

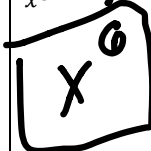
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## Notes: Laws of Exponents

**Do Now:** Simplify each expression in the left column, then explain in words the exponent law in the middle column. Lastly, in the right column, write a general rule using mathematical symbols.

Simplify:

$$\frac{x^9}{x^3} = x^{9-3}$$


Explain:

When dividing terms with the same base,  
subtract the exponents.

Generalize:

$$\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$$

$$w^7(w^8) = w^{7+8}$$



When multiplying terms with the same base,  
add the exponents.

$$x^a(x^b) = x^{a+b}$$

$$(h^3)^4 = h^{3(4)}$$



To raise a power to a power, multiply  
the exponents.

$$(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$$

$$(mn)^7 = m^7n^7$$

To raise a product to a power, raise  
each factor to the power.

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

$$\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^3 = \frac{c^3}{d^3}$$

To raise a fraction to a power, raise  
the numerator and denominator  
to the power

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

## What Should I Be Able to Do?

- I can simplify any expression that raises a base to the power of zero.
- I can explain the reasoning behind rule for simplifying any base that is raised to the power of zero.
- I can simplify any expression with negative exponents.
- I can explain the reasoning behind the rule for simplifying an expression with negative exponents.
- I can simplify expressions that raises a base to a rational exponent.
- I can explain how to simplify expressions that involve raising a base to a rational exponent.

## Zero Exponent:

How can I simplify  $3^0$ ? HMMMMMMMM...

Let's simplify  $\frac{3^2}{3^2}$  two different methods....

a) Simplify  $\frac{3^2}{3^2}$  by using the laws of exponents.

$$3^{2-2} = 3^0$$

$$3^0$$

b) Simplify  $\frac{3^2}{3^2}$  by writing the expression out using all of its factors.

$$\frac{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3}}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3}} = \frac{1 \cdot 1}{1 \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

Then,  $3^0 = \underline{1}$ .

Let's try that with a different value... simplify  $\frac{m^6}{m^6}$  using two different methods.

Write  $\frac{m^6}{m^6}$  in simplest exponential form and in standard form.

a) Simplify  $\frac{m^6}{m^6}$  by using the laws of exponents.

$$m^{6-6}$$

$$m^0$$

b) Simplify  $\frac{m^6}{m^6}$  by writing the expression out using all of its factors.

$$\frac{\cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m}}{\cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot \cancel{m}}$$

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

Then,  $m^0 = \underline{1}$ .

**Generalized Rule:** For any number nonzero real number  $x$ ,  $x^0 = \underline{1}$ .

## Negative Exponent:

How can I simplify  $5^{-2}$  into a positive exponent? Hmmmmmm...

Let's simplify  $\frac{5^4}{5^6}$  two different methods....

a) Simplify  $\frac{5^4}{5^6}$  by using the laws of exponents.

$$5^{4-6}$$

$$5^{-2}$$

b) Simplify  $\frac{5^4}{5^6}$  by writing the expression out using all of its factors.

$$\frac{\cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{5}}{\cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot 5 \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{5 \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{5^2}$$

Then,  $5^{-2} = \frac{1}{5^2}$ .

Let's try that with a different value... simplify  $\frac{n^{10}}{n^{14}}$  using two different methods.

Write  $\frac{n^{10}}{n^{14}}$  in simplest exponential form and in standard form.

a) Simplify  $\frac{n^{10}}{n^{14}}$  by using the laws of exponents.

$$n^{10-14} = n^{-4}$$

b) Simplify  $\frac{n^{10}}{n^{14}}$  by writing the expression out using all of its factors.

$$\frac{\cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n}}{\cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n} = \frac{1}{n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n} = \frac{1}{n^4}$$

Then,  $n^{-4} = \frac{1}{n^4}$ .

**Generalized Rule:** For any number nonzero real number  $x$ , if  $n$  is a natural number, then  $x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$ .

Simplify the following expressions using only positive exponents.

$$\text{or } \rightarrow \frac{24x^8 y^5 z^5}{8x^7 y^7}$$

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

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

3)  $(-10)^0$   
 $1$

4)  $\frac{24x^{-7}y^5}{8x^{-8}y^7z^{-5}}$   
 $\frac{24}{8} \cdot \frac{x^{-7}}{x^{-8}} \cdot \frac{y^5}{y^7} \cdot \frac{1}{z^{-5}}$   
 $3 \cdot x \cdot y^{-2} \cdot z^5$   
 $\frac{3xz^5}{y^2}$

Checkpoint:

Simplify the following expressions using only positive exponents.

