



Video Tutor

# Integer Exponents

## Going Deeper

**Essential question:** *How can you develop and use the properties of integer exponents?*

PREP FOR CC.9-12.N.RN.1

### 1 EXPLORE

### Using Patterns of Integer Exponents

The table below shows powers of 5, 4, and 3.

$5^4 = 625$	$5^3 = 125$	$5^2 = 25$	$5^1 = 5$	$5^0 =$	$5^{-1} =$	$5^{-2} =$
$4^4 = 256$	$4^3 = 64$	$4^2 = 16$	$4^1 = 4$	$4^0 =$	$4^{-1} =$	$4^{-2} =$
$3^4 = 81$	$3^3 = 27$	$3^2 = 9$	$3^1 = 3$	$3^0 =$	$3^{-1} =$	$3^{-2} =$

**A** What pattern do you see in the powers of 5?

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**B** What pattern do you see in the powers of 4?

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**C** Complete the table for the values of  $5^0$ ,  $5^{-1}$ ,  $5^{-2}$ .

**D** Complete the table for the values of  $4^0$ ,  $4^{-1}$ ,  $4^{-2}$ .

**E** Complete the table for the values of  $3^0$ ,  $3^{-1}$ ,  $3^{-2}$ .

**F Conjecture** Write a general rule for the values of  $a^0$  and  $a^{-n}$  based on the patterns in the table.

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### REFLECT

**1a.** Do the general rules you wrote in Part F for  $a^0$  and  $a^{-n}$  apply when  $a = 0$ ? Explain.

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**2 EXPLORE**

**Applying Properties of Integer Exponents**

**A** Complete the following equations.

$$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 3^5$$

$$(3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) \cdot 3 = 3^4 \cdot 3 = 3^5$$

$$(3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) \cdot (3 \cdot 3) = 3^3 \cdot 3^2 = 3^5$$

What pattern do you see when multiplying two powers with the same base?

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Use your pattern to complete this equation:  $5^2 \cdot 5^5 = 5^{\quad}$

**Conjecture** Write a general rule for the result of  $a^m \cdot a^n$ . \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Complete the following equation:  $\frac{4^5}{4^3} = \frac{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4} = \frac{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4}} = 4 \cdot 4 = 4^2$

What pattern do you see when dividing two powers with the same base?

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Use your pattern to complete this equation:  $\frac{6^8}{6^3} = 6^{\quad}$

**Conjecture** Write a general rule for the result of  $\frac{a^m}{a^n}$ . \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Complete the following equations:

$$(5^3)^2 = (5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5)^2$$

$$= (5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5) \cdot (5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5)$$

$$= 5^6$$

What pattern do you see when raising a power to a power?

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Use your pattern to complete this equation:  $(7^2)^4 = 7^{\quad}$

**Conjecture** Write a general rule for the result of  $(a^m)^n$ . \_\_\_\_\_

**REFLECT**

- 2a. Do the general rules you wrote in Parts A, B, and C apply if  $a = 0$ ? Explain.  
(Assume  $m$  and  $n$  are not 0.)

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**3****EXAMPLE****Applying Properties of Integer Exponents**

Simplify each expression.

**A**  $(5 - 2)^5 \cdot 3^{-8} + (5 + 2)^0$

$$(5 - 2)^5 \cdot 3^{-8} + (5 + 2)^0$$

$$(3)^5 \cdot 3^{-8} + (7)^0$$

$$3^3 + 1$$

$$3^3 + 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3^3} + 1$$

$$1 \frac{1}{3^3}$$

Follow the order of operations.

Simplify within parentheses.

Use properties of exponents.

Simplify.

Add.

**B**  $(10 - 6)^3 \cdot 4^2 + (10 + 2)^2$

$$(10 - 6)^3 \cdot 4^2 + (10 + 2)^2$$

$$(4)^3 \cdot 4^2 + (12)^2$$

$$4^5 + 144$$

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$$1024 + 144$$

Follow the order of operations.

Simplify within parentheses.

Use properties of exponents.

Simplify.

Add.

**REFLECT**

- 3a. Describe a different method you could use to simplify each expression above that does not use properties of exponents.

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# PRACTICE

Find the value of each power.

1.  $7^{-2}$   
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2.  $15^0$   
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3.  $10^{-3}$   
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4.  $2^{-5}$   
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5.  $5^{-3}$   
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6.  $7^3$   
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Use properties of integers to write an equivalent expression.

7.  $15^2 \cdot 15^{-5}$   
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8.  $\frac{20^{13}}{20^{10}}$   
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9.  $\frac{14^4}{14^9}$   
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10.  $(8^3)^{16}$   
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11.  $(12^{-5})^3$   
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12.  $4^{-8} \cdot 4^{-16}$   
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13.  $m \cdot m^4$   
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14.  $\frac{r^9}{r^6}$   
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15.  $(a^3)^{-3}$   
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Find the missing exponent.

