

# Unit I Notes

## Exponents



### Tentative Schedule

Day	Date	Class Work	Assignment
1	Wed. 9/3 Thurs. 9/4	Problem Solving Group Work	Watch Video #1.1 – Exponential Notation, the Product of Powers and the Quotient of Powers
2	Fri. 9/5	P.S. #1.1	Watch Video #1.2 – The Power of a Power
3	Mon. 9/8 Tues. 9/9	P.S. #1.2	Watch Video #1.3 – Zero and Negative Exponents
4	Wed. 9/10	<b>Quiz #1.1</b> P.S. #1.3	Finish P.S. #1.3
5	Thurs. 9/11 Fri. 9/12	Activity	Review for Test #1
6	Mon. 9/15	<b>Quiz #1.2</b> Review for Test #1	Study
7	Tues. 9/16 Wed. 9/17	<b>Test #1</b>	Watch Video #2.1

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## Notes II - Exponential Notation and Product/Quotient of Powers

Examples involving exponential notation. Also, identify the base and exponent in each expression.

1.)  $5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 5^6$

Base: 5 Exponent: 6

2.)  $\frac{9}{7} \times \frac{9}{7} \times \frac{9}{7} \times \frac{9}{7} = \left(\frac{9}{7}\right)^4$

Base:  $\frac{9}{7}$  Exponent: 4

3.)  $\left(-\frac{4}{11}\right)^3 = -\frac{4}{11} \times -\frac{4}{11} \times -\frac{4}{11}$

Base:  $-\frac{4}{11}$  Exponent: 3

4.)  $(-2)^6 = (-2)(-2)(-2)(-2)(-2)(-2)$

~~$-2^6 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$~~

Base: -2 Exponent: 6

5.)  $3.8^4 = (3.8)(3.8)(3.8)(3.8)$

Base: 3.8 Exponent: 4

Did you notice that parentheses are used in 2, 3, and 4? Why do you think there are parentheses?

To show the entire number that is the base.

### Vocabulary

The number  $x^n$  is called \_\_\_\_\_ raised to the \_\_\_\_\_ power, \_\_\_\_\_ is the **exponent** and \_\_\_\_\_ is the **base**.



Try these exercises on your own. Then, compare with your partner.

**Exercise 1**

$$\underbrace{4 \times \cdots \times 4}_{7 \text{ times}} = 4^7$$

**Exercise 2**

$$\underbrace{3.6 \times \cdots \times 3.6}_{47 \text{ times}} = 3.6^{47}$$

**Exercise 3**

$$\underbrace{(-11.63) \times \cdots \times (-11.63)}_{34 \text{ times}} = (-11.63)^{34}$$

**Exercise 4**

$$\underbrace{12 \times \cdots \times 12}_{15 \text{ times}} = 12^{15}$$

**Exercise 5**

$$\underbrace{(-5) \times \cdots \times (-5)}_{10 \text{ times}} = (-5)^{10}$$

**Exercise 6**

$$\underbrace{\frac{7}{2} \times \cdots \times \frac{7}{2}}_{21 \text{ times}} = \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^{21}$$

**Exercise 7**

$$\underbrace{(-13) \times \cdots \times (-13)}_{6 \text{ times}} = (-13)^6$$

**Exercise 8**

$$\underbrace{\left(-\frac{1}{14}\right) \times \cdots \times \left(-\frac{1}{14}\right)}_{10 \text{ times}} = \left(-\frac{1}{14}\right)^{10}$$

**Exercise 9**

$$\underbrace{x \cdot x \cdots x}_{185 \text{ times}} = x^{185}$$

**Exercise 10**

$$\underbrace{x \cdot x \cdots x}_n \text{ times} = x^n$$

**Exercise 11**

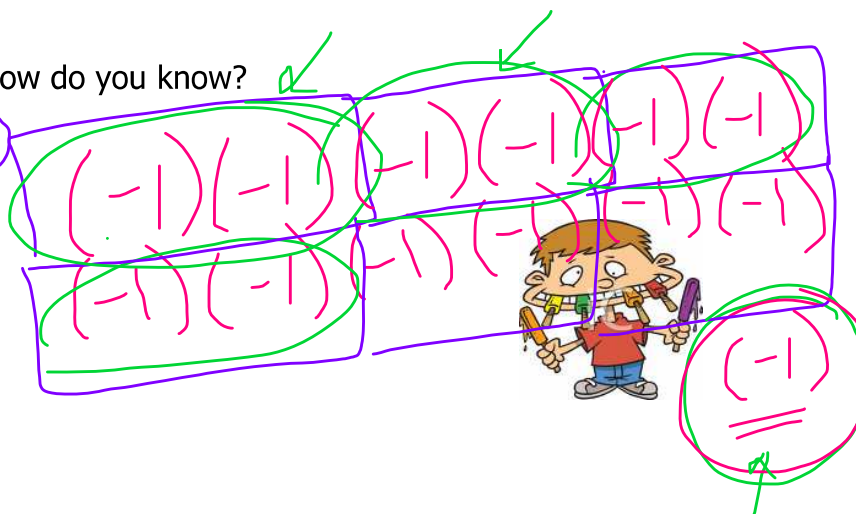
Will these products be positive or negative? How do you know?

