

ALGEBRA 1 - CHAPTER 7 NOTES
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7.1 Zero and Negative Exponents

Objectives: To simplify expressions with zero and negative exponents

Warm Up Simplify each expression without using a calculator!

1. 2^3

2. $(-2)^3$

3. -2^3

4. $\frac{1}{4^2}$

5. $4^2 \div 2^2$

6. $6^2 \div 12$

Evaluate each expression for $a = 2$, $b = -1$ and $c = \frac{1}{2}$

7. $\frac{a}{2b}$

8. $\frac{ab}{c}$

9. $\frac{ac}{b}$

Example 1: Fill in the chart with the value of the power in standard form.

x	2^x	5^x
4		
3		
2		
1		
0		
-1		
-2		

b) What pattern do you see as you go down each column?

The patterns that you found illustrate the definitions of zero and negative exponents.

PROPERTY	EXAMPLE 1	EXAMPLE 2	EXAMPLE 3
Zero Exponent	8^0	$(-5)^0$	$(1.043)^0$
Negative Exponent	7^{-2}	$(-2)^{-3}$	$(4)^{-1}$

RULES:

Zero Exponent Rule: _____

Negative Exponent Rule: _____

PRACTICE: Simplify each expression **without** negative exponents.

- a) 9^{-2} b) $(-3.6)^0$ c) 3^{-3} d) -7^0 e) $(-4)^{-2}$

Example 2: Simplify each expression **without** negative exponents.

- a) $4x^{-3}y$ b) $\frac{1}{w^{-4}}$ c) $-7s^{-4}t^2$ d) $\frac{n^{-5}}{v^2}$ e) s^0r^{-3}

Example 3: Simplify each expression **without** negative exponents.

- a) $5a^3b^{-2}$ b) $\frac{y^0}{x^{-5}}$ c) $4^{-2}bc^{-3}$ d) $\frac{6}{2a^{-3}}$ e) $\frac{2n^{-5}}{3^{-1}m^2}$

Evaluating an Exponential Expression:

Always simplify the expression before substituting values in for the variables

Example 4:

Evaluate $3m^2t^{-2}$ for $m = 2$ and $t = -3$

Example 5:

Evaluate $\frac{n^{-1}}{w^2}$ for $n = -2$ and $w = 5$

PRACTICE: Evaluate each expression for $n = -2$ and $w = 5$

a) $n^{-3}w^0$

b) $\frac{n^{-3}}{w^2}$

c) $\frac{-w^0}{n^4}$

d) $\frac{-2}{nw^{-2}}$

Using an Exponential Expression:

Example 6: A population of marine bacteria doubles every hour under controlled laboratory conditions. The number of bacteria is modeled by the expression $1000 \cdot 2^h$, where h is the number of hours after a scientist measures the population size. Evaluate the expression for $h=0$ and $h= -3$. What does each value of the expression represent in the situation?

Example 7: A population of insects triples every week. The number of insects is modeled by the expression $5400 \cdot 3^w$, where w is the number of weeks after the population was measured. Evaluate the expression for $w= -2$, $w= 0$, and $w = 1$. What does the value of the expression mean in the situation?

ALGEBRA I NOTES

7.2 & 7.3 Multiplication Properties of Exponents

Objectives: To multiply powers with the same base.
To raise a power to a power.

Warm-Up:

Negative Exponent Rule: _____

Zero Exponent Rule: _____

Simplify ***WITHOUT*** negative exponents.

1. $\frac{1}{x^{-2}y^5}$

2. -9^0

3. $5m^{-3}n^{-1}$

4. $\frac{a^{-4}}{b^2c^0}$

1. Expand x^7 (Write out what it means)

Expand and simplify.

2. $m^4 \cdot m^3$

3. $(p^4)^3$

4. $(2x^3y^2)^2$

RULES OF EXPONENTS

Multiplying Powers with the Same Base

For every nonzero number a and integers m and n _____

Raising a Power to a Power

For every nonzero number a and integers m and n _____

Raising a Product to a Power

For every nonzero number a and b and integer n _____

Multiplying Powers in Algebraic Expressions:

When variable factors have more than one base, combine powers with the same base.

