

\* General Examples:

$$3^5 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 243$$

$$2^5 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 32$$

$$2^0 = 1$$

$$2^1 = 2$$

\* Rule 1: Given that  $x$  is a real number and  $n$  is a natural number, then we have:

$$x^n = x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot \dots \cdot x$$

\* Rule 2: Given that  $x$  is a non-zero number, then we have  $x^0 = 1$ .

\* Rule 3: Given that  $n$  is a natural number, then we obtain  $x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$

# Integers as Exponents

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\*How to simplify  $(a+c)^2$ ?

Solution:  $(a+c)^2 = (a+c) \cdot (a+c)$

$$= a \cdot a + a \cdot c + a \cdot c + c \cdot c$$
$$= \boxed{a^2 + 2ac + c^2}$$

Ex 1) Simplify:  $(2x-1)^2$  ?!

Solution:  $(2x-1)^2 = (2x-1) \cdot (2x-1)$

$$= (2x)(2x) - (2x)(1) - (1)(2x) + 1$$
$$= 4x^2 - 2x - 2x + 1$$
$$= \boxed{4x^2 - 4x + 1}$$

Ex 2) Simplify:  $(x^2+1)^2$  ?!

Solution:  $(x^2+1)^2 = (x^2+1) \cdot (x^2+1)$

$$= (x^2)(x^2) + x^2 + x^2 + 1$$
$$= \boxed{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1}$$

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\* Rule 4: If there is a negative number as a base with odd power, then the result stays negative, for example,  $(-2)^5 = \boxed{-32}$ .  
Odd numbers such as 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, ...

\* Rule 5: If there is a negative number as a base with even power, then the result switches from negative to positive, for example,  $(-2)^4 = \boxed{16}$ .  
Even numbers such as 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, ...

\* Properties of Exponents (Powers): Assume  $x$  and  $y$  are non-zero,  $\neq 0$ , and  $n$  and  $m$  are integers.

① Power of Power

$$(x^n)^m = x^{nm}$$

② Power of Product

$$(xy)^n = x^n \cdot y^n$$
$$(xy)^m = x^m \cdot y^m$$

③ Power of Quotient

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^n = \frac{x^n}{y^n} \quad \text{or} \quad \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^m = \frac{x^m}{y^m}$$

④ Product of Powers

$$(x)^n \cdot (x)^m = x^{n+m}$$

⑤ Quotient of Powers

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

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\* Rule 6: Given that  $x$  and  $y$  are non-zero real numbers, and  $n$  is a natural number, then we have:-

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{-n} = \frac{(1)}{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^n} = (1) \cdot \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^n = \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^n$$

Ex3] Simplify:  $7y^2 \sqrt{x^3} (-3 \sqrt{x^{-3}} y^{-5})$

Solution:  $= 7(-3)(x^{3+(-3)})(y^{2+(-5)})$

$$= -21 \cdot (x^0) \cdot (y^{-3})$$

$$= -21 \cdot (1) \cdot (y^{-3})$$

$$= \frac{-21}{y^3} = \boxed{-\frac{21}{y^3}}$$

Ex4] Simplify:  $\left(\frac{-x^3}{3x^2x^7}\right)^3$

Solution:  $= \frac{(-x^3)^3}{(3x^2x^7)^3} = \frac{-x^9}{27 x^{2(3)} x^{7(3)}}$

$$= \frac{-x^9}{27 x^6 x^{21}} = \frac{-1}{27} \left(\frac{1}{x^6 x^{9-21}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{27} \left(\frac{1}{x^6 x^{-12}}\right) = \boxed{\frac{-1}{27} \left(\frac{x^{12}}{x^6}\right)}$$

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Ex 5) Simplify:  $\left(\frac{2\psi^2\beta^{-3}}{\psi^{-3}\beta^5}\right)^{-3}$

Solution:

$$\left(\frac{2\psi^2\beta^{-3}}{\psi^{-3}\beta^5}\right)^{-3} = \left(2\psi^{2-(-3)}\beta^{-3-(5)}\right)^{-3}$$

$$= (2\psi^5\beta^{-8})^{-3}$$

$$= (2)^{-3} \cdot (\psi^5)^{-3} \cdot (\beta^{-8})^{-3}$$

$$= (2)^{-3} \cdot (\psi)^{-15} \cdot (\beta)^{24}$$

$$= \frac{\beta^{24}}{(2)^3 \psi^{15}}$$

$$= \frac{\beta^{24}}{8\psi^{15}}$$

Ex 6) Solve for  $\alpha$  to make the following statements true:

Part a:  $3^\alpha \cdot 3^3 = 81$

Part b:  $\frac{2^{-3}}{2^\alpha} = 16$

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Solution:

Part a:  $3^{\alpha} \cdot 3^3 = 81$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{\alpha+3} = 81 = 3^4$$

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Since both sides have the same base which is 3, then  $\alpha+3=4$

$$\alpha = 4 - 3$$

$$\boxed{\alpha = 1}$$

check:  $3^1 \cdot 3^3 = 3^{1+3} = 3^4 = \boxed{81} \checkmark$

Part b: Solution:

$$\frac{2^{-3}}{2^{\alpha}} = 16 \Rightarrow 2^{-3-\alpha} = 16 = 2^4$$

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$\Rightarrow$  Since both sides have the same base which is 2, then the powers (exponents) are equivalent as follows:  $-3-\alpha=4$

$$-3-4 = \alpha$$

$$\boxed{-7 = \alpha}$$

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Check:  $\frac{2^{-3}}{2^{-7}} = 2^{-3 - (-7)} = 2^{-3 + 7} = 2^4 = \boxed{16} \checkmark$

## \* Scientific Notation

Definition: It's an expression written as:  
 $M \times 10^n$  where  $n$  is an integer,  $M$  is greater than or equal 1 and less than 10

$\Rightarrow 1 \leq M < 10.$

Ex 7] Convert the following to scientific notation:

Part a: 22,000

Part b: 0.00023

Solution:

a.  $22,000 = \boxed{2.2 \times 10^4}$

b.  $0.00023 = \boxed{2.3 \times 10^{-4}}$