

Exponent Laws Part 1 NOTES

Investigation 1: Multiplication

Write the expression below as a single power:

$$6^5 \times 6^4$$

First Expand:

$$(6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6) \times (6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6)$$

Then simplify as a single power:

$$6^9$$

Nine
6's multiplied
together.

Exponent Law 1: Product of a Power

When multiplying powers with the same base,
Add the exponents to simplify.

$$(A^m)(A^n) = A^{m+n}$$

$$5^4 \times 5^6 = 5^{10}$$

$$2^3 \times 2^5 = 2^8$$

$$(-7)^2 \times (-7)^2 = (-7)^4$$

$$10^6 \times 10^3 \times 10^2 = 10^{11}$$

Investigation 2: Division

Write the expression below as a single power:

$$\frac{9^{10}}{9^6}$$

First Expand:

$$\frac{9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9}{9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9}$$

$\frac{9}{9} = 1$ so you can cancel out

Then simplify as a single power:

$$9^4$$

Exponent Law 2: Quotient of a Power

When dividing powers with the same base,
Subtract the exponents to simplify.

$$(A^m) \div (A^n) = A^{m-n}$$

$$5^6 \div 5^4 = 5^2$$

$$\frac{10^{11}}{10^3} = 10^8$$

$$(-7)^2 \div (-7)^2 = (-7)^0$$

$$3^3 \times 3^7 \div 3^4 = 3^{10} \div 3^4 = 3^6$$

Simplify, then evaluate:

$$3^2 \times 3^5 - 4^7 \div 4^6$$

$$3^7 - 4^1$$

$$2187 - 4$$

$$\textcircled{2183}$$

Simplify, then evaluate:

$$\frac{2^3 \times 2^5}{2^6} = \frac{2^8}{2^6} = 2^2 = \textcircled{4}$$