

### Day 1 Notes: Properties of Exponents

$a^m$  ← Exponent (operation)  
 ↳ Superscript  
 ↳ Base (subscript)  
 ↳ Name

**Product of Powers Property**

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Exponential Form
$3^2 \cdot 3^5$	$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$	$3^7$
$2^1 \cdot 2^6$	$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$	$2^7$
$b^5 \cdot b^8$	$b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b$	$b^{13}$

1. Look at the table above. Compare the first and third column. Describe, using words, the relationship that you see between them.

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

$-4^2 \neq (-4)^2$   
 $-16 \neq 16$

2. Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:  
 3. The rule you discovered is called the "product of powers." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $2^6 \cdot 2^8$   
 $2^{6+8} = 2^{14}$

b.  $(-7)^3 \cdot (-7)^1 \cdot (-7)^5$   
 $(-7)^{3+1+5} = (-7)^9$

c.  $m^7 \cdot m^4 \cdot m^6$   
 $m^{7+4+6} = m^{17}$

**Power of a Power Property**

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Exponential Form
$(5^2)^3$	$5^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 5^2$	$5^6$
$(8^5)^2$	$8^5 \cdot 8^5$	$8^{10}$
$(x^3)^4$	$x^3 \cdot x^3 \cdot x^3 \cdot x^3$	$x^{12}$

4. Look at the table above. Compare the first and third column. Describe, using words, the relationship that you see between them.

5. Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:

$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$

6. The rule you discovered is called the "power of a power." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $(7^4)^9$   
 $7^{4 \cdot 9} = 7^{36}$

b.  $(k^{17})^2$   
 $k^{17 \cdot 2} = k^{34}$

c.  $(w^{100})^5$   
 $w^{500}$

**Quotient of Powers Property**

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Exponential Form
$\frac{6^9}{6^4}$	$\frac{\cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6}{\cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{6}}$	$6^5$
$\frac{100^5}{100^2}$	$\frac{100 \cdot 100 \cdot 100 \cdot 100 \cdot 100}{100 \cdot 100}$	$100^3$
$\frac{t^{15}}{t^8}$		$t^7$

7. Look at the table above. Compare the first and third column. Describe, using words, the relationship that you see between them.

8. Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

9. The rule you discovered is called the "quotient of powers." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $\frac{16^7}{16^3} = 16^{7-3} = 16^4$

b.  $\frac{w^{25}}{w^{10}} = w^{25-10} = w^{15}$

c.  $\frac{4^3 \cdot 4^7}{4^5} = \frac{4^{10}}{4^5} = 4^5$

**Zero Powers Property**

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Answer
$5^4$	$5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$	$625/5$
$5^3$	$5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$	$125/5$
$5^2$	$5 \cdot 5$	$25/5$
$5^1$	$5$	$5/5$
$5^0$		$1$

10. Look at the table above. What is the pattern in the third column? Describe, using words, how that pattern helps you find  $5^0$ ?

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Answer
$3^4$	$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$	81
$3^3$	$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$	27
$3^2$	$3 \cdot 3$	9
$3^1$	$3$	3
$3^0$		1

11. Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:

$$a^0 = 1$$

12. The rule you discovered is called the "zero power property." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $(x^1 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^9)^0$

$$(x^{12})^0 = x^{12 \cdot 0} = x^0 = 1$$

b.  $(\frac{3^4}{3^0})^2$

$$(\frac{3^{4-0}}{3^0})^2 = (\frac{3^4}{3^0})^2 = 3^8$$

c.  $(128,917,654^5)^0$

$$1$$

### Negative Powers Property

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Answer
$4^2$	$4 \cdot 4$	16
$4^1$	$4$	4
$4^0$		1
$4^{-1}$		$\frac{1}{4}$
$4^{-2}$		$\frac{1}{16}$

↑ mult. by 4  
↓ Divide by 4

13. In order to work up in exponents, you are increasing the number of times that you are \_\_\_\_\_ the number (or variable).

If you are decreasing the exponent (the exponent is getting more negative) then you are \_\_\_\_\_ by the number (or variable).

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$$\frac{x^3}{x^{-2}} = x^{3+2} = x^5$$

14. Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:

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

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

15. The rule you discovered is called the "negative power property." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $\frac{y^{-5}}{1} = \frac{1}{y^5}$

b.  $(x^2)^{-5} = x^{2 \cdot -5} = x^{-10} = \frac{1}{x^{10}}$

c.  $(\frac{z^0}{z^2 \cdot z^4})^{-2} = (\frac{1}{z^6})^{-2} = \frac{1^{-2}}{z^{-12}} = \frac{1}{z^{-12}} = z^{12}$