

Tetration versus Tetraroot

Yes, I agree with the UVIV's conclusions, i.e. that we must have:

$${}^{1/n}({}^n x) \neq x$$

which means that:

$${}^n x \neq \overbrace{x}^{1/n} \quad [x\text{-tower-}n \neq \text{tetraroot of } x, \text{ order } 1/n]$$

or, also:

$$\boxed{{}^{1/n} x \neq \overbrace{x}^n} \quad [{}^{1/n} x \neq \text{tetraroot of } x, \text{ order } n]$$

Indeed so!

In fact, let us consider the following data, for any real $b > 0$:

$${}^1 b = \log_b b^b = b$$

$${}^0 b = \log_b b = 1$$

$${}^{-1} b = \log_b 1 = 0$$

$${}^{-2} b = \log_b 0 = -\infty \quad \dots \text{ hops, sorry!}$$

And then, keeping in mind that the infinite tetraroot (super-root) of b is equal to $\sqrt[b]{b}$, let us take into consideration the following expressions:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} {}^{1/n} b = {}^0 b = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \overbrace{b}^n = \sqrt[b]{b} = f(b)$$

with, in general, $f(b) \neq 1$, except for $b = 1$ and $b = +\infty$ (... sorry again). Therefore, in general, we shall indeed have:

$$\boxed{{}^{1/n} b \neq \overbrace{b}^n}$$

except in two singular points ($b = 1$ and $b \rightarrow +\infty$). In particular for $n \rightarrow +\infty$, we have:

$${}^0 b = 1 \neq \overbrace{b}^\infty = \sqrt[b]{b}$$

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