

7.2 Cube Roots p.296

A cube root of a number is a number that, when multiplied by itself, and then multiplied by itself again, equals the given number.

A perfect cube is a number that can be written as the cube of an integer.

The symbol $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$ is used to represent a cube root.

① Find each cube root

$$a) \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$

$$b) \sqrt[3]{-27} = -3$$

$$c) \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{64}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$d) \left(\sqrt[3]{5}\right)^3 = 5$$

* Cube root and cubing a number are inverse operations i.e. they undo each other

② Evaluate:

$$a) 2\sqrt[3]{-216} - 3$$
$$2(-6) - 3$$
$$-12 - 3$$
$$\boxed{-15}$$

$$b) \left(\sqrt[3]{125}\right)^3 + 21$$
$$125 + 21$$
$$\boxed{146}$$

$$c) 5\sqrt[3]{512} - 19$$
$$5(8) - 19$$
$$40 - 19$$
$$\boxed{21}$$

$$d) 18 - 4\sqrt[3]{8}$$
$$18 - 4(2)$$
$$18 - 8$$
$$\boxed{10}$$

$$e) \left(\sqrt[3]{-64}\right)^3 + 43$$
$$-64 + 43$$
$$\boxed{-21}$$

③ Evaluate an Algebraic Expression

a) $\frac{x}{4} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{3}}$ when $x = 192$

$$\frac{192}{4} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{192}{3}} = 48 + \sqrt[3]{64} = 48 + 4 = \boxed{52}$$

b) $\sqrt[3]{8y} + y$ when $y = 64$

$$\sqrt[3]{8(64)} + 64 = \sqrt[3]{512} + 64 = 8 + 64 = \boxed{72}$$

c) $2b - \sqrt[3]{9b}$ when $b = -3$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(-3) - \sqrt[3]{9(-3)} &= -6 - \sqrt[3]{-27} \\ &= -6 - (-3) \\ &= -6 + 3 \\ &= \boxed{-3} \end{aligned}$$

d) $\frac{W}{30} - \sqrt[3]{\frac{W}{5}}$ when $W = 1080$

$$\frac{1080}{30} - \sqrt[3]{\frac{1080}{5}}$$

$$36 - \sqrt[3]{216} = 36 - 6 = \boxed{30}$$