## Exponent laws

## Introducing the Exponent Laws

Multiplying Powers Rule: When multiplying powers and you have the same base, add the exponents.  $\chi^n \cdot \chi^m = \chi^{n+m}$ 

**Multiplying Powers:** 

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

$$4^{4} \times 4^{3} = (4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4) \times (4 \times 4 \times 4) \approx 4$$

$$5^2 \times 2^2 = (5 \times 5) \times (2 \times 2) = 10^2$$
  $4^2 \times 3^3 =$ 

a) 
$$2^4 \times 2^3 = 2^7$$

1. Simplify if possible.  
a) 
$$2^4 \times 2^3 = 2^7$$
 b)  $5^8 \times 5 \times 5^6 = 5^{15}$ 

$$c)6^{5} \times 2 \times 6^{4} = 6^{9} \times 2$$

**Dividing Powers:** 

$$\frac{2^{5}}{2^{3}} = \frac{\cancel{\cancel{4}} \times \cancel{\cancel{4}} \times \cancel{\cancel{4}} \times \cancel{\cancel{4}} \times \cancel{\cancel{4}} \times \cancel{\cancel{4}}}{\cancel{\cancel{4}} \times \cancel{\cancel{4}} \times \cancel{\cancel{4}}} = \cancel{\cancel{2}^{2}}$$

$$\frac{3^4}{5^2} = \frac{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}{5 \times 5}$$
 cannot simplify

Dividing Powers Rule:

When bases are the same, subtract exponents 
$$\frac{x^m}{x^n} = x^{m-n}$$

2. Simplify if possible

a) 
$$\frac{4^3}{4^2} = 4^{3-2} = 4$$

b) 
$$\frac{10^{50}}{10^{46}} = 15^{50-46}$$

c) 
$$\frac{3^5 \times 3^{15}}{3^{10}} = \frac{3^{20}}{3^{10}} = 3^{10}$$
 d)  $\frac{7^6}{7^6} = 7^{66} = 7$ 

a) 
$$\frac{4^3}{4^2} = \frac{4^{3-2}}{4^2} = \frac{4}{4}$$
 b)  $\frac{10^{50}}{10^{46}} = \frac{10^{50-44}}{10^4}$  c)  $\frac{3^5 \times 3^{15}}{3^{10}} = \frac{3^{20}}{3^{10}} = 3^{10}$  d)  $\frac{7^6}{7^6} = 7^{6-2} = 7^{6}$  e)  $\frac{4^3}{4^5} = \frac{4^{3-5}}{4^5} = \frac{4^{3$ 

$$\chi^{\circ} = \begin{pmatrix} 5/2 \\ -5/2 \end{pmatrix} = -$$

Negative exponent law:

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

## **Scientific Notation:**

4. Convert to scientific notation:

Distance from earth to the sun is about 93 000 000 mi.

Mass of a hydrogen atom is about 0.00000000000000000000000000017 g.

5. Convert to decimal notation:

6. Multiply and divide in scientific notation:

a) 
$$(1.12 \times 10^{-8})(5 \times 10^{-7}) = 5.6 \times 10^{-7}$$

c) 
$$\frac{(4.2 \times 10^5)}{(2.1 \times 10^{-8})}$$
  $2 \times 10^{13}$ 

b) 
$$(9.1 \times 10^{-17})(8.2 \times 10^{3}) = 74.62 \times 10^{3} \times 10^{-14} = 7.462 \times 10^{3}$$

(7.462 × 10) × 10 = 7.462

$$(5.5 \times 10^{-1}) \times 10^{3} = 5.5 \times 10^{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{1}$$
 (a)  $2^2 \times 2^2 = 2^1$ 

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$$2^2 \times 2^2 = 2^4$$

(b) 
$$\frac{7^2}{3^4} = 1$$

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(c) 
$$5^7 \times 5^7 = 5^{19}$$

(e) 
$$4^3 \times 6^5 \times 4^2 = 4^5 \times 6^5$$

(f) 
$$3^33^{-3} = 3^{\circ} =$$

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$$(c) \frac{8^7}{8^7} = 8^{-6} \times \frac{8^7}{8^7}$$

