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POWERS

A power, also known as an index or exponent, is a type of shorthand that shows how many times a number should be multiplied by itself.

4³

Power

4³ (or 4 to the power of 3) means

4 × 4 × 4 = 64

MULTIPLYING

When like terms with powers are multiplied, the powers are **added**.

$y^3 \times y^4 = y^7$

$y \times y \times y \times y \times y \times y \times y = y^7$

$6^3 \times 6^4 = 6^7$

$6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 = 6^7$

DIVIDING

When like terms with powers are divided, the powers are **subtracted**.

$y^5 \div y^2 = y^3$

$y \times y \times y \times y \times y \div y \times y = y^3$

$6^5 \div 6^2 = 6^3$

$6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 \div 6 \times 6 = 6^3$

Important! These rules do not apply to unlike terms such as $y^4 \times x^5$ or $4^2 \times 5^3$.

POWERS OF POWERS

When a power is raised to a power, multiply the powers.

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

$(p \times p \times p) \times (p \times p \times p) = p^6$

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

$(5 \times 5 \times 5) \times (5 \times 5 \times 5) = 5^6$

ROOTS

To find the **root** of a term, divide the power.

Find the square root of d^8

$\sqrt{d^8} = d^{8 \div 2} = d^4$

(Check by squaring: $d^4 \times d^4 = d^8$.)

Find the cubed root of p^{15}

$\sqrt[3]{p^{15}} = p^{15 \div 3} = p^5$

(Check by cubing: $p^5 \times p^5 \times p^5 = p^{15}$)

RULES FOR POWERS: ONE AND ZERO

Anything to the power of zero is one.

$x^0 = 1$

$7^0 = 1$

Anything to the power of one is itself.

$y^1 = y$

$4^1 = 4$

One raised to any power is one.

$1^n = 1$

$1^{15} = 1$



1. $3^2 \times 3^4$
2. $3^5 \div 3^2$
3. $3^7 \div 3^4$
4. $27^{10} \div 3$
5. $5^4 \times 5^3$
6. $5^4 \div 5^2$
7. $7^4 \div 7^2$
8. $4^3 \div 4$
9. $5^4 \div 5^4$
10. $3^4 \div 3$

11. $125^{10} \div 5$
12. $20^2 \div 2$
13. $121^{10} \div 11$
14. 1^{10}
15. 2^0
16. $64^{10} \div 8$
17. $2^{10} \div 2^{10}$
18. $256^{1000} \div 16$
19. 0^4
20. $1^{1000000}$

21. $10^4 \div 10$
22. $a^5 \div a$
23. $(a^2)^3$
24. $a^4 \times a^2 \div a$
25. $a^5 \div a^2$

Simplify the following leaving all answers in index form

Easy

- 1) $3^5 \div 3^4$
- 2) $2^4 \times 2^5$
- 3) $2^5 \div 2^3$
- 4) $(2^6)^2$
- 5) $(3^3)^3$
- 6) $3^8 \div 3^4$
- 7) $2^6 \times 2^4$
- 8) $(2^2)^4$
- 9) $(3^4)^3$

Medium

- 1) $r^2 \times r^3$
- 2) $\frac{w^2}{w^3}$
- 3) $4r^3 \times 2r^4$
- 4) $6r^7 \times 7r^4$
- 5) $(y^3)^5 \times 2y^4$
- 6) $4r^{-4} \times 12r^6$
- 7) $16r^3 \div 2r^4$
- 8) $(2 \times 3)^2 \times 5 \times 4$

Hard

- 1) $5t^2 \div 5t^3$
- 2) $\frac{5w^2}{w^3}$
- 3) $\frac{(2d^4)^2}{4}$
- 4) $(4r^4)^2$
- 5) $(3y^{-2})^3$
- 6) $\frac{(4r^2)^3}{16}$

Index Laws Homework

No calculator!

Literacy
exponent
(or index,
or power)
base

8²

Research

What is the value of 0²?
What is the value of 0⁻²?
What is the value of 0⁰?

Memory

Learn these rules:
 $x^a \times x^b = x^{a+b}$
 $x^a \div x^b = x^{a-b}$
 $(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$
 $x^0 = 1$

Skills

Use index laws to simplify.

- a) $p^2 \times p^5$
- b) $p^{12} \div p^4$
- c) $(p^3)^2$
- d) $p^5 \times q^2$
- e) $3p^4 \times 5p^2$
- f) $6pq^2 \times 2p^3q^2$
- g) $\frac{p^7}{p^2}$
- h) $\frac{8p^{11}}{2p^8}$
- i) $(2p^4)^3$
- j) $\frac{8a^2 \times 3a^7}{6a^8}$

Stretch

Find the value of:

- a) $2^{20} \div 4^{10}$
- b) $(2^6)^2 \div 4^5$
- c) $3^7 \div 9^3$
- d) $27^5 \div 3^{12}$

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