

ISOLATING A VARIABLE -(continued) DEALING W/ P² OR T⁴ OR R³

NOTE: YOU CANNOT SIMPLY CANCEL OUT A "SQUARED" SIGN.

FOR EX. $\frac{M_E P_E^2}{M_0 P_0^2} = \frac{R_E^3}{R_0^3}$ SAY YOU WANT TO SOLVE FOR P .

THIS DOES NOT EQUAL $\frac{M_E P_E}{M_0 P_0} = \frac{M_E P_E}{M_0 P_0}$

THE ONLY WAY TO GET RID OF IT IS TO TAKE THE SQUARE ROOT OF EVERYTHING IN THE EQ'N

$$\sqrt{\frac{M_E}{M_0}} \sqrt{\frac{P_E^2}{P_0^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{M_E}{M_0}} \frac{P_E}{P_0} = \sqrt{\frac{R_E^3}{R_0^3}}$$

LIKEWISE, IF YOU WANT TO SOLVE FOR R ,

TAKE THE CUBE ROOT OF EVERYTHING IN THE EQ'N:

$$\left[\frac{M_E}{M_0} \left(\frac{P_E}{P_0} \right)^2 \right]^{1/3} = \left[\left(\frac{R_E}{R_0} \right)^3 \right]^{1/3} \quad \text{NOTE } (R^{1/3})^3 = R^{1/3 \cdot 3} = R^1$$

Likewise: solve for T:

$$L = 4\pi R^2 T^4 \quad T^4 = \frac{L}{4\pi R^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{M_E}{M_0} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{P_E}{P_0} \right)^{2/3} = \left[\frac{R_E}{R_0} \right] \quad \left[T = \left(\frac{L}{4\pi R^2} \right)^{1/4} \right]$$

DEALING WITH: POWERS OF 10

$$10^a \cdot 10^b = 10^{a+b}$$

EX: $10^2 \cdot 10^3 = 10^{2+3} = 10^5$

$$\frac{10^a}{10^b} = 10^a \cdot 10^{-b} = 10^{a-b}$$

EX: $\frac{10^3}{10^2} = 10^{3-2} = 10^1$

$$10^{-a} = \frac{1}{10^a}$$

EX: $\frac{10^2}{10^3} = 10^{2-3} = 10^{-1} = \frac{1}{10}$

$$(10^a)^b = 10^{a \cdot b}$$

EX: $(10^3)^2 = 10^{3 \cdot 2} = 10^6$

$(10^{-2})^4 = 10^{-2 \cdot 4} = 10^{-8}$