

**Properties of Exponents:**

$a^r \cdot a^s = a^{(r+s)}$	$(a^r)^s = a^{(r \cdot s)}$
$(ab)^r = (a^r)(b^r)$	$a^{-r} = \frac{1}{a^r}$ or $a^r = \frac{1}{a^{-r}}$
$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-r} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^r$	$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^r = \frac{a^r}{b^r}$
$\frac{a^r}{a^s} = a^{(r-s)}$	$a^1 = a$ and $a^0 = 1$ if $a \neq 0$

**Definition:** A number is written in **scientific notation** if it is written as the product of a number between 1 and 10 and an integer power of 10. A number written in scientific notation has the form  

$$a \times 10^n \quad \text{where } 1 \leq a < 10 \text{ and } n \text{ is an integer.}$$

Additional examples:

18)  $\left(-\frac{3}{5}x^4\right)^3$   

$$\left(-\frac{3}{5}x^4\right)^3 = \left(-\frac{3}{5}x^4\right)\left(-\frac{3}{5}x^4\right)\left(-\frac{3}{5}x^4\right) = -\frac{(3)(3)(3)}{(5)(5)(5)}(x^4)(x^4)(x^4) = -\frac{27}{125}x^{12}$$

20)  $5a^7(-4a^6)$   

$$5a^7(-4a^6) = (5)(-4)(a^7)(a^6) = -20a^{13}$$

22)  $(-5)^{-2}$   

$$(-5)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(-5)^2} = \frac{1}{(-5)(-5)} = \frac{1}{25}$$

24)  $2^{-5}$   

$$2^{-5} = \frac{1}{2^5} = \frac{1}{(2)(2)(2)(2)(2)} = \frac{1}{32}$$

26)  $\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-2}$   

$$\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) = \frac{25}{9}$$

28)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-3}$   

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-3} = \left(\frac{2}{1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{1}\right)^3 = (2)^2 + (3)^3 = (2)(2) + (3)(3)(3) = 4 + 27 = 31$$

30)  $x^{-3}x^8$   
 $x^{-3}x^8 = \frac{x^8}{x^3} = \frac{x^5}{1} = x^5$

32)  $(a^4b^{-3})^3$   
 $(a^4b^{-3})^3 = \left(\frac{a^4}{b^3}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{a^4}{b^3}\right)\left(\frac{a^4}{b^3}\right)\left(\frac{a^4}{b^3}\right) = \frac{a^{12}}{b^9}$

34)  $(3y^5)^{-2}(2y^{-4})^3$   
 $(3y^5)^{-2}(2y^{-4})^3 = \left(\frac{1}{(3y^5)^2}\right)\left(\frac{2}{y^4}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{1}{(3y^5)(3y^5)}\right)\left(\frac{2}{y^4}\right)\left(\frac{2}{y^4}\right)\left(\frac{2}{y^4}\right) = \frac{8}{9y^{22}}$

36)  $\left(\frac{1}{7}x^{-3}\right)\left(\frac{7}{8}x^{-5}\right)\left(\frac{8}{9}x^8\right)$   
 $\left(\frac{1}{7}x^{-3}\right)\left(\frac{7}{8}x^{-5}\right)\left(\frac{8}{9}x^8\right) = \left(\frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{x^3}\right)\left(\frac{7}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{x^5}\right)\left(\frac{8}{9} \cdot \frac{x^8}{1}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{7x^3}\right)\left(\frac{7}{8x^5}\right)\left(\frac{8x^8}{9}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{1x^3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{1x^5}\right)\left(\frac{1x^8}{9}\right) = \frac{x^8}{9x^8} = \frac{1}{9}$

38)  $(3a^{-2}c^3)(5b^{-6}c^5)(4a^6b^{-2})$   
 $(3a^{-2}c^3)(5b^{-6}c^5)(4a^6b^{-2}) = \left(\frac{3c^3}{a^2}\right)\left(\frac{5c^5}{b^6}\right)\left(\frac{4a^6}{b^2}\right) = \frac{60a^6c^8}{a^2b^8} = \frac{60a^4c^8}{b^8}$

40)  $(4x^{-4}y^9)^{-2}(5x^4y^{-3})^2$   
 $(4x^{-4}y^9)^{-2}(5x^4y^{-3})^2 = \left(\frac{4y^9}{x^4}\right)^{-2}\left(\frac{5x^4}{y^3}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{x^4}{4y^9}\right)^2\left(\frac{5x^4}{y^3}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{x^4}{4y^9}\right)\left(\frac{x^4}{4y^9}\right)\left(\frac{5x^4}{y^3}\right)\left(\frac{5x^4}{y^3}\right) = \frac{25x^{16}}{16y^{24}}$

42)  $\frac{x^{-3}}{x^5}$   
 $\frac{x^{-3}}{x^5} = \frac{1}{x^5(x^3)} = \frac{1}{x^8}$

44)  $\frac{a^5}{a^{-2}}$   
 $\frac{a^5}{a^{-2}} = \frac{a^5(a^2)}{1} = a^5(a^2) = a^7$

