

## Chapter 7. Indices (Exponents)

### Exercise 7(A)

#### Solution 1:

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}3^3 \times (243)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times 9^{\frac{1}{3}} &= 3^3 \times (3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times (3 \times 3)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\&= 3^3 \times (3^5)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times (3^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\&= 3^3 \times 3^{\left(\frac{-10}{3}\right)} \times 3^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad [(a^m)^n = a^{mn}] \\&= 3^{3-\frac{10}{3}+\frac{2}{3}} \quad [a^m \times a^n \times a^p = a^{m+n+p}] \\&= 3^{\frac{9-10+2}{3}} \\&= 3^{\frac{9-12}{3}} \\&= 3^{-\frac{3}{3}} \\&= 3^{-1} \\&= \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

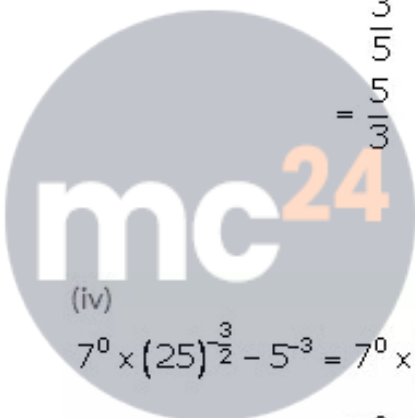
$$\begin{aligned}5^{-4} \times (125)^{\frac{5}{3}} \div (25)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 5^{-4} \times (5 \times 5 \times 5)^{\frac{5}{3}} \div (5 \times 5)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\&= 5^{-4} \times (5^3)^{\frac{5}{3}} \div (5^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\&= 5^{-4} \times \left(5^{3 \times \frac{5}{3}}\right) \div \left(5^{2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}\right) \\&= \frac{5^{-4} \times 5^5}{5^{-1}} \\&= \frac{5^{5-4}}{5^{-1}} \\&= \frac{5^1}{5^{-1}} \\&= 5^{1-(-1)} \\&= 5^2 \\&= 5 \times 5 \\&= 25\end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{27}{125}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{9}{25}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} &= \left(\frac{3 \times 3 \times 3}{5 \times 5 \times 5}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{3 \times 3}{5 \times 5}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^3\right]^{\frac{2}{3}} \times \left[\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2\right]^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{2 \times \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-3} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{2-3} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{3}{5}} \\ &= \frac{5}{3}\end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$\begin{aligned}7^0 \times (25)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 5^{-3} &= 7^0 \times (5 \times 5)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 5^{-3} \\ &= 7^0 \times (5^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= 7^0 \times 5^{2 \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)} - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= 7^0 \times 5^3 - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= 1 \times 5^3 - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{5^3} - \frac{1}{5^3} \\ &= \frac{1-1}{5 \times 5 \times 5} \\ &= \frac{0}{125} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \times \left(\frac{49}{9}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \left(\frac{343}{216}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \times \left(\frac{7 \times 7}{3 \times 3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \left(\frac{7 \times 7 \times 7}{6 \times 6 \times 6}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4\right]^{\frac{3}{4}} \times \left[\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{3}{2}} + \left[\left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^3\right]^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{4 \times \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)} \times \left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^{2 \times \frac{3}{2}} + \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-3} \times \left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3} \times \left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^3 \times \frac{1}{\left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3}} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{1}{\frac{7}{6} \times \frac{7}{6}} \\ &= \frac{1 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}{2 \times 2 \times 2} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{1 \times 6 \times 6}{7 \times 7} \\ &= \frac{7 \times 3 \times 3}{2} \\ &= \frac{63}{2} \\ &= 31.5 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2:**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} (8x^3 + 125y^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} &= \left(\frac{8x^3}{125y^3}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{2x \times 2x \times 2x}{5y \times 5y \times 5y}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{2x}{5y}\right)^3\right]^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{2x}{5y}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{2x}{5y}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{2x}{5y} \times \frac{2x}{5y} \\ &= \frac{4x^2}{25y^2} \end{aligned}$$

