

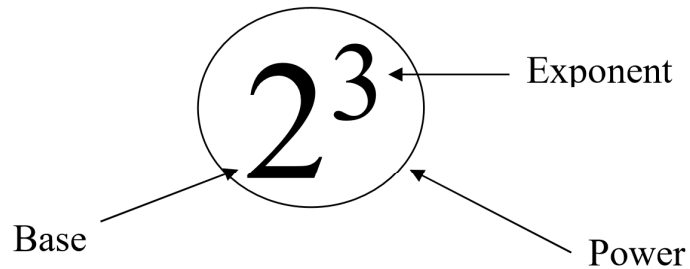
L3 Exponent Review

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Lesson 3 Exponent Review



Exponent Laws

Product Law

$$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}, a \neq 0$$

Example 1

$$x^3 \cdot x^4 = x^7$$

$$\underbrace{x \cdot x \cdot x}_{x^3} \cdot \underbrace{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x}_{x^4}$$

Example 2

Simplify.

a) $x^5 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^1$

$$x^8$$

b) $(-2)^3 \cdot (-2)^7$

$$(-2)^{10}$$

c) $(x^2y)(x^3y^6)$

$$x^5y^7$$

Quotient Law

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}, a \neq 0$$

Example 3

$$\frac{3^8}{3^6} = 3^2$$

$$\frac{\cancel{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}}{\cancel{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}}$$

$$\frac{3^2}{3^5} = 3^{-3}$$

Example 4

a) $\frac{x^{17}}{x^5}$
 x^{12}

$$\frac{\cancel{3 \cdot 3}}{\cancel{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}}$$

$$\frac{1}{3^3}$$

b) $\frac{(-5)^{11}}{(-5)^5}$
 $(-5)^6$

* Keep the same base,
 subtract exponents

c) $16x^4y^3 \div 8x^3y$

or $\frac{16x^4y^3}{8x^3y} = 2xy^2$

Power Law

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

Example 5

$$(2^3)^2 = 2^6$$

multiply exponents

or $2^3 \cdot 2^3 = 2^6$

Example 6

a) $(x^{13})^4$
 x^{52}

b) $((x^3)^2)^5$
 $(x^6)^5$
 x^{30}

Product to a Power

$$(ab)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$$

Example 7

$(xy)^3 = x^3y^3$

* Apply the exponent to each part of the product

Example 8

a) $(-2xy)^2 = 4x^2y^2$
 $(-2xy)(-2xy)$

b) $(-4p^3q^2)^3$

$-64p^9q^6$

Fraction to a Power

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}, b \neq 0$$

Example 9

$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{9}$

$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$

Example 10

a) $\left(\frac{2x}{3y}\right)^2$

$$\frac{4x^2}{9y^2}$$

b) $\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right)^5$

$$\frac{1}{32x^5}$$

Zero Power Law

$$a^0 = 1, a \neq 0$$

Example 11

$$4^0 = 1$$

$$\frac{4^3}{4^3} = 4^{3-3}$$

$$1 = 4^0$$

Example 12

a) $(6x)^0$

$$1$$

b) $6x^0$ ← exponent only applies to x

$$6 \cdot 1$$

$$6$$

$$(-5)^0 = 1$$

$$-5^0 = -1$$

$$-(1)$$

Example 13

$$\frac{(2a^3b^2)^3(2ab^4c^4)}{-(4abc^2)}$$

$$-(4abc^2)$$

$$\frac{(8a^9b^6)(2ab^4c^4)}{-(4abc^2)}$$

$$-(4abc^2)$$

$$16a^{10}b^{10}c^4$$

$$\frac{16a^{10}b^{10}c^4}{-4abc^2}$$

$$-4a^9b^9c^2$$