(e) 
$$\frac{1}{145802}$$

(f) 
$$\frac{6^{-5}}{6^{-8}} = 6^{-5}\tau^{t}$$

(e) 
$$0^1 = 0$$

(f) 
$$1^0 + 2^0 + 3^0 + 4^0 + 5^0 = 5^0$$

Assignment: Similar 1. (a) 
$$2^2 \times 2^2 = 2^4$$
 2. (a)  $\frac{3^5}{3^4} = 3$  3. (a)  $10^6 = 1000000$  (b)  $3^2 \times 2^3 = 3^1 \times 2^3$  (b)  $\frac{7^2}{7^2} = 1$  (c)  $\frac{8^1}{8^7} = 8^{-1} \times 10^{-1}$  (d)  $6^4 6^0 6^0 = 6^4$  (e)  $4^3 \times 6^5 \times 4^2 = 14^5 \times 10^5$  (f)  $\frac{3^2}{3^{-2}} = 3^4$  (e)  $\frac{1738293}{145802} = 1$  (f)  $1^0 + 2^0 + 3^0 + 4^0 + 5^0 = 5$  (g)  $4^2 + 9^2 - 3^2$  (g)  $7^4 7^7 7^{-9}$   $7^2$  (f)  $\frac{6^{-5}}{6^{-8}} = 6^{-5} \times 10^{-5}$  (g)  $4^2 + 9^2 - 3^2$  (e)  $4^2 + 9^2 - 3^2$  (f)  $4^2 + 9^2 - 3^2$  (g)  $4^2 + 9^2 - 3^2$  (h)  $4^2 + 9$ 

4. If you have  $0 < 10^{n} < 10000000000$ . What is the max value of  $3^{-n}$ ?

5. Multiply. Leave answer in scientific notation.

a) 
$$(2.3 \times 10^6)(4.2 \times 10^{-11}) \frac{9.66 \times 10^{-5}}{10^{-5}}$$

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 b)  $(6.5 \times 10^3)(5.2 \times 10^{-8}) = 33.8 \times 10^{-5} = (3.38 \times 10) \times 10^{-5} = 3.38 \times 10^{-5}$  c)  $(2.34 \times 10^{-8})(5.7 \times 10^{-4}) = 13.338 \times 10^{-12}$  d)  $(3.26 \times 10^{-6})(8.2 \times 10^{9}) = 26.732 \times 10^{3}$  (1.3338 × 19) × 10<sup>-12</sup> (2.6732 × 10) × 10<sup>3</sup> = 2.6732 × 10<sup>4</sup>

c) 
$$(2.34 \times 10^{-8})(5.7 \times 10^{-4}) = 13,338 \times 10^{-18}$$

d) 
$$(3.26 \times 10^{-6})(8.2 \times 10^{9}) = 26.732 \times 10^{3}$$

b) 
$$\frac{5.1 \times 10^6}{10^6} = 1.5 \times 10^3$$

a) 
$$\frac{8.5 \times 10^8}{3.4 \times 10^5} = \frac{2.5 \times 10^3}{10^3}$$

b) 
$$\frac{5.1 \times 10^6}{3.4 \times 10^3} = \frac{[.5 \times 10^3]}{[.5 \times 10^3]}$$

c) 
$$\frac{4.0 \times 10^{-6}}{8.0 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.5 \times 10^{-3}$$
  
 $(5.0 \times 10^{-1}) \times 10^{-3} = 5.0 \times 10^{-4}$   
d)  $\frac{7.5 \times 10^{-9}}{2.5 \times 10^{-4}} = 3 \times 10^{-5}$ 

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7. Calculate. Leave answer in scientific notation.

a) 
$$\frac{(6.1 \times 10^4)(7.2 \times 10^{-6})}{9.8 \times 10^{-4}} = 44.48 \times 10^{-2}$$

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b)  $\frac{(8.05 \times 10^{-11})(5.9 \times 10^{7})}{3.1 \times 10^{14}} = 15.32 \times 10^{-18}$ 

(1.532 × 10) × 10<sup>-18</sup> = 1.532 × 10

8. The distance light travels in 100 yr is approximately 5.87 x  $10^{14}$  mi.  $-100 = 5.87 \times 10^{12}$  /gr

a) How far does light travel in 13 weeks? 1/4 of a year  $5.87 \times 10^{12}$ :  $4 = 1.4675 \times 10^{12}$ 

b) Calculate the number of kilometers light travels in 13 weeks given 1 mile = 1.609 kilometers.

Challenge: Compare 8 x 10<sup>-90</sup> and 9 x 10<sup>-91</sup>. Which is the larger value? How much larger? Write scientific notation for the difference