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Lesson 1: Laws of Exponents and Simplifying Exponential Expressions

**Recall:** Rewriting a string of Addition:

$$2 + 2 + 2 = 3 \times 2$$

$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 4 \times 2$$

$$2 + 2 + \dots + 2 = 10 \times 2$$

$$2 + 2 + \dots + 2 = n \times 2$$

10 times  
n times

**Note:** Rewriting a string of multiplication

$$2 \times 2 = 2^2 \quad (\text{this reads, two squared})$$

$$2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^3 \quad (\text{this reads, two cubed})$$

$$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^4 \quad (\text{two to the four})$$

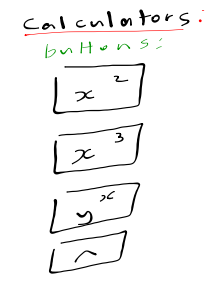
$$2 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2 = 2^{10}$$

$$2 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2 = 2^n$$

10 times  
n times

↑  
the exponent (the power)

↑  
Terminology: the base of the exponential number



Ex. Rewrite in Exponential Notation

$$13 \times 13 \times 13 \times 13 = 13^4 \quad (= 28561) \quad \text{base} = 13$$

$$(-3) \times (-3) \times (-3) \times (-3) = (-3)^4 \quad (= 81)$$

$$(-3) \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = -3^4 = -1 \cdot 3^4 \quad (= -81)$$

coefficient ↑      ↑ base = 3

$$\frac{4 \times 4}{5 \times 5 \times 5} = \frac{4^2}{5^3}$$

$$\frac{-2 \times 2}{-3 \times -3 \times -3} = \frac{-1 \cdot 2^2}{(-3)^3}$$

$$m \times m \times m = m^3$$

$$\dot{\smile} \times \dot{\smile} = \dot{\smile}^2$$

$$x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y = x^3 \cdot y^2$$

$$(2+y)(2+y) = (2+y)^2$$

$$= (2+y) \cdot (2+y)$$

$$= 2^2 + 2y + 2y + y^2$$

$$= 2^2 + 2(2y) + y^2$$

$$= 4 + 4y + y^2$$

$$(x-1)(x-1)(x-1) = (x-1)^3$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$$

$\frac{1}{2}$  to the three cubed

ex: Rewrite / Expand

$$3^6 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 (= 729)$$

base = -2

$$(-2)^3 = (-2) \times (-2) \times (-2) (= -8)$$

base = 2

$$-2^3 = -2 \times 2 \times 2 (= -8)$$

$$= -1 \cdot 2^3$$

$$\frac{7^4}{10^2} = \frac{(7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7)}{10 \times 10}$$

$$\frac{(-6)^2}{-5^4} = \frac{-6 \times -6}{-5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5}$$

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

$$9^4 = 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9$$

base = x

$$-x^2 = -1 \cdot x^2 = -1 \cdot x \cdot x$$

base = -y

$$(-y)^3 = -y \cdot -y \cdot -y$$

$$(x + y)^2 = (x + y) \cdot (x + y)$$

$$(-x + y)^3 = (-x + y) \cdot (-x + y) \cdot (-x + y)$$

Reading Laws 1 - 3

# 1

← both ways →

$$a^1 = a$$

examples.

$$x^2 \cdot y^1 \cdot z^3$$

$$f(x) = x^1 + 2$$

$$g(x) = x^2 + 3$$

# 2

$$a^0 = 1$$

e.x. simplify

$$10^0 = 1$$

$$10^1 = 10$$

$$(-2)^0 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} -2^0 &= -1 \cdot 2^0 \\ &= -1 \cdot (1) \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(x+3)^0 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} -x^0 &= -1 \cdot x^0 \\ &= -1 \cdot 1 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

#3

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$$

e.x. simplify

$$3^2 \times 3^4 = 3^{2+4}$$

$$= 3^6$$

$$10^2 \times 10^1 = 10^{2+1} = 10^3$$

$$4^{-2} \times 4^2 = 4^{-2+2} = 4^0 = 1$$

$$a^3 \times b \times a^2 \times b^2 = \underbrace{a^3 \times a^2}_{\text{row #2}} \times b^1 \times b^2$$

$$= a^5 \times b^3$$

You do - Think / Pair / Share

simplify using the laws (verify w/ calculator)

#1  $4^2 \times 4 = 4^3$

#2  $-10^5 \times 10^{-5} = -1 \cdot \underbrace{10^5 \times 10^{-5}}_{= -1 \cdot 10^0} = -1 \cdot 1$

