

# Rules of indices

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log tables.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad a^p a^q = a^{p+q}$$

Multiplication

- add the powers

When we multiply different powers with the same base value we add the powers

$$\text{Eg 1)} \quad 2^3 \times 2^2 = 2^{3+2} = 2^5$$

Base value = 2

$$\text{Eg 2)} \quad 7^4 \cdot 7^4 = 7^{4+4} = 7^8$$

↓  
means  
multiply

Notes: a is the  
base value.

p and q  
are the powers  
or the indices  
and can be  
any numbers  
or letters.

$$\text{Eg 3)} \quad (5^5)(5^3)$$

Brackets mean multiply

$$5^{5+3} = 5^8$$

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Q2)

$$2^1 \times 2^1 \times 2^1 = 2^{1+1+1} = 2^3$$

$$2^1 \times 2^3 = 2^{1+3} = 2^4$$

$$4^2 \times 4^3 = 4^{2+3} = 4^5$$

$$5^1 \times 5^2 \times 5^3 = 5^{1+2+3} = 5^6$$

$$a^1 \times a^5 = a^{1+5} = a^6$$

$$\underline{2}x^2 \times \underline{4}x^3 = 8x^{2+3} = 8x^5$$

$$\underline{2}x^2 \times \underline{3}x^1 = 6x^{2+1} = 6x^3$$

## ② Rule - Division

Log table

$$\frac{a^p}{a^q} = a^{p-q}$$

$$\frac{\text{Top power} = p}{\text{bottom power} = q}$$

When we divide different powers of the same base value, we subtract the bottom power from the top power.

$$\text{Eg 1) } \frac{7^7}{7^3} \text{ subtract} = 7^{7-3} = 7^4$$

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$$\text{Eg 2) } 2^3 \div 2^2 = 2^{3-2} = 2 \text{ or } 2^1$$

③ Brackets to a power

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log tables

$$(a^p)^q$$

a = base value

q and p are powers

Rule : Multiply the powers.

$$a^{p \times q}$$

$$\text{Eg 1) } (4^2)^3 = 4^{2 \times 3} = 4^6$$

$$\text{Eg 2) } (2^4)^6 = 2^{4 \times 6} = 2^{24}$$

④ The power of zero.

$$a^0 = 1$$

Any number or letter to the power of 0  
is 1

calculator

$$\boxed{\text{Number}} \boxed{\times^{\square}} \boxed{0} = 1$$

$$20^{\square} = 1$$

## ⑤ Negative powers

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

Method: To make a power positive put 1 over the power (reciprocal) and make the power positive

$$\text{Eg 1)} \quad 4^{-5} = \frac{1}{4^5}$$

$$\text{Eg 2)} \quad \frac{1}{3^{-2}} = 3^2$$

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NOTE:  $\frac{1}{\text{number}}$  is a reciprocal

20 as a reciprocal

$$= \frac{1}{20}$$

$$20 = \frac{20}{1} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{20}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} Q8 \\ 289 \end{array} \frac{9^7}{9^4} = 9^3$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 9^{7-4} = 9^3 \\ 7-4 = 3 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3^9}{3^8} = 3^1$$

$$9-8 = 1$$

⑥ Fractional Indices pg 21 log tables.

$$a^{1/q} = \sqrt[q]{a}$$

The power is a fraction

Eg 1  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$

The power of  $1/2$  is equal to the  $\sqrt{\quad}$  (square root)

Eg 2)  $2^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{2}$

The power of  $1/3$  is equal to the cubed root  $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$

Eg 3)  $a^{1/4} = \sqrt[4]{a}$

4th root



Q1) Rewrite using  $\sqrt{\quad}$  sign

①  $a^{2/3} = (\sqrt[3]{a})^2$

Rule ⑦

$$a^{p/q} = (\sqrt[q]{a})^p$$

②  $a^{5/2} = (\sqrt{a})^5$

③  $a^{3/4} = (\sqrt[4]{a})^3$

write as a whole number

④  $25^{3/2} = (\sqrt{25})^3 = 5^3 = 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$

Index form

⑧ Rule  $(ab)^p = a^p b^p$

Eg 1)  $(3 \times 4)^2$   
 $3^2 \times 4^2$   
 $9 \times 16 = 144$

A product to a power.

Eg 2)  $(2 \times 3)^2$   
 $2^2 \times 3^2$   
 $4 \times 9 = 36$

⑨ Rule  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^p = \frac{a^p}{b^p} \rightarrow$  A quotient to a power  
- put the numerator and denominator to the power.

Eg 1) Simplify

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \Rightarrow \frac{1^3}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

Eg 2)

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{2^2}{3^2} = \frac{4}{9}$$

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$$(ab)^p = a^p b^p$$

Q1 Simplify  $(abc)^3 = a^3 b^3 c^3$

Q2 Simplify  $\left(\frac{4a}{5b}\right)^2 = \frac{16a^2}{25b^2}$

Q3) Write as a whole number  $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$$a^{p/q} = (q\sqrt{a})^p$$

$$\left(3\sqrt{27}\right)^2 \\ (3)^2 = 9$$

Writing a number as a power/index form.

Main BASE values - prime number

① - Even numbers will be written as  $2^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$   
Eg 1) Write the following in the form  $2^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

① 1  
 $2^0 = 1$

② 8  
 $2^3$   
 $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$

③ 16  
 $2^4$   
 $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$

④ 32  
 $2^5$   
 $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$   
 $= 32.$

② Powers of 3.

Write the following in the form  $3^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

①  $\frac{1}{27}$

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

$$= 3^{-3}$$

② 9

$$3^2$$

③ 81

$$3^4$$

④  $\frac{1}{3}$

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

$$3^{-1}$$

Powers of 5.

Write the following in the form  $5^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{R}$

①  $\sqrt{25}$

$$(5^2)^{1/2}$$

$$5^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$5^1$$

②

$$125^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\left(\sqrt[3]{125}\right)^2$$
$$(5)^2$$

③

$$\frac{5^7}{5^5}$$

$$5^{7-5}$$

$$5^2$$

④  $5 \times 5^4$

$$5^5$$