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(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}(a+b)^{-1} \cdot (a^{-1} + b^{-1}) &= \frac{1}{(a+b)} \times \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(a+b)} \times \left( \frac{b+a}{ab} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(a+b)} \times \frac{(a+b)}{ab} \\ &= \frac{1}{ab}\end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5^{n+3} - 6 \times 5^{n+1}}{9 \times 5^n - 5^n \times 2^2} &= \frac{5^{n+1} \times 5^2 - 6 \times 5^{n+1}}{9 \times 5^n - 5^n \times 2^2} \\ &= \frac{5^{n+1} \times (5^2 - 6)}{5^n \times (9 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{5^n \times 5^1 \times (25 - 6)}{5^n \times (9 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{5^1 \times 19}{5} \\ &= 19\end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$\begin{aligned}(3x^2)^{-3} \times (x^9)^{\frac{2}{3}} &= \frac{1}{(3x^2)^3} \times x^{9 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3^3 x^{2 \times 3}} \times x^6 \\ &= \frac{1}{27x^6} \times x^6 \\ &= \frac{1}{27}\end{aligned}$$

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**Solution 3:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} + (0.01)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (27)^{\frac{2}{3}} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}} + (0.1 \times 0.1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (3 \times 3 \times 3)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + \left[ (0.1)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} - (3^2)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + (0.1)^{2 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} - 3^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + (0.1)^{-1} - 3^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{0.1} - 9 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{10}{1} - 9 \\
 &= \frac{1 + 20 - 18}{2} \\
 &= \frac{3}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2} + 5^0 &= \left(\frac{3 \times 3 \times 3}{2 \times 2 \times 2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \left(\frac{1 \times 1}{2 \times 2}\right)^{-2} + 5^0 \\
 &= \left[\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3\right]^{\frac{2}{3}} - \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right]^{-2} + 1 \\
 &= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2 \times (-2)} + 1 \\
 &= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{9}{4} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{9}{4} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{16}} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{9}{4} - 16 + 1 \\
 &= \frac{9 - 64 + 4}{4} \\
 &= \frac{-51}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 4:**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{3^{-4}}{2^{-8}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} &= \left(\frac{2^8}{3^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= \frac{(2^8)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{(3^4)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{2^{8 \times \frac{1}{4}}}{3^{4 \times \frac{1}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{2^2}{3} \\ &= \frac{4}{3}\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{27^{-3}}{9^{-3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} &= \left(\frac{9^3}{27^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \left(\frac{(3^2)^3}{(3^3)^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \left[\frac{(3^2)^3}{(3^3)^3}\right]^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \left[\frac{(1)^3}{(3)^3}\right]^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{3 \times \frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3^{\frac{3}{5}}}\end{aligned}$$

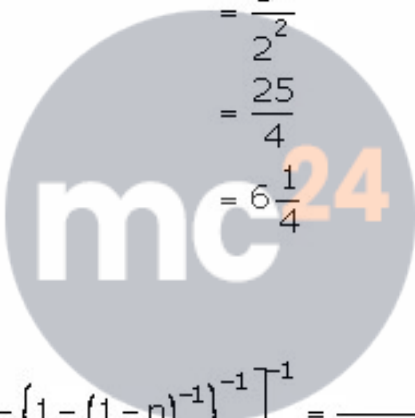
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(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}(32)^{-\frac{2}{5}} \div (125)^{-\frac{2}{3}} &= \frac{(32)^{-\frac{2}{5}}}{(125)^{-\frac{2}{3}}} \\ &= \frac{(125)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(32)^{\frac{2}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{(5 \times 5 \times 5)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)^{\frac{2}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{(5^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(2^5)^{\frac{2}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{5^2}{2^2} \\ &= \frac{25}{4} \\ &= 6\frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$\left[1 - \left\{1 - (1 - r)^{-1}\right\}^{-1}\right]^1 = \frac{1}{\left[1 - \left\{1 - (1 - r)^{-1}\right\}^{-1}\right]^+1}$$



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$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - (1-n)^{-1}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{(1-n)}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\frac{1(1-n) - 1}{(1-n)}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\frac{1-n-1}{(1-n)}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\frac{-n}{(1-n)}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{-n}}$$

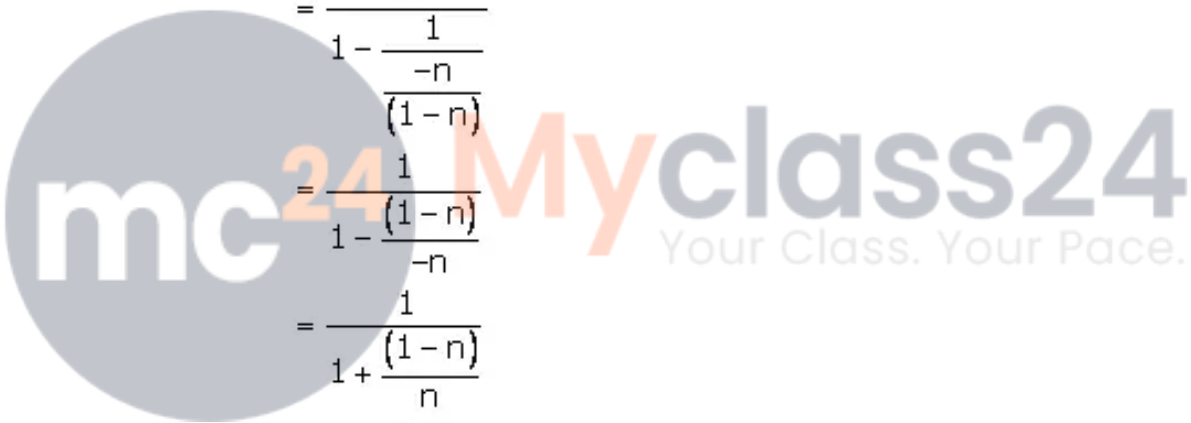
$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{n + (1-n)}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{n+1-n}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{n}{1}$$