$$\underbrace{(-1) \times (-1) \times \cdots \times (-1)}_{12 \text{ times}} = (-1)^{12}$$

positive  
Exponent is even

$$\underbrace{(-1) \times (-1) \times \cdots \times (-1)}_{13 \text{ times}} = (-1)^{13}$$

negative  
Exponent is odd



### Exercise 12

Is it necessary to do all of the calculations to determine the sign of the product? Why or why not?

$$\underbrace{(-5) \times (-5) \times \cdots \times (-5)}_{95 \text{ times}} = (-5)^{95}$$

No, it's not necessary; all you have to do is look at the exponent. The product is negative because the exponent is odd.

$$\underbrace{(-1.8) \times (-1.8) \times \cdots \times (-1.8)}_{122 \text{ times}} = (-1.8)^{122}$$

The product is positive because the exponent is even.



### Exercise 13

Fill in the blanks about whether the number is positive or negative.

If  $n$  is a positive even number, then  $(-55)^n$  is positive.

If  $n$  is a positive odd number, then  $(-55)^n$  is negative.

### Exercise 14

Josie says that  $\underbrace{(-15) \times (-15) \times (-15) \times (-15) \times (-15) \times (-15)}_{\text{positive}} = -15^6$ . Is she correct? How do you know?

positive

No, she is not correct because  $-15^6$  is negative, while her product should be positive. It should say  $(-15)^6$ .

### Exercise 15

Expand and evaluate  $\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^3$ .

$$\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = \boxed{\frac{-27}{64}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 216 \\ 4 \\ \hline 64 \end{array}$$

- 1.) Expand
- $10^6$
- .

$$10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10$$

- 2.) Expand
- $10^3$
- .

$$10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10$$

- 3.) Expand
- $10^6 \cdot 10^3$
- . What do you notice?

$$\underbrace{10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10}_{10^6} \cdot \underbrace{10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10}_{10^3}$$

$$10^6 \cdot 10^3 =$$

$$10^9$$

- 4.) Expand
- $a^4$
- .

$$a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a$$

- 5.) Expand
- $a^5$
- .

$$a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a$$

- 6.) Expand
- $a^4 \cdot a^5$
- . What do you notice?

$$a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a = a^9$$

$$a^4 \cdot a^5$$

When you find the product of two algebraic expressions with the same base, you can add their exponents and use this exponent with the same base.

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

Simplify each expression. Write your answer in exponential notation.

7.)  $(-4)^2 \cdot (-4)^3 =$

$$(-4)^5$$

8.)  $3^6 \cdot 3^1 =$

$$3^7$$

9.)  $a^{23} \cdot a^9 =$

$$a^{32}$$

10.) Expand  $5^6$ .

$5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

11.) Expand  $5^2$ .

$5 \cdot 5$

12.) Expand  $5^6 \div 5^2$ . What do you notice?

$$\frac{5^6}{5^2} = \frac{5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot \cancel{5 \cdot 5}}{\cancel{5 \cdot 5}} = 5^4$$

13.) Expand  $y^7$ .

$y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y$

14.) Expand  $y^4$ .

$y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y$

15.) Expand  $y^7 \div y^4$ . What do you notice?

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

When you find the quotient of two algebraic expressions with the same base, you can subtract their exponents and use this exponent with the same base.

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

Simplify each expression. Write your answer in exponential notation.

16.)  $2^9 \div 2^6 =$

$$2^3$$

17.)  $(-7)^5 \div (-7)^1 =$

$$(-7)^4$$

18.)  $\frac{35x^4y^7}{5x^2y^3} = 7x^2y^4$

*coefficients*



## Notes 1.2 - Power of a Power

Simplify each expression. Write your answer in exponential notation.

1.)  $4^2 \cdot 4^7 \cdot 4 = \frac{4^{10}}{4^8} = 4^2$

2.)  $\frac{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^6}{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3} = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3$

3.)  $\frac{3x^4 \cdot 5y^3 \cdot 6x^6}{2y \cdot 3x^2 \cdot 5y^3} = \frac{90x^{10}y^3}{30x^2y^4} = 3x^8y^{-1}$

4.)  $\frac{6^7 \cdot 6^3 \cdot 6^2}{6^1 \cdot 6^4 \cdot 6^5} = \frac{6^{12}}{6^{10}} = 6^2$

5.)  $\frac{b^5 \cdot 4a^4 \cdot 9a^3}{2a^2 \cdot b^2 \cdot 6a^2} = \frac{36a^7b^5}{12a^4b^2} = 3a^3b^3$

6.) What does  $(2^4)^3$  mean?

$$(2^4)(2^4)(2^4) = 2^{12}$$

7.) What does  $(n^2)^5$  mean?

$$(n^2)(n^2)(n^2)(n^2)(n^2) = n^{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X^3 X^5 &= X^8 \\ (X^3)^5 &= X^{15} \end{aligned}$$

8.) What do you notice?