#3  $(-2)^2 \times (-2)^4 = (-2)^6$

#4  $(x^3 y^{-1})(x y^5 z) = (x^4 y^{-1+5} z)$   
 $= x^4 y^4 z$

Prove :  $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$   
 (Rewriting)  
 L.S. abstractly

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a^m \times a^n \\
 = & \underbrace{a \times a \times \dots \times a}_{m \text{ times}} \times \underbrace{a \times a \dots \times a}_{n \text{ times}} \\
 & \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{m+n \text{ times}} \\
 = & a^{m+n} \\
 & \text{R.S. } \square \quad \checkmark a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}
 \end{aligned}$$

concretely

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a \times a \times a \times a \times a \\
 & \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_3 \times \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_2 \\
 & \underbrace{\hspace{4em}}_5 \text{ times} \\
 & 3 + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Prove # 2 :  $a^0 = 1$   
start

$$a^0 \cdot a^1 = a^{0+1} \quad \text{law 3}$$

$$a^0 \cdot a^1 = a^1 \quad \text{law 1}$$

$$\frac{a^0 \cdot a^1}{a^1} = \frac{a^1}{a^1}$$

$$a^0 = 1 \quad \square$$

You do: Work in same partners

simplify

- i.  $2^7 \times 2^{10} = 2^{17}$
- ii.  $(-3)^4 \times (-3)^3 = (-3)^7$
- iii.  $-3^4 \times 3^3 = -3^7$
- iv.  $(x y^2)(x^2 y) = (x^3 y^3)$
- v.  $a^2 b^3 c^4 \times a^3 b^4 c^2 = a^5 \cdot b^4 \cdot c^6$
- vi.  $2^7 + 2^{10} \neq 2^{17}$  ( $2^7 + 2^7 = 2 \cdot 2^7 = 2^8$ )
- vii.  $(3x) \cdot (2x) = 3 \times 2 \times \underline{x^1 \times x^1} = 6x^2$
- viii.  $(4x^{-2})(5x^6) = 20x^4$  ( $= 4 \times 5 \times x^{-2} \times x^6 = 20x^{-2+6}$ )
- ix.  $(3a^2)(4b^4) = 12a^2b^4$

Reading Laws 4 and 8-9

#4

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

ex.

$$\frac{4^3}{4^2} = 4^{3-2}$$

$$= 4^1$$

$$= 4$$

ex

$$\frac{y^3}{y^{-3}} = y^{3-(-3)}$$

$$= y^6$$

ex

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

$$= x^0$$

$$= 1$$

Prove:  $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

L.S.

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n}$$

*m times*

$$\frac{a \times a \times \dots \times a}{a \times a \times \dots \times a}$$

*n times*

*m-n times*

$$a \times a \times \dots \times a$$

$$\frac{a \times a \times a \times a \times a}{a \times a \times a}$$

*5 - 3*

$a^{m-n}$   
R.S.  $\square$  Q.E.D



Law # 8

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

- or -

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

ex.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^{-2}}{2^{-1}} &= \frac{a^{-2}}{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{a^{-2}}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2a^2} \end{aligned}$$

Recall:  
x fractions:

ex.  $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{7}$

$$\frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 7}$$

ex

$$\frac{2^{-3}}{1} = \frac{1}{2^3}$$

ex.

$$\begin{aligned} &4^{-2} \\ &\frac{1}{4^2} \\ &\frac{1}{4 \times 4} \\ &\frac{1}{16} \end{aligned}$$

ex

$$\begin{aligned} &-3^{-2} \\ &\frac{1}{-3^2} \\ &\frac{1}{-3 \times 3} \\ &-\frac{1}{9} = \frac{-1}{9} = -\frac{1}{9} \end{aligned}$$

Law # 9

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

e.x.

$$\frac{1}{4^{-2}}$$

$$4^2$$

$$4 \times 4$$

$$16$$



e.x.

$$\frac{x^{-3}}{y^{-2}}$$

$$\frac{y^2}{x^3}$$

e.x.

Rewrite w/out negative exponents

$$\frac{a^3}{b^{-2}}$$

$$= \frac{b^2}{a^{-3}}$$

$$= b^2 \times a^3$$

$$= a^3 b^2$$

You: Simplify and final answer  
 Evaluate / Rewrite as exp #  
 can't have negative exponents

i.  $3^4 \div 3^2 = 3^2$

ii.  $3^2 \div 3^4 = \frac{1}{3^2}$  ( $3^{2-4} = 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2}$ )

iii.  $\frac{5^{10}}{5^4} = 5^{10-4} = 5^6$  #4 #8

iv.  $\frac{5^4}{5^{10}} = \frac{1}{5^6}$  ( $5^{4-10} = 5^{-6} = \frac{1}{5^6}$ )