$$= n$$



**Solution 5:**

$$2160 = 2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5 = 2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^4 \times 3^3 \times 5^1 = 2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c = 2^4 \times 3^3 \times 5^1$$

Comparing powers of 2,3 and 5 on the both sides of equation, we have

$$a=4; b=3 \text{ and } c=1$$

$$\text{Hence value of } 3^a \times 2^{-b} \times 5^{-c} = 3^4 \times 2^{-3} \times 5^{-1}$$

$$= 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2^3} \times \frac{1}{5}$$

$$= 81 \times \frac{1}{2 \times 2 \times 2} \times \frac{1}{5}$$

$$= 81 \times \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{5}$$

$$= \frac{81}{40}$$

$$= 2 \frac{1}{40}$$

**Solution 6:**

$$1960 = 2^a \times 5^b \times 7^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 7 = 2^a \times 5^b \times 7^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^3 \times 5^1 \times 7^2 = 2^a \times 5^b \times 7^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^a \times 5^b \times 7^c = 2^3 \times 5^1 \times 7^2$$

Comparing powers of 2,5 and 7 on the both sides of equation, we have

$$a=3; b=1 \text{ and } c=2$$

$$\text{Hence value of } 2^{-a} \times 7^b \times 5^{-c} = 2^{-3} \times 7^1 \times 5^{-2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^3} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{5^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{5 \times 5}$$

$$= \frac{7}{200}$$



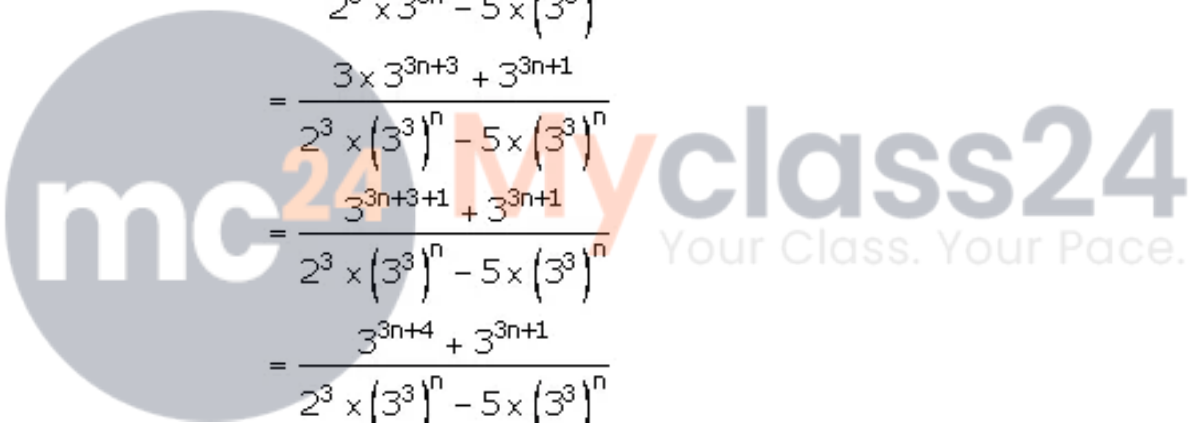
**Solution 7:**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{8^{3a} \times 2^5 \times 2^{2a}}{4 \times 2^{11a} \times 2^{-2a}} &= \frac{(2^3)^{3a} \times 2^5 \times 2^{2a}}{2^2 \times 2^{11a} \times 2^{-2a}} \\
&= \frac{2^{3 \times 3a} \times 2^5 \times 2^{2a}}{2^2 \times 2^{11a} \times 2^{-2a}} \\
&= \frac{2^{9a} \times 2^5 \times 2^{2a}}{2^2 \times 2^{11a} \times 2^{-2a}} \\
&= 2^{9a+5+2a-2-11a+2a} \\
&= 2^{2a+3}
\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{3 \times 27^{n+1} + 9 \times 3^{3n-1}}{8 \times 3^{3n} - 5 \times 27^n} &= \frac{3 \times (3 \times 3 \times 3)^{n+1} + 3 \times 3 \times 3^{3n-1}}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3^{3n} - 5 \times (3 \times 3 \times 3)^n} \\
&= \frac{3 \times (3^3)^{n+1} + 3^2 \times 3^{3n-1}}{2^3 \times 3^{3n} - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
&= \frac{3 \times 3^{3n+3} + 3^{3n+1}}{2^3 \times (3^3)^n - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
&= \frac{3^{3n+3+1} + 3^{3n+1}}{2^3 \times (3^3)^n - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
&= \frac{3^{3n+4} + 3^{3n+1}}{2^3 \times (3^3)^n - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
&= \frac{3^{3n} \times 3^4 + 3^{3n} \times 3^1}{2^3 \times (3^3)^n - 5 \times (3^3)^n} \\
&= \frac{3^{3n} (3^4 + 3^1)}{(3^3)^n (8 - 5)} \\
&= \frac{3^{3n} (3^4 + 3^1)}{3^{3n} \times 3} \\
&= \frac{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 + 3}{3} \\
&= \frac{81 + 3}{3} \\
&= \frac{84}{3} \\
&= 28
\end{aligned}$$



