

3 Simplify these expressions using the index laws.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } n^4 \times n^5 \times n^2 \\ = n^9 \times n^2 \\ = n^{11} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } p^8 \div p^3 \times p^5 \\ = p^5 \times p^5 \\ = p^{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c } y^{13} \div y^4 \div y^2 \\ = y^9 \div y^2 \\ = y^7 \end{aligned}$$

5 Simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } 3a^4 \times 5a^3 \times 2a \\ = 30 a^7 \times a \\ = 30 a^8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } 30g^{10} \div 6g^3 \times 4g^5 \\ = 5g^7 \times 4g^5 \\ = 20g^{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c } 100x^{13} \div 2x \div 5x^4 \\ = 50 x^{12} \div 5x^4 \\ = 10 x^8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d } (3u^5)^3 \times 2u^4 \\ = 27 u^{15} \times 2u^4 \\ = 54 u^{19} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e } 56d^{19} \div (2d^4)^3 \\ = 56 d^{19} \div 8d^{12} \\ = 7 d^7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{f } (4k^6)^5 \div (2k^2)^5 \\ = 1024 k^{30} \div 32 k^{10} \\ = 32 k^{20} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{g } \frac{9v^8 \times 8v^6}{12v^{11}} \\ = \frac{72 v^{14}}{12 v^{11}} = 6v^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{h } \frac{8m^{11} \times 10m^2}{5m \times 4m^3} \\ = \frac{80 m^{13}}{20 m^4} \\ = 4 m^9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i } \frac{(12b^5)^2}{4b^2 \times (3b^3)^2} \\ = \frac{144 b^{10}}{4b^2 \times 9b^6} \\ = \frac{144 b^{10}}{36 b^8} = 4b^2 \end{aligned}$$

6 Simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \frac{(m^6)^3 \times m^4}{m^7} \\ = \frac{m^{18} \times m^4}{m^7} = m^{15} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } \frac{(t^8)^5 \times (t^2)^3}{t^{10}} = \frac{t^{40} \times t^6}{t^{10}} \\ = \frac{t^{46}}{t^{10}} = t^{36} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c } \frac{c^{30}}{(c^2)^4 \times c^6} = \frac{c^{30}}{c^8 \times c^6} \\ = c^{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d } \frac{s^{15} \times (s^4)^4}{(s^4)^3 \times s^7} = \frac{s^{15} \times s^{16}}{s^{12} \times s^7} \\ = \frac{s^{31}}{s^{19}} = s^{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e } (k^9)^5 \div \left(\frac{k^4}{k}\right)^7 = k^{45} \div (k^3)^7 \\ = k^{45} \div