

Check Up

Simplify each of the following using exponent laws:

$$(1) m^2 \times m^5 =$$

$$= m^7$$

$$(2) (5w^3)(4w^7) =$$

$$= 20w^{10}$$

$$(3) (-2a^3b^6)(3a^2b^8) =$$

$$= -6a^5b^{14}$$

$$(4) \frac{x^8}{x^4} = x^4$$

$$(5) 15a^{10} \div 3a^4 =$$

$$= 5a^6$$

$$(6) -15p^7q \div -5p^6q =$$

$$= 3p \text{ or } 3p q^0$$

$$(7) \frac{5^2 \times 5^8}{5 \times 5^1} =$$

$$\frac{5^{10}}{5^2}$$

$$5^8$$

$$(8) \frac{2w^5 \times 8w^{10}}{4w^{15}} =$$

$$= \frac{16w^{15}}{4w^{15}}$$

$$= 4w^0$$

$$= \text{or } 4$$

$$(9) \frac{(5a^9b^1)(4b^7)}{3a^2 \times 4a^3b^5} =$$

$$= \frac{20a^9b^8}{12a^5b^5}$$

$$= \frac{5}{3}a^4b^3$$

Power Law of Exponents

The power of a power rule states that when a power is placed to an exponent we multiply the two exponents.

$$(y^3)^2 = y^3 \cdot y^3 = y^6$$

Exponent

Power

$$(x^{10})^7 = x^{70}$$

$$(y^3)^2 = y^6$$

Multiply 3 x 2 = 6

Why does this work?

$$(2^4)^5 = 2^{20}$$

$$(3w^4)^3 = 3w^4 \cdot 3w^4 \cdot 3w^4$$

$$= 9w^{12} = 27w^{12} = 3^3w^{12} = 27w^{12}$$

Power Law:

$$\textcircled{1} (m^6)^4 = m^{24}$$

$$\textcircled{2} (3^2)^5 = 3^{10}$$

$$\textcircled{3} (x^6 y)^4 = x^{24} y^4$$

$$\textcircled{4} (2x^3)^3 = 8x^9$$

$$\textcircled{5} (3x^4 y^5)^2 = 9x^8 y^{10}$$

$$\textcircled{6} (x^2)^3 x^7 = x^6 \cdot x^7 = x^{13}$$

$$\textcircled{7} m^7 \times (m^2)^4 \div (m^3)^2$$

$$= m^7 \times m^8 \div m^6$$

$$= m^{15} \div m^6$$

$$= \underline{m^9}$$

$$\textcircled{8} \frac{(2x^3)^3 (4x)^2}{(2x^3)^5 (x^2)^7}$$

$$= \frac{(8x^9)(16x^2)}{(32x^{15})(x^{14})}$$

$$= \frac{128x^{11}}{32x^{29}}$$

$$= 4x^{-18}$$

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Zero Exponent

$$\frac{12^1}{12^1} = 12^0 = 1$$

$$\boxed{\omega^0 = 1}$$

$$\frac{\omega^{17}}{\omega^{17}} = \omega^0 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^7 \cdot \omega^{-7} &= \omega^0 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3(\omega^0) &= 3(1) \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$(3\omega)^0 = 1$$

4.4 Fractional Exponents and Radicals

LESSON FOCUS

Relate rational exponents and radicals.

Make Connections

Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate contain caffeine. The expression $100(0.87)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ represents the percent of caffeine left in your body $\frac{1}{2}$ h after you drink a caffeine beverage.

Given that $0.87^1 = 0.87$ and $0.87^0 = 1$, how can you estimate a value for $0.87^{\frac{1}{2}}$?



Recall from past work with exponents...

Make Connections

Recall the exponent laws for integer bases and whole number exponents.

Product of powers: $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$

Quotient of powers: $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}, a \neq 0$

Power of a power: $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$

Power of a product: $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$

Power of a quotient: $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}, b \neq 0$

How about zero as an exponent?

$$b^0 =$$

Connecting Radicals and Exponents:

Time to continue our development of the properties of radicals...

What is the value of each of the following:

$$\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{25}$$

$$\sqrt{12} = \sqrt{4 \times 3} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7} = 7^1$$

$$\sqrt[3]{3} \times \sqrt[3]{3} \times \sqrt[3]{3} =$$

$$\sqrt{\ominus} \cdot \sqrt{\ominus} = \ominus^1$$

How about the following:

$$x^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}} = x^1$$

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

$$\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{x} = x^1$$

$$3^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{3}$$

QUIZ