46)  $\frac{t^{-8}}{t^{-5}}$   
 $\frac{t^{-8}}{t^{-5}} = \frac{t^5}{t^8} = \frac{1}{t^3}$

$$48) \quad \left( \frac{x^7}{x^4} \right)^5 = (x^3)^5 = (x^3)(x^3)(x^3)(x^3)(x^3) = x^{15}$$

$$50) \quad \frac{(x^7)^3}{(x^4)^5} = \frac{(x^7)(x^7)(x^7)}{(x^4)(x^4)(x^4)(x^4)(x^4)} = \frac{x^{21}}{x^{20}} = \frac{x^1}{1} = x$$

$$52) \quad \frac{(x^{-4})^3(x^3)^{-4}}{x^{10}} = \frac{(x^{-4})^3}{x^{10}(x^3)^4} = \frac{(x^{-4})(x^{-4})(x^{-4})}{x^{10}(x^3)(x^3)(x^3)(x^3)} = \frac{x^{-12}}{x^{22}} = \frac{1}{x^{22}(x^{12})} = \frac{1}{x^{34}}$$

$$54) \quad \frac{7a^6b^{-2}}{21a^2b^{-5}} = \frac{7a^6b^5}{21a^2b^2} = \frac{1a^4b^3}{3(1)(1)} = \frac{a^4b^3}{3}$$

$$56) \quad \frac{(6x^{-3}y^{-5})^2}{(3x^{-4}y^{-3})^4} = \frac{(6x^{-3}y^{-5})(6x^{-3}y^{-5})}{(3x^{-4}y^{-3})(3x^{-4}y^{-3})(3x^{-4}y^{-3})(3x^{-4}y^{-3})} = \frac{(2x^{-3}y^{-5})(2x^{-3}y^{-5})}{(1x^{-4}y^{-3})(1x^{-4}y^{-3})(3x^{-4}y^{-3})(3x^{-4}y^{-3})} \\ = \frac{4x^{-6}y^{-10}}{9x^{-16}y^{-12}} = \frac{4x^{16}y^{12}}{9x^6y^{10}} = \frac{4x^{10}y^2}{9}$$

$$58) \quad \left( \frac{5x^4y^5}{10xy^{-2}} \right)^3 = \left( \frac{5x^4y^5(y^2)}{2} \right)^3 = \left( \frac{x^3y^7}{2} \right)^3 = \left( \frac{x^3y^7}{2} \right) \left( \frac{x^3y^7}{2} \right) \left( \frac{x^3y^7}{2} \right) = \frac{x^9y^{21}}{8}$$

$$60) \quad \left( \frac{x^{-8}y^{-3}}{x^{-5}y^6} \right)^{-1} = \left( \frac{x^{-5}y^6}{x^{-8}y^{-3}} \right)^1 = \frac{x^8y^6(y^3)}{x^5} = \frac{x^3y^9}{1} = x^3y^9$$

$$62) \quad \left( \frac{a^3 b^2 c^1}{a^{-1} b^{-2} c^{-3}} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{a^3(a^1)b^2(b^2)c^1(c^3)}{1} \right)^2 = (a^4 b^4 c^4)^2 = (a^4 b^4 c^4)(a^4 b^4 c^4) = a^8 b^8 c^8$$

$$64) \quad 3,780,000 = 3.78 \times 10^6$$

$$66) \quad 490 = 4.9 \times 10^2$$

$$68) \quad 0.000037 = 3.7 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$70) \quad 0.0495 = 4.95 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$72) \quad 5.34 \times 10^2 = 534$$

$$74) \quad 7.8 \times 10^4 = 78000 = 78,000$$

$$76) \quad 3.44 \times 10^{-5} = 0.0000344$$

$$78) \quad 4.9 \times 10^{-2} = 0.049$$

$$80) \quad (3 \times 10^{-12})(3 \times 10^4)$$

$$(3 \times 10^{-12})(3 \times 10^4) = (3)(3) \times 10^{(-12+4)} = 9 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$82) \quad \frac{6 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^3}$$

$$\frac{6 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^3} = \frac{6}{3} \times \frac{10^8}{10^3} = 2 \times 10^5$$

$$84) \quad \frac{(6 \times 10^{-7})(3 \times 10^9)}{5 \times 10^6}$$

$$\frac{(6 \times 10^{-7})(3 \times 10^9)}{5 \times 10^6} = \frac{(6)(3)}{5} \times \frac{(10^{-7})(10^9)}{10^6} = \frac{18}{5} \times 10^{(-7+9-6)} = 3.6 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$86) \quad \frac{(7.5 \times 10^{-6})(1.5 \times 10^9)}{(1.8 \times 10^4)(2.5 \times 10^{-2})}$$

$$\frac{(7.5 \times 10^{-6})(1.5 \times 10^9)}{(1.8 \times 10^4)(2.5 \times 10^{-2})} = \frac{(7.5)(1.5)}{(1.8)(2.5)} \times \frac{(10^{-6})(10^9)}{(10^4)(10^{-2})} = \frac{(3)(0.5)}{(0.6)(1)} \times \frac{(10^9)(10^2)}{(10^6)(10^4)} = \frac{(1)(0.5)}{(0.2)(1)} \times \frac{10^7}{10^2} = \frac{0.5}{0.2} \times 10^{(7-2)}$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \times 10^5 = 2.5 \times 10^5$$