v.  $3^2 \times 3^{-4} = \frac{1}{3^2}$  ( $3^{2+(-4)} = 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2}$ )

vi.  $(a^3 b^6) \div (a^3 b^8) = b^{-2} = \frac{1}{b^2}$   
 $\frac{a^3 b^6}{a^3 b^8} = b^{6-8} = b^{-2} = \frac{1}{b^2}$

vii.  $\frac{x^2 y^4}{x^1 y^5} = \frac{x}{y}$  ( $x^{2-1} \cdot y^{4-5} = x y^{-1} = \frac{x}{y}$ )

viii.  $\frac{14 x^3}{8 x^5} = \frac{1 \cdot x^{3-5}}{2} = \frac{1 \cdot x^{-2}}{2} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot x^2}$

ix.  $(2 \cdot x^3) \cdot (4 x^{-5} y) = 8 \cdot x^{3+(-5)} \cdot y$  #3

$= 8 x^{-2} \cdot y$

$= \frac{8 \cdot y}{x^2}$  #8

Reading #5

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}$$

e.x.

$$(2^3)^4 = 2^{3 \times 4} = 2^{12}$$

e.x.

$$-(4^2)^5 = -1 \cdot (4^{10}) = -4^{10}$$

$$-1 \cdot (4^2)^5$$

↓  
B  
P  
S  
V  
P  
B

e.x.

$$((-5)^3)^2 = (-5)^{3 \times 2} = (-5)^6$$

base: -5  
of exp 2

base: (-5)<sup>3</sup>  
of exp 2

Law # 6

$$(a b)^n = a^n b^n$$

base = a · b

$$(a + b)^n \neq a^n + b^n$$

e.x.

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

$$2^2 \cdot (x^2)^2 (y^6)^2$$

$$4 x^{2 \times 2} y^{6 \times 2}$$

$$4 x^4 y^{12}$$

e.x.

$$(x + 2)^2$$

$$(x + 2)(x + 2)$$

e.x.

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{y^{-3}}\right)^3 \neq 7$$

$$\frac{(x^2)^3}{(y^{-3})^3} \neq 5$$

$$\frac{x^{2 \times 3}}{y^{-3 \times 3}}$$

$$\frac{x^6}{y^{-9}} \neq 9$$

$$x^6 y^9$$

Law # 7

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

e.x.

$$(xy)^2 = x^2 y^2$$

$$e.x. (x^2 \cdot y^3 \cdot z)^3 \neq 6$$

$$= (x^2)^3 \cdot (y^3)^3 \cdot z^3$$

$$= x^{2 \times 3} \cdot y^{3 \times 3} \cdot z^3$$

$$= x^6 y^9 z^3$$

can't use law # 6

$$\neq x^2 + 2^2$$

e.x.

$$(2x)^2$$

$$(2 \cdot x)(2 \cdot x)$$

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot x \cdot x$$

$$2^2 x^2$$

TIPS...follow BEDMAS

deal w negative exponents @ end

You do:

Simplify and answer must not have negative exponents

i.  $(x^{-3} z^{-4})^{-2} = (x^{-3})^{-2} \cdot (z^{-4})^{-2} = x^6 z^8$

ii.  $(-2x^2y)^4 = (-2)^4 x^8 y^4 = (-2)^2 (x^2)^4 y^4$

iii.  $(a^{-2} b^3)^2 = (a^{-2})^2 \cdot (b^3)^2 = a^{-4} b^6 = \frac{a^{-4}}{b^6} = \frac{1}{a^4 b^6}$

iv.  $(\frac{4}{x^2})^{-2} = \frac{4^{-2}}{(x^2)^{-2}} = \frac{4^{-2}}{x^{-4}} = \frac{x^4}{4^2}$

v.  $(\frac{x^3 y^4}{4 z^{-1}})^2 = \frac{(x^3)^2 (y^4)^2}{4^2 \cdot (z^{-1})^{-2}} = \frac{x^6 y^8}{4^2 \cdot z^2} = \frac{4^2}{x^6 y^8 z^2}$

vi.  $(\frac{x^{-3}}{z^{-4}})^{-2} = \frac{(x^{-3})^{-2}}{(z^{-4})^{-2}} = \frac{x^6}{z^8}$

vii.  $(\frac{x^4}{x^{-2}})^3 = (x^{4-(-2)})^3 = (x^6)^3 = x^{18}$

viii.  $(\frac{x^5}{x^2 y^3})^{-1} = (\frac{x^{5-2}}{y^3})^{-1} = (\frac{x^3}{y^3})^{-1}$

$= \frac{x^{-3}}{y^{-3}}$

$= \frac{y^3}{x^3}$

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