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## **Section 2.4**

# **Exponent Laws I**

Write each expression as a product [Repeated multiplication] and then evaluate:

	Product[repeated multiplication]	Evaluate	Single Power
1) $3^2 \times 3^2$	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$	81	$3^4$
2) $2^2 \times 2^5$	$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$	128	$2^7$
3) $(-5)^2 \times (-5)^4$	$(-5)(-5)(-5)(-5)(-5)(-5)$	15625	$(-5)^6$

Do you notice anything???



## Exponent Law for a Product of Powers

To multiply powers with the same base, add the exponents.

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

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

\*\*\* must be the same base \*\*\*

single power } one base one exponent!

middle step

$$8^4 \times 8^3 = 8^{4+3}$$

$8^7$  single power



**IT'S THE LAW**

1. Write as a single power.
2. Evaluate

1)  $7^2 \times 7^4$

*middle  
step*

$7^{2+4}$

*single  
power*

$7^6$

**Evaluate**

117649

2)  $(-2)^5 \times (-2)^3$

$(-2)^{5+3}$

$(-2)^8$

256

3)  $4^5 \times 4^1$

$4^{5+1}$

$4^6$

4096

## Write as a repeated multiplication

1)

$$\frac{2^6}{2^2}$$

Repeated Multiplication

$$\frac{\cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}{\cancel{2} \times \cancel{2}}$$

Evaluate

16

Single Power

$2^4$

2)

$$\frac{7^6}{7^4}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{7} \times \cancel{7} \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7}{\cancel{7} \times \cancel{7} \times \cancel{7} \times \cancel{7}}$$

49

$7^2$

$$\frac{(-5)^7}{(-5)^3} = \frac{\cancel{(-5)} \times \cancel{(-5)} \times (-5) \times (-5) \times (-5) \times (-5) \times (-5)}{\cancel{(-5)} \times \cancel{(-5)} \times \cancel{(-5)}} = 625 (-5)^4$$

$$\frac{(2)^3}{(2)^3} = \frac{\cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times \cancel{2}}{\cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times \cancel{2}} = 1 = 2^0$$

## Exponent Law for a Quotient of Powers

[dividing]

To divide powers with the same base, subtract the exponents.

$$a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n} \quad \left. \vphantom{a^m \div a^n} \right\} \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

**\*\* The base must be the same! \*\***

Middle step      single

a)  $(-2)^6 \div (-2)^5$

$(-2)^{6-5}$

power  
 $(-2)^1$

$(-2)$

Express as a **single power** then **evaluate**

a)  $\frac{5^8}{5^2} = 5^{8-2}$  (middle step)  $5^6$  (single power) Evaluate: 15625

b)  $\frac{(-2)^3}{(-2)^0} = (-2)^{3-0}$   $(-2)^3$  -8

c)  $8^7 \div 8^4 = 8^{7-4}$   $8^3$  512

Express as a single power.

$$a) 3^2 \times 3^4 \div 3^3 =$$

Middle Step

$$3^{2+4-3}$$
$$3^3$$

$$b) (-4)^8 \div (-4)^3 \times (-4)^2$$
$$(-4)^{8-3+2}$$
$$(-4)^7$$
$$-16384$$



Express as a single power:

$$1. 3^4 \times 3^6 \div 3^2$$

$$3^{4+6-2}$$
$$3^8$$

$$2. \frac{3^8 \times 3^9 \times 3^1}{3^4 \times 3^2}$$

$$\frac{3^{8+9+1}}{3^{4+2}}$$

$$\frac{3^{18}}{3^6} = 3^{12}$$

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Answers]

Questions 4, 5, 7, 8

#4.  
a)  $5^5 \times 5^4$   
 $5^{5+4}$   
 $5^9$

#5.a)  $4^5 \div 4^3$   
 $4^{5-3}$   
 $4^2$

Quos  
Middle Step  
Single Power

#7, #8. a)  $3^4 \times 3^9 \div 3^{11}$   
 $3^{4+9-11}$