1)  $\frac{18a^9b^{-7}}{27a^{11}b^{-3}}$

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

$\frac{2}{3} a^{-2} b^{-4}$

$$\frac{2}{3a^2b^4}$$

2)  $(3x^3y^{-2}z^7)^2$

$3^2 x^6 y^{-4} z^{14}$

$$\frac{9x^6z^{14}}{y^4}$$

3)  $\left(\frac{-40ab^2c^{13}}{8ab^{-5}c^{12}}\right)^{-3}$

$\left(\frac{8ab^{-5}c^{12}}{40ab^2c^{13}}\right)^3$

$\left(\frac{1}{5} \cdot b^{-7} \cdot c^{-1}\right)^3$

$\left(\frac{1}{5b^7c}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{125b^{21}c^3}$

4)  $(2d^{-24}f^{16}g^0)^{-3} \left(\frac{1}{4}d\right)^{-2}$

$\left(2^{-3}d^{72}f^{-48}\right) \left(\frac{1}{4}d^{-2}\right)$   
 $\left(\frac{1}{8}d^{72}f^{-48}\right) (16d^{-2})$

$2d^{70}f^{-48}$

$$\frac{2d^{70}}{f^{48}}$$

**Do Now:** Simplify each of the following expressions without using a calculator.

1)  $2^3$

$$2 \times 2 \times 2$$

$$\boxed{8}$$

2)  $14^2$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ \times 14 \\ \hline 56 \\ + 140 \\ \hline \boxed{196} \end{array}$$

3)  $9^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\sqrt{9}$$

$$\boxed{3}$$

4)  $4^{\frac{3}{2}}$

$$(\sqrt{4})^3$$

$$2^3$$

$$\boxed{8}$$

But why does this make sense?

What does  $(\sqrt{5})^2$  equal to?

$$\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} = 5$$

What does  $(5^{\frac{1}{2}})^2$  equal to?

$$5^{\frac{1}{2}(2)} = 5^1 = 5$$

What does this tell you about  $\sqrt{5}$  and  $5^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ?

$$\sqrt{5} \text{ and } 5^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ are equal}$$

What does  $(\sqrt[3]{8})^3$  equal to?

$$\sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{8} = 8$$

What does  $(8^{\frac{1}{3}})^3$  equal to?

$$8^{\frac{1}{3}(3)} = 8^1 = 8$$

What does this tell you about  $\sqrt[3]{8}$  and  $8^{\frac{1}{3}}$ ?

$$\sqrt[3]{8} \text{ and } 8^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ are equal}$$

**Rational Exponents:** For any rational exponent  $\frac{m}{n}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are integers and  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}$$

equivalently written

$$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

1) Explain how  $(27)^{4/3}$  can be evaluated using properties of rational exponents to result in an integer answer.

Rewrite  $(27)^{4/3}$  in radical form where the numerator is the power and the denominator is the index on the radical,  $(\sqrt[3]{27})^4$  or  $\sqrt[3]{27^4}$ . First evaluate  $\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$ . Then evaluate  $3^4 = 81$ .

2) Explain how  $(8^{1/7})^2$  can be written as the equivalent radical expression  $\sqrt[7]{64}$ .

First multiply the exponents to obtain  $8^{2/7}$ . Then rewrite  $8^{2/7}$  into radical form  $\sqrt[7]{8^2}$ . Evaluate  $8^2$  to get 64. Thus  $(8^{1/7})^2 = \sqrt[7]{64}$ .

3) Write each in simplest radical form. Then completely simplify, without a calculator.

a)  $64^{\frac{1}{3}}$   
 $\sqrt[3]{64}$   
 $\boxed{4}$

b)  $625^{\frac{1}{4}}$   
 $\sqrt[4]{625}$   
 $\boxed{5}$

c)  $(-8)^{\frac{2}{3}}$   
 $\sqrt[3]{(-8)^2}$   
 $(-2)^2 = \boxed{4}$

d)  $36^{-\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{36}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$

# Success Criteria

- I can simplify any expression that raises a base to the power of zero.

1)  $12^0$

2)  $(-2abc)^0$

3)  $[(-3a^{45}b^{-5}c^7)^0]^4$

1

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$1^4 = 1$

- I can explain the reasoning behind rule for simplifying any <sup>nonzero real number</sup> raised to the power of zero.

Any nonzero real number raised to the zero power is equal to 1.

- I can simplify any expression with negative exponents.

1)  $(\frac{1}{9}a^{-101}b^{41}c^{-1})^{-2} (3c^4)^{-3}$

$(\frac{1}{9})^{-2} a^{202} b^{-81} c^2 (3^{-3} c^{-12})$

$(81a^{202} b^{-81} c^2)(\frac{1}{27}c^{-12})$

$3a^{202} b^{-81} c^{-10}$

$3a^{202}$
$b^{-81} c^{-10}$

2)  $(\frac{-48xy^{-12}z^{21}}{-36x^{-2}z^{-5}})^{-3}$

$(\frac{4}{3} x^3 y^{-12} z^{26})^{-3}$

$(\frac{4}{3})^{-3} x^{-9} y^{36} z^{-78}$

$27 y^{36}$
$64 x^9 z^{-78}$

- I can explain the reasoning behind the rule for simplifying an expression with negative exponents.

For any base raised to a negative exponent,  $(\frac{a}{b})^{-c}$ , flip the base and make the exponent positive,  $(\frac{b}{a})^c$ .