Example 1: Simplify $4x^5 \cdot 9x^{-12}$

Example 2: Simplify $2a \cdot 9b^4 \cdot 3a^2$

Example 3: Simplify each expression *without* negative exponents.

a. $m^4 \cdot 2m^{-3}$

b. $-4c^3 \cdot 7d^2 \cdot 2c^{-2}$

c. $(2x^3y^{-3})(2x^{-1}y^3)$

d. $(4a^3b^2)(3a^{-4}b^{-5})$

Example 4: Simplify each expression without negative exponents.

a. $5x^4 \cdot x^9 \cdot 3x$

b. $(5m^5)(2mn^4)(8m^3)$

c. $j^2 \cdot 3k^{-2} \cdot -12j$

d. $(-7a^{-5}b)(-4a^8b^{-2})$

Example 5: Simplify each expression without negative exponents.

a. $(n^4)^7$

b. $(x^{-2})^3$

c. $(4xy^2)^3$

d. $(-5m^3n^{-4})^2$

Example 6: Simplify each expression without negative exponents.

a. $(3b^4)^{-2}$

b. $(5x^2y)^{-3}$

c. $(3m^{-2}n)^{-2}$

d. $(2a^{-3}b)^{-4}$

Example 7: Simplify each expression without negative exponents.

a. $(x^{-2})^2(3xy^2)^4$

b. $(2x^{-6})^4 \cdot 2^{-3}x^{14}$

c. $(2k^5)^3(2k^{-4})$

d. $(-4a^3b)^2(2a^{-2}b^{-3})$

Example 8: Determine the value of the missing exponent.

a. $9^5 \cdot 9^{\blacksquare} = 9^{-2}$

b. $(3x^2y^{\blacksquare})^3 = 27x^6y^{12}$

Algebra I

7.4 Division Properties of Exponents

Objectives: To divide powers with the same base; to raise a quotient to a power

Warm-Up:

1. Complete the exponential rule for each:

Zero Exponent: $a^0 =$	Negative Exponent: $a^{-1} =$
Product Rule: $a^m \cdot a^n =$	Power to a Power: $(a^m)^n =$
Product to a Power: $(ab)^n =$	2 new rules today: Quotient Rule Quotient to a Power Rule

Simplify without negative exponents.

2. $-3m^4 \cdot 2m^3 \cdot m^0$

3. $(-3p^3)(4p^{-2}q^5)$

4. $(-2a^3b^{-2})^2$

5. $(3x^{-1}y^2)^{-3}$

SCIENTIFIC NOTATION

$$a \times 10^b$$

$1 \leq |a| < 10$
A number greater than or equal to 1 but less than 10.

$b \leftarrow$ integer
A base of 10.

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Example 1 Complete the table.

Standard Notation	Scientific Notation
32,000	
0.0000157	
	1.25×10^4
	5.7×10^{-3}

Example 2 Simplify each expression in scientific notation.

a. $(8 \times 10^{-5})(2 \times 10^8)$

b. $(0.2 \times 10^{-7})(0.6 \times 10^{-1})$

c. $\frac{(8.5 \times 10^3)}{(5 \times 10^5)}$

d. $\frac{(4.8 \times 10^{-1})}{(8 \times 10^{-6})}$

Rules of Exponents Involving Division

Dividing Powers with the Same Base

For every nonzero number a and integers m and n _____

Raising a Quotient to a Power Property

For every nonzero number a and b and integer n _____

Example 3 Simplify without negative exponents.

a. $\frac{2^6}{2^4}$

b. $\frac{n^5 m^3}{n^4 m^6}$

c. $\frac{16 x^{-4} y^3}{4 x^{-7} y^5}$

Example 4 Simplify each expression.

a. $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$

b. $\left(\frac{x^4}{x}\right)^3$

c. $\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{-2}$

d. $(2 x 10^{-4})^3$

Example 5 Simplify without negative exponents.

a. $\frac{-12 k^6 j^2}{6 k j^5}$

b. $\frac{18 x^5 y^{-1} z^{-8}}{9 x^4 y^{-5} z^{-3}}$

c. $\left(\frac{8 x^6 y^2}{2 x^4 y^4}\right)^{-3}$

d. $\left(\frac{-5xy^2}{5x^2y^{-3}}\right)^{-2}$

e. $\frac{(2x^2)}{(3y^4)} \cdot \frac{(3x)}{(-5y^3)}$

f. $\frac{(4ab)}{(-2a)} \cdot \frac{(9a^2)}{(6b^3)}$