that its value cannot be more than 5 for any real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ .

MA.A-SSE	Seeing Structure in Expressions
MA.K-12.1	Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
MA.F-IF	Interpreting Functions
MA.N-RN.A	Extend the properties of exponents to rational exponents.  Mathematically proficient students start by explaining to themselves the meaning of a problem and looking for entry points to its solution. They analyze givens, constraints, relationships, and goals. They make conjectures about the form and meaning of the solution and plan a solution pathway rather than simply jumping into a solution attempt. They consider analogous problems, and try special cases and simpler forms of the original problem in order to gain insight into its solution. They monitor and evaluate their progress and change course if necessary. Older students might, depending on the context of the problem, transform algebraic expressions or change the viewing window on their graphing calculator to get the information they need. Mathematically proficient students can explain correspondences between equations, verbal descriptions, tables, and graphs or draw diagrams of important features and relationships, graph data, and search for regularity or trends. Younger students might rely on using concrete objects or pictures to help conceptualize and solve a problem. Mathematically proficient students check their answers to problems using a different method, and they continually ask themselves, “Does this make sense?” They can understand the approaches of others to solving complex problems and identify correspondences between different approaches.
MA.K-12.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
MA.N-RN.A.1	Explain how the definition of the meaning of rational exponents follows from extending the properties of integer exponents to those values, allowing for a notation for radicals in terms of rational exponents.  Mathematically proficient students make sense of quantities and their relationships in problem situations. They bring two complementary abilities to bear on problems involving quantitative relationships: the ability to decontextualize—to abstract a given situation and represent it symbolically and manipulate the representing symbols as if they have a life of their own, without necessarily attending to their referents—and the ability to contextualize, to pause as needed during the manipulation process in order to probe into the referents for the symbols involved. Quantitative reasoning entails habits of creating a coherent representation of the problem at hand; considering the units involved; attending to the meaning of quantities, not just how to compute them; and knowing and flexibly using different properties of operations and objects.
MA.N-RN.A.2	Rewrite expressions involving radicals and rational exponents using the properties of exponents.
MA.F-IF.B	Interpret functions that arise in applications in terms of the context
MA.K-12.4	Model with mathematics.
MA.A-SSE.B	Write expressions in equivalent forms to solve problems  Mathematically proficient students can apply the mathematics they know to solve problems arising in everyday life, society, and the workplace. In early grades, this might be as simple as writing an addition equation to describe a situation. In middle grades, a student might apply proportional reasoning to plan a school event or analyze a problem in the community. By high school, a student might use geometry to solve a design problem or use a function to describe how one quantity of interest depends on another. Mathematically proficient students who can apply what they know are comfortable making assumptions and approximations to simplify a complicated situation, realizing that these may need revision later. They are able to identify important quantities in a practical situation and map their relationships using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts and formulas. They can analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions. They routinely interpret their mathematical results in the context of the situation and reflect on whether the results make sense, possibly improving the model if it

has not served its purpose.

MA.F-IF.B.4	For a function that models a relationship between two quantities, interpret key features of graphs and tables in terms of the quantities, and sketch graphs showing key features given a verbal description of the relationship.
MA.A-SSE.B.3	Choose and produce an equivalent form of an expression to reveal and explain properties of the quantity represented by the expression.
MA.F-IF.B.5	Relate the domain of a function to its graph and, where applicable, to the quantitative relationship it describes.  For example, if the function $h(n)$ gives the number of person-hours it takes to assemble $n$ engines in a factory, then the positive integers would be an appropriate domain for the function.
MA.F-IF.B.6	Calculate and interpret the average rate of change of a function (presented symbolically or as a table) over a specified interval. Estimate the rate of change from a graph.
MA.K-12.7	Look for and make use of structure.
MA.F-IF.C	Analyze functions using different representations  Mathematically proficient students look closely to discern a pattern or structure. Young students, for example, might notice that three and seven more is the same amount as seven and three more, or they may sort a collection of shapes according to how many sides the shapes have. Later, students will see $7 \times 8$ equals the well remembered $7 \times 5 + 7 \times 3$ , in preparation for learning about the distributive property. In the expression $x^2 + 9x + 14$ , older students can see the 14 as $2 \times 7$ and the 9 as $2 + 7$ . They recognize the significance of an existing line in a geometric figure and can use the strategy of drawing an auxiliary line for solving problems. They also can step back for an overview and shift perspective. They can see complicated things, such as some algebraic expressions, as single objects or as being composed of several objects. For example, they can see $5 - 3(x - y)^2$ as 5 minus a positive number times a square and use that to realize that its value cannot be more than 5 for any real numbers $x$ and $y$ .
MA.F-IF.C.7b	Graph square root, cube root, and piecewise-defined functions, including step functions and absolute value functions.
MA.F-IF.C.7e	Graph exponential and logarithmic functions, showing intercepts and end behavior, and trigonometric functions, showing period, midline, and amplitude.
MA.F-IF.C.8	Write a function defined by an expression in different but equivalent forms to reveal and explain different properties of the function.
MA.F-IF.C.8b	Use the properties of exponents to interpret expressions for exponential functions.  For example, identify percent rate of change in functions such as $y = (1.02)$ to the $t$ power, $y = (0.97)$ to the $t$ power, $y = (1.01)$ to the $12t$ power, $y = (1.2)$ to the $t/10$ power, and classify them as representing exponential growth or decay.
MA.F-BF	Building Functions
MA.F-BF.A	Build a function that models a relationship between two quantities  For example, if $T(y)$ is the temperature in the atmosphere as a function of height, and $h(t)$ is the height of a weather balloon as a function of time, then $T(h(t))$ is the temperature at the location of the weather balloon as a function of time.
MA.F-BF.B	Build new functions from existing functions
MA.F-BF.B.3	Identify the effect on the graph of replacing $f(x)$ by $f(x) + k$ , $kf(x)$ , $f(kx)$ , and $f(x + k)$ for specific values of $k$ (both positive and negative); find the value of $k$ given the graphs. Experiment with cases and illustrate an explanation of the effects on the graph using technology.
MA.F-BF.B.4a	Solve an equation of the form $f(x) = c$ for a simple function $f$ that has an inverse and write an expression for the inverse.



MA.A-REI

Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities

For example,  $f(x) = 2x^3$  or  $f(x) = (x + 1)/(x - 1)$  for  $x \neq 1$ .

MA.A-REI.A.2

Solve simple rational and radical equations in one variable, and give examples showing how extraneous solutions may arise.

MA.F-LE

Linear and Exponential Models

MA.F-LE.A.1c

Recognize situations in which a quantity grows or decays by a constant percent rate per unit interval relative to another.