

## Section 2.5: Exponent Laws II

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### Power of a Power Investigation

Power of a Power	Repeated Multiplication	Product of Factors	Power Form
$(2^4)^3$	$2^4 \times 2^4 \times 2^4$	$(2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2) \times (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2) \times (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)$	$2^{12}$
$(3^2)^4$	$3^2 \times 3^2 \times 3^2 \times 3^2$	$(3 \times 3) \times (3 \times 3) \times (3 \times 3) \times (3 \times 3)$	$3^8$
$(4^2)^3$	$4^2 \times 4^2 \times 4^2$	$(4 \times 4) \times (4 \times 4) \times (4 \times 4)$	$4^6$
$(5^3)^3$	$5^3 \times 5^3 \times 5^3$	$(5 \times 5 \times 5) \times (5 \times 5 \times 5) \times (5 \times 5 \times 5)$	$5^9$
$[(-4)^3]^2$	$(-4)^3 \times (-4)^3$	$(-4 \times -4 \times -4) \times (-4 \times -4 \times -4)$	$(-4)^6$

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**Exponent Law for a Power of a Power:**  $(a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}$ , where  $a \neq 0$ , and  $m$  and  $n$  are whole numbers.

When you have a power to a power, the base remains the same and the exponents are multiplied.

Write as a power.

A.  $(3^2)^2$

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

$$= 3^4$$

B.  $[(-7)^3]^2$

$$= (-7)^{3 \times 2}$$

$$= (-7)^6$$

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C.  $-(2^2)^4$

$$= -(2^{2 \times 4})$$

$$= -(2^8)$$

$$= -2^8$$

Simplify first, then evaluate.

A.  $(-3^2)^3 \times (-3^0)^9$

$$= (-3)^{2 \times 3} \times (-3)^{0 \times 9}$$

$$= (-3)^6 \times (-3)^0$$

$$= (-3)^{6+0}$$

$$= (-3)^6$$

$$= 729$$

D.  $(3^0)^2$

$$= 3^{0 \times 2}$$

$$= 3^0$$

B.  $(2^3)^2 \times (3^2)^2$

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

$$= 2^6 \times 3^4$$

$$= 64 \times 81$$

$$= 5184$$

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Power of a Product Investigation			
Power	Repeated Multiplication	Product of Factors	Product of Powers
$(2 \times 5)^3$	$(2 \times 5) \times (2 \times 5) \times (2 \times 5)$	$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5$	$2^3 \times 5^3$
$(3 \times 4)^2$	$(3 \times 4) \times (3 \times 4)$	$3 \times 3 \times 4 \times 4$	$3^2 \times 4^2$
$(4 \times 2)^4$	$(4 \times 2) \times (4 \times 2) \times (4 \times 2) \times (4 \times 2)$	$4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$	$4^4 \times 2^4$
$(5 \times 3)^4$	$(5 \times 3) \times (5 \times 3) \times (5 \times 3) \times (5 \times 3)$	$5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$	$5^4 \times 3^4$
$(5 \times 6)^2$	$(5 \times 6) \times (5 \times 6)$	$5 \times 5 \times 6 \times 6$	$5^2 \times 6^2$
$[7 \times (-2)]^3$	$[7 \times (-2)] \times [7 \times (-2)] \times [7 \times (-2)]$	$7 \times 7 \times 7 \times (-2) \times (-2) \times (-2)$	$7^3 \times (-2)^3$

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**Exponent Law for a Power of a Product:**  $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$ , where  $a \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq 0$  and  $m$  is a whole number.

When you have a power of a product, the exponent is applied to each factor inside the brackets.

Write as a product of powers.

A.  $(5 \times 7)^3$

$= 5^3 \times 7^3$

B.  $(8 \times 2)^2$

$= 8^2 \times 2^2$

C.  $[(-1) \times (-4)]^3$

$= (-1)^3 \times (-4)^3$

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Evaluate each question two ways. Use power of a product (Method 1) and BEDMAS (Method 2).

A.  $[(-7) \times 5]^2$

Method 1:

$$= (-7)^2 \times 5^2$$

$$= 49 \times 25$$

$$= 1225$$

Method 2:

$$= (-35)^2$$

$$= 1225$$

B.  $-(3 \times 2)^2$

Method 1:

$$= -(3^2 \times 2^2)$$

$$= -(9 \times 4)$$

$$= -(36)$$

$$= -36$$

Method 2:

$$= -(6)^2$$

$$= -(36)$$

$$= -36$$

**Practice Exercises: Pg. 84 #'s 4, 6, 10a, b, e & f (simplify and evaluate)**

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### Power of a Quotient Investigation

Power	Repeated Multiplication	Product of Factors	Product of Quotients
$\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3$	$\frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6}$	$\frac{5 \times 5 \times 5}{6 \times 6 \times 6}$	$\frac{5^3}{6^3}$
$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4$	$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}$	$\frac{2^4}{3^4}$
$\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^5$	$\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1 \times 1 \times 1 \times 1 \times 1}{5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5}$	$\frac{1^5}{5^5}$
$\left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^2$	$\frac{3}{10} \times \frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{3 \times 3}{10 \times 10}$	$\frac{3^2}{10^2}$
$\left(\frac{-4}{7}\right)^3$	$\frac{(-4)}{7} \times \frac{(-4)}{7} \times \frac{(-4)}{7}$	$\frac{(-4) \times (-4) \times (-4)}{7 \times 7 \times 7}$	$\frac{(-4)^3}{7^3}$

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**Exponent Law for a Power of a Quotient:**  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$ , where  $a \neq 0$ ,  
 $b \neq 0$  and  $m$  is a whole number.

When you have a power of a quotient, the exponent is applied to the numerator and denominator inside the brackets.

Write as a quotient of powers.

$$A. \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8$$

$$= \frac{2^8}{3^8}$$

$$B. \left[\frac{-6}{5}\right]^4$$

$$= \frac{(-6)^4}{5^4}$$

$$C. \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{3^2}{5^2}$$

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Your turn...

$$D. (6 \div 8)^3$$

$$= 6^3 \div 8^3$$

$$E. (9 \div 13)^8$$

$$= 9^8 \div 13^8$$

$$F. [(-4) \div 11]^5$$

$$= (-4)^5 \div 11^5$$

Evaluate each question two ways. Use power of a quotient (Method One) and BEDMAS (Method Two).

$$A. [(-24) \div 6]^4$$

Method 1:

$$= (-24)^4 \div 6^4$$

$$= 331\,776 \div 1296$$

$$= 256$$

Method 2:

$$= (-4)^4$$

$$= 256$$

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$$C. \left(\frac{-27}{3}\right)^2$$

Method 1:

$$= \frac{(-27)^2}{3^2}$$

$$= \frac{729}{9}$$

$$= 81$$

Method 2:

$$= (-9)^2$$

$$= 81$$

Practice Exercises: Pgs. 84 - 85 #'s 5, 8, 15b,c,  
16a,b,c, & 19a,b,c

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