**Solution 8:**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{a^m}{a^{-n}}\right)^{m-n} \times \left(\frac{a^n}{a^{-l}}\right)^{n-l} \times \left(\frac{a^l}{a^{-m}}\right)^{l-m} \\
&= (a^m \times a^n)^{m-n} \times (a^n \times a^l)^{n-l} \times (a^l \times a^m)^{l-m} \\
&= (a^{m+n})^{m-n} \times (a^{n+l})^{n-l} \times (a^{l+m})^{l-m} \\
&= a^{m^2-n^2} \times a^{n^2-l^2} \times a^{l^2-m^2} \\
&= a^{m^2-n^2+n^2-l^2+l^2-m^2} \\
&= a^0 \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

**Solution 9:**

$$\begin{aligned}
a &= x^{m+n} \cdot x^l \\
b &= x^{n+l} \cdot x^m \\
c &= x^{l+m} \cdot x^n
\end{aligned}$$

LHS

$$\begin{aligned}
& a^{m-n} \cdot b^{n-l} \cdot c^{l-m} \\
&= (x^{m+n} \cdot x^l)^{m-n} \cdot (x^{n+l} \cdot x^m)^{n-l} \cdot (x^{l+m} \cdot x^n)^{l-m} \quad [\text{Substituting } a, b, c \text{ in LHS}] \\
&= x^{(m+n)(m-n)} \cdot x^{l(m-n)} \cdot x^{(n+l)(n-l)} \cdot x^{m(n-l)} \cdot x^{(l+m)(l-m)} \cdot x^{n(l-m)} \\
&= x^{m^2-n^2+ml-nl+n^2-l^2+mn-nl+l^2-m^2+nl-mn} \\
&= x^0 \\
&= 1 = \text{RHS}
\end{aligned}$$

**Solution 10:**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a^2+ab+b^2} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b^2+bc+c^2} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c^2+ca+a^2} \\
&= \left(x^{a-b}\right)^{a^2+ab+b^2} \times \left(x^{b-c}\right)^{b^2+bc+c^2} \times \left(x^{c-a}\right)^{c^2+ca+a^2} \\
&= x^{a^3-b^3} \times x^{b^3-c^3} \times x^{c^3-a^3} \\
&= x^{a^3-b^3+b^3-c^3+c^3-a^3} \\
&= x^0 \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{x^a}{x^{-b}}\right)^{a^2-ab+b^2} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^{-c}}\right)^{b^2-bc+c^2} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^{-a}}\right)^{c^2-ca+a^2} \\
&= \left(x^{a+b}\right)^{a^2-ab+b^2} \times \left(x^{b+c}\right)^{b^2-bc+c^2} \times \left(x^{c+a}\right)^{c^2-ca+a^2} \\
&= x^{a^3+b^3} \times x^{b^3+c^3} \times x^{c^3+a^3} \\
&= x^{a^3+b^3+b^3+c^3+c^3+a^3} \\
&= x^{2(a^3+b^3+c^3)} \\
&= x^{2(a^3+b^3+c^3)}
\end{aligned}$$

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