

If a number a in a power n is divided by the same number in a power m ,

$$\frac{a^n}{a^m} = \frac{\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{n \text{ times}}}{\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{m \text{ times}}} = \left(\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{n \text{ times}} \right) : \left(\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{m \text{ times}} \right) = a^n : a^m = a^{n-m}$$

So, we can say that

$$a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^1} = \frac{1}{a}; \quad a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n};$$

Let's see how our decimal system of writing numbers works when we use the concept of exponent: $3456 = 1000 \cdot 3 + 100 \cdot 4 + 10 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 6 = 10^3 \cdot 3 + 10^2 \cdot 4 + 10^1 \cdot 5 + 10^0 \cdot 6$

The value of a place of a digit is defined by a power of 10 multiplied by the digit. Very large numbers can be written using this system, as well as very small numbers.

$$0.3 = \frac{1}{10} \cdot 3 = 10^{-1} \cdot 3;$$

$$0.456 = \frac{1}{10} \cdot 4 + \frac{1}{100} \cdot 5 + \frac{1}{1000} \cdot 6 = 10^{-1} \cdot 4 + 10^{-2} \cdot 5 + 10^{-3} \cdot 6$$

1. Write the following expressions in a shorter way replacing product with power:

Examples:

$$(-a) \cdot (-a) \cdot (-a) \cdot (-a) = (-a)^4, \quad 3m \cdot m \cdot m \cdot 2k \cdot k \cdot k \cdot k = 6m^3k^4$$

a. $(-y) \cdot (-y) \cdot (-y) \cdot (-y);$

b. $(-5m)(-5m) \cdot 2n \cdot 2n \cdot 2n;$

c. $-y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y;$

d. $-5m \cdot m \cdot 2n \cdot n \cdot n;$

e. $(ab) \cdot (ab) \cdot (ab) \cdot (ab) \cdot (ab) \cdot (ab);$

f. $p - q \cdot q \cdot q \cdot q \cdot q;$

g. $a \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b;$

h. $(p - q) \cdot (p - q) \cdot (p - q);$

2. Simplify the expressions:

a. $2^4 + 2^4$; b. $2^m + 2^m$; c. $2^m \cdot 2^m$;
d. $3^2 + 3^2 + 3^2$; e. $3^k + 3^k + 3^k$; f. $3^k \cdot 3^k \cdot 3^k$;

3. What will be last digit of

a. 2^{22} ; b. 3^{33} ; c. 4^{44} ; d. 5^{55} ; e. 6^{66} ; f. 7^{77} ;

4. Compare:

Example: What is greater 31^{11} or 17^{14} ?

We can see that $31 < 32 = 2^5$; $2^4 = 16 < 17$,

$$31^{11} < 32^{11} = (2^5)^{11} = 2^{55}$$

$$(17)^{14} > 16^{14} = (2^4)^{14} = 2^{56}$$

We can write the following:

$$31^{11} < 32^{11} = 2^{55} < 2^{56} = 16^{14} < (17)^{14}$$

$$31^{11} < 17^{14}$$

a. 127^{23} and 513^{18}

b. 9997^{10} and 100003^8

c. 5^{300} and 3^{500}

5. Write the following numbers as the power of base 10:

10, 100, 1000, 10000, 100000, 1000000

0.1, 0.01, 0.001, 0.0001, 0.00001, 0.000001

6. Reduce the fractions

a. $\frac{49^4 \cdot 7^5}{7^{12}}$; b. $\frac{3^{10} \cdot 27}{81^3}$; c. $\frac{125^3 \cdot 5^7}{5^{18}}$;