When you have a power raised to a power, you must multiply the exponents.

When you raise a power to a power, keep the base and multiply the exponents.

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

Simplify each expression. Write your answer in exponential notation.

9.)  $(15^3)^9 = 15^{27}$

10.)  $((-2)^5)^8 = (-2)^{40}$

11.)  $(a^{17})^4 = a^{68}$

## Notes 1.3 – Zero and Negative Exponents

- 1.) Use the power of a quotient property to simplify each expression. Write the quotient as an exponent.

Expression	Exponent
$\frac{3^5}{3^2}$	$3^3$
$\frac{3^5}{3^3}$	$3^2$
$\frac{3^5}{3^4}$	$3^1$
$\frac{3^5}{3^5}$	$3^0$

Subtract exponents

What expression did you write for  $\frac{3^5}{3^5}$ ? What exponent did you use?

$3^0 \rightarrow 0$  is the exponent.



- 2.) Using factored form, find the value of  $\frac{3^5}{3^5}$ .

$$\frac{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} = 1 = 3^0$$

(1)  $3^2 = (1) \cdot 3$

- 3.) Based on your findings, what can you conclude about the value of  $3^0$ ?

1

(1)  $3^1 = (1) \cdot 3$

- 4.) Make a prediction about the value of any number raised to the zero power.

Anything raised to the 0<sup>th</sup> power is 1.

(1)  $3^0 = 1$

- 5.) Use a calculator to check your prediction for several numbers. Is your prediction right?



A nonzero number raised to the zero power is equal to 1.

$$a^0 = \underline{1}$$

Simplify

each



$$7^0 = 1 \quad 7^1 = 7$$

expression and evaluate where applicable.

6.)  $7^3 \cdot 7^0 \rightarrow 7^3 \cdot 1 = 7^3$   
 $7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 = 7^3$

7.)  $3 \cdot 10^2 + 2 \cdot 10^1 + 8 \cdot 10^0$

8.)  $\frac{4^2 \cdot 4^6}{4^8} = \frac{4^8}{4^8} = 4^0 = 1$

9.)  $(a^4 \div a^0) \cdot a^3 \rightarrow (a^4)(a^3) = a^7$   
 $(a^4 \div 1) \cdot a^3 = a^4 \cdot a^3 = a^7$

10.) Use the quotient of powers property to simplify each expression. Write the quotient in exponential notation.



$$5 - 6$$

Expression	Exponent
$\frac{4^5}{4^3}$	$4^2$
$\frac{4^5}{4^4}$	$4^1$
$\frac{4^5}{4^5}$	$4^0 (=1)$
$\frac{4^5}{4^6}$	$4^{-1}$
$\frac{4^5}{4^7}$	$4^{-2}$



What expression did you write for  $\frac{4^5}{4^6}$ ? What exponent did you use?

$4^{-1}$  exponent: -1

11.) Using factored form, find the value of  $\frac{4^5}{4^6}$ .

$$\frac{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

12.) Using factored form, find the value of  $\frac{4^5}{4^7}$ .

$$\frac{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{4^2}$$

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

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

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

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

\*flip  
\*reciprocal

13.) How would you write  $a^{-3}$  using a positive exponent?

reciprocal

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

Simplify each expression. Write your answer using a positive exponent.

14.)  $13^{-4} \cdot 13^7 = 13^3$

$$\frac{1}{13^4} \cdot 13^7 = \frac{13^7}{13^4} = 13^3$$

15.)  $\frac{x^{-7}}{x^4}$

16.)  $4^8 \cdot 4^{-10} = 4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2}$

$$\frac{4^8}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{4^{10}} = \frac{4^8}{4^{10}} = \frac{1}{4^2}$$

17.)  $x^{-7} \div x^{-4}$

$$-7 - (-4) = -3$$

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



18.)  $\left(\frac{8n^5}{32n^0}\right)^{-1}$

19.)  $14a^{-5} \div (7a \cdot 2a^{-4})$

Simplify each expression and evaluate where applicable.

20.)  $\frac{(-6)^3}{(-6)^4} = \left(-\frac{6}{1}\right)^{-1} = \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{-6}$

21.)  $\frac{3^{-5} \cdot 3}{5^3 \cdot 5^{-8}}$

$$\frac{1}{-6}$$