

Math 8

Our Goal: To learn about zero and negative exponents

Warm Up: Exponent review

Today's Homework

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you know what I mean, Kaitlyn

$$1 \cdot 8^4$$

$$1 \cdot 8^1$$

$$8^0 = 1$$

$$179^0 \quad (-5)^0$$

$$- (5^0)$$

Simplify the expression. Write your answer as a power.

1. $\frac{5^4 \cdot 5^2}{5^3}$ 5^3

2. $\frac{2^{11} \cdot 2^5}{2^{13}}$ 2^3

3. $\frac{4^5 \cdot 4^3}{4^2}$ 4^6

4. $\frac{a^{13} \cdot a^{11}}{a^{12}}$ a^{12}

5. $\frac{c^9 \cdot c^5}{c^{10}}$ c^4

6. $\frac{n^7 \cdot n^{14}}{n^{11}}$ n^0

Essential Question

How can you evaluate a nonzero number with an exponent of zero? How can you evaluate a nonzero number with a negative integer exponent?

$$10^0 = 1 \quad (-8)^0 = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^0 = 1 \quad -7^0 = -1$$

Work with a partner.

a. Copy and complete the table.

Quotient	Quotient of Powers Property	Power
$\frac{5^3}{5^3}$		
$\frac{6^2}{6^2}$		
$\frac{(-3)^4}{(-3)^4}$		
$\frac{(-4)^5}{(-4)^5}$		

b. **REPEATED REASONING** Evaluate each expression in the first column of the table. What do you notice?

c. How can you use these results to define a^0 where $a \neq 0$?



Key Ideas

Zero Exponents

Words For any nonzero number a , $a^0 = 1$. The power 0^0 is *undefined*.

Numbers $4^0 = 1$ **Algebra** $a^0 = 1$, where $a \neq 0$

Negative Exponents

Words For any integer n and any nonzero number a , a^{-n} is the reciprocal of a^n .

Numbers $4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2}$ **Algebra** $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$, where $a \neq 0$

Evaluate the expression.

1. $\frac{3^6}{3^6} = 1$

2. $7^0 \cdot 7^2 = 7^2$

3. $\frac{-2^6}{-2^6} = 1$

4. $5^3 \cdot 5^{-3} = 1$

5. $9^0 \cdot 9^3 = 9^3$

6. $(-3)^3 \cdot (-3)^3 = (-3)^6$

a. 3^{-4}

b. $(-8.5)^{-4} \cdot (-8.5)^4$

c. $\frac{2^6}{2^8}$

Evaluate the expression.

1. 4^{-2}

$$\frac{1}{16}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{-2^5} = \frac{1}{-32}$$

3. $6^{-8} \cdot 6^8$

1

4. $\frac{(-3)^5}{(-3)^6}$

$$\frac{-3^5}{-3^6} = \frac{1}{-3}$$

5. $\frac{1}{5^7} \cdot \frac{1}{5^{-4}}$

$$\frac{1 \cdot 1}{5^7 \cdot 5^{-4}} = \frac{1}{125}$$

6. $\frac{4^5 \cdot 4^{-3}}{4^2}$

1

a. $-5x^0$

b. $\frac{9y^{-3}}{y^5}$

$$\frac{2^3}{2^4} = 2^{3-4} = 2^{-1}$$

same thing

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

$$x^{-a} = \frac{1}{x^a}$$

$$4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{16}$$

Simplify. Write the expression using only positive exponents.

7. $8x^{-2}$

$$\frac{8}{x^2}$$

8. $b^0 \cdot b^{-10}$

9. $\frac{z^6}{15z^9}$

$$\frac{z^{-3}}{15}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{15z^3}\right)$$

A drop of water leaks from a faucet every second. How many liters of water leak from the faucet in 1 hour?



Drop of water: 50^{-2} liter

Exit Ticket: Simplify.

1. $4x^{-3}$

$$\frac{4}{x^3}$$

2. $\frac{6^3}{6^5}$

$$\frac{1}{6^2} = \frac{1}{36}$$

3. $\frac{4n^0}{n^2}$

$$\frac{4}{n^2}$$

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

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