Alg 2B Classwork: Intro to Sec 7-5 Fall 2017 Name

SHOW YOUR WORK! Finish this tonight, it is due tomorrow.

Solving equations with rational exponents Take the following steps when solving an equation where the variable is being raised to a rational exponent.

1. Isolate the term or quantity that is being raised to the rational exponent on one side of the equation.
2. Raise both sides of the equation to the reciprocal power.
3. Finish solving for the variable.

EXAMPLE: Solve. $(x+1)^{\frac{3}{4}} + 7 = 34$

$$-7 \quad -7$$

$$\left((x+1)^{\frac{3}{4}}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} = (27)^{\frac{4}{3}} = \left(\sqrt[3]{27}\right)^4 = (3)^4$$

$$x+1 = 81 \qquad sol: x = 80$$

$$-1 \quad -1$$

Solve each.

1. $(x-3)^{\frac{5}{2}} - 11 = 21$
2. $6(2x-1)^{\frac{1}{5}} + 5 = 17$
3. $(x+7)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 6 = 19$

Solving radical equations Take the following steps when solving an equation where the variable is in the radicand.

1. Isolate the radical on one side of the equation.
2. Raise both sides of the equation to the power equal to the index of the radical.
3. Finish solving for the variable.

EXAMPLE: Solve. $\sqrt{5x+6} - 2 = 11$

$$+2 \quad +2 \qquad \text{add 2 to both sides}$$

$$\sqrt{5x+6} = 13$$

$$\left(\sqrt{5x+6}\right)^2 = (13)^2 \qquad \text{square both sides}$$

$$5x+6 = 169 \qquad \text{finish solving for x.}$$

$$-6 \quad -6$$

$$5x = 163 \qquad sol: x = \frac{163}{5} = 32.6$$

Solve each.

4. $\sqrt{2x+11} + 15 = 23$
5. $7 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x-8} + 44 = 16$
6. $\sqrt{8x+17} - 3 = x$