16.  $b^{\boxed{\phantom{000}}} \cdot b^2 = b^8$

17.  $\frac{x^5}{x^{\boxed{\phantom{000}}}} = x^{-2}$

18.  $(n^{\boxed{\phantom{000}}})^4 = n^0$

Simplify each expression.

19.  $(2 + 4)^2 + 8^{-6} \times (12 - 4)^{10}$  \_\_\_\_\_

20.  $(3^3)^2 \times \left(\frac{5-2}{3^4}\right) + (10 - 4)^2 \times 6^{10}$  \_\_\_\_\_

21. **Error Analysis** A student simplified the expression  $\frac{4^3}{16^3}$  as  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Do you agree with the student? Justify your answer.

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22. Find the values of  $x^5 \cdot x^{-3}$  and  $\frac{x^5}{x^3}$ . What do you notice about the two values? Explain why your results make sense based on the properties you learned in this lesson.

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# Additional Practice

**Simplify.**

1.  $5^{-3} = \frac{1}{\quad} = \frac{1}{\quad}$

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

3.  $(-5)^{-2}$  \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $-(4)^{-3}$  \_\_\_\_\_

5.  $-6^0$  \_\_\_\_\_

6.  $(7)^{-2}$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluate each expression for the given value(s) of the variable(s).**

7.  $d^{-3}$  for  $d = -2$

8.  $a^5b^{-6}$  for  $a = 3$  and  $b = 2$

9.  $(b - 4)^{-2}$  for  $b = 1$

10.  $5z^{-x}$  for  $z = -3$  and  $x = 2$

11.  $(5z)^{-x}$  for  $z = -3$  and  $x = 2$

12.  $c^{-3}(16^{-2})$  for  $c = 4$

**Simplify.**

13.  $t^{-4}$

14.  $3r^{-5}$

15.  $\frac{s^{-3}}{t^{-5}}$

16.  $\frac{h^0}{3}$

17.  $\frac{2x^{-3}y^{-2}}{z^4}$

18.  $\frac{4fg^{-5}}{5h^{-3}}$

19.  $\frac{14a^{-4}}{20bc^{-1}}$

20.  $\frac{a^4c^2e^0}{b^{-1}d^{-3}}$

21.  $\frac{-3g^{-2}hk^{-2}}{-6h^0}$

22. A cooking website claims to contain  $10^5$  recipes.  
Evaluate this expression.

23. A ball bearing has diameter  $2^{-3}$  inches.  
Evaluate this expression.

## Problem Solving

Write the correct answer.

- At the 2005 World Exposition in Aichi, Japan, tiny mu-chips were embedded in the admissions tickets to prevent counterfeiting. The mu-chip was developed by Hitachi in 2003. Its area is  $4^2(10)^{-2}$  square millimeters. Simplify this expression.
- Despite their name, Northern Yellow Bats are commonly found in warm, humid areas in the southeast United States. An adult has a wingspan of about 14 inches and weighs between  $3(2)^{-3}$  and  $3(2)^{-2}$  ounces. Simplify these expressions.
- Saira is using the formula for the area of a circle to determine the value of  $\pi$ . She is using the expression  $Ar^{-2}$  where  $A = 50.265$  and  $r = 4$ . Use a calculator to evaluate Saira's expression to find her approximation of the value of  $\pi$  to the nearest thousandth.
- The volume of a freshwater tank can be expressed in terms of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . Expressed in these terms, the volume of the tank is  $x^3y^{-2}z$  liters. Determine the volume of the tank if  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 3$ , and  $z = 6$ .

Alison has an interest in entomology, the study of insects. Her collection of insects from around the world includes the four specimens shown in the table below. Select the best answer.

Insect	Mass
Emperor Scorpion	$2^{-5}$ kg
African Goliath Beetle	$11^{-1}$ kg
Giant Weta	$2^{-4}$ kg
Madagascar Hissing Cockroach	$5^{-3}$ kg

- Cockroaches have been found on every continent, including Antarctica. What is the mass of Alison's Madagascar Hissing Cockroach expressed as a quotient?
 

A  $-\frac{1}{125}$  kg      C  $\frac{1}{15}$  kg

B  $\frac{1}{125}$  kg      D 125 kg
- Many Giant Wetas are so heavy that they cannot jump. Which expression is another way to show the mass of the specimen in Alison's collection?
 

F  $-(2)4$  kg      H  $\frac{1}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}$  kg

G  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4}$  kg      J  $4\frac{1}{2}$  kg
- Scorpions are closely related to spiders and horseshoe crabs. What is the mass of Alison's Emperor Scorpion expressed as a quotient?
 

A  $-\frac{1}{32}$  kg      C  $\frac{1}{32}$  kg

B  $\frac{1}{25}$  kg      D 32 kg