- I can simplify expressions that raises a base to a rational exponent.

1)  $144^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\sqrt{144}$$

$$\boxed{12}$$

2)  $32^{\frac{4}{5}}$

$$\left(\sqrt[5]{32}\right)^4$$

$$(2)^4$$

$$\boxed{16}$$

3)  $\left(-\frac{27}{8}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

$$\left(-\frac{8}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\left(\sqrt[3]{-\frac{8}{27}}\right)^2$$

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

$$\boxed{\frac{4}{9}}$$

- I can explain how to simplify expressions that involve raising a base to a rational exponent.

Explain how  $(81)^{\frac{3}{4}}$  can be evaluated using properties of rational exponents to result in an integer answer.

First rewrite  $(81)^{\frac{3}{4}}$  in radical form,  $(\sqrt[4]{81})^3$ .

Then evaluate  $\sqrt[4]{81}$  to get  $(3)^3$ . Finally,  
 $(3)^3 = 27$ .



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### Classwork: Laws of Exponents

Simplify each expression.

$-7 + (+9) = 2$

1)  $\frac{17x^6y^{-7}}{68x^9y^{-9}}$

$\frac{1}{4} x^{-3} y^2$   
 $\frac{y^2}{4x^3}$

2)  $(x^{\frac{1}{3}}y^{\frac{3}{4}})^{-12}$

$x^{-12 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} y^{-12 \cdot \frac{3}{4}}$   
 $x^{-4} y^{-9}$   
 $\frac{1}{x^4 y^9}$

3)  $(3x^{\frac{3}{2}}y^{-\frac{7}{4}}z^2)^0$

1

4)  $(\frac{-46xy^{-12}z^{50}}{12x^4y^{-9}z^{21}})^{-2}$

$(\frac{-23}{6} x^{-3} y^{-3} z^{29})^{-2}$   
 $(\frac{-23}{6})^{-2} x^6 y^6 z^{-48}$   
 $\frac{36x^6y^6}{529z^{48}}$

5)  $(\frac{81x^8}{y^{-44}})^{1/4}$

$\frac{3x^2}{y^{-11}}$   
 $3x^2y^{11}$

6)  $(\frac{4}{3}c^{-43}d^{43})^{-2} (\frac{4}{5}c^{-43}d^{20})^2$

$(\frac{9}{16} c^{86} d^{-86}) (\frac{16}{25} c^{-86} d^{40})$   
 $\frac{9}{25} d^{-46}$   
 $\frac{9}{25d^{46}}$

7) Explain how  $(25)^{5/2}$  can be evaluated using properties of rational exponents to result in an integer answer.

First rewrite  $(25)^{5/2}$  into radical form,  $(\sqrt{25})^5$ .  
 Then evaluate  $\sqrt{25}$  to get  $(5)^5$ . Finally  $(5)^5 = 3125$ .

Write each in simplest radical form. Then completely simplify, without a calculator.

8)  $(-216)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$\sqrt[3]{-216}$   
 $-6$

9)  $(-32)^{\frac{2}{5}}$

$\sqrt[5]{-32}^2$   
 $(-2)^2$   
 $4$

10)  $(\frac{16}{625})^{\frac{3}{4}}$

$\sqrt[4]{\frac{16}{625}}^3$   
 $(\frac{2}{5})^3 = \frac{8}{125}$

11)  $(-\frac{64}{27})^{-\frac{5}{3}}$

$(-\frac{27}{64})^{5/3}$   
 $(\sqrt[3]{-\frac{27}{64}})^5 = (\frac{-3}{4})^5$

$\frac{-243}{1024}$

12) If  $(n^{\frac{3}{4}})^x = \frac{1}{n^3}$ , what is the value of  $x$ ?

- (1) -2  
(2) 2

- (3) -4  
(4) 4

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

$$\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\frac{3}{4}x = -3 \quad \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$$
$$x = -4$$

13) Which equation is equivalent to  $y = 11^x$ ?

- (1)  $y = 11^{-x}$   
(2)  $y = \left(\frac{1}{11}\right)^x$

- (3)  $y = -11^x$   
(4)  $y = \left(\frac{1}{11}\right)^{-x}$

14) Write  $\sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \sqrt[4]{x^3}$  as a single term with a rational exponent.

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot x^{\frac{3}{4}} = x^{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{4}}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{4}{12} + \frac{9}{12} = \frac{13}{12}$$

$$x^{13/12}$$

15) Which number is the largest?

(1)  $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{-1} = 5$

(2)  $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^0 = 1$

(3)  $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}$

(4)  $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{125}$

16) Explain how  $\left(3^{\frac{2}{5}}\right)^2$  can be written as the equivalent radical expression  $\sqrt[5]{81}$ .

First multiply the exponents to obtain  $3^{4/5}$ .  
Then rewrite  $3^{4/5}$  into radical form to obtain  $\sqrt[5]{3^4}$ . Then evaluate  $3^4$  to obtain  $\sqrt[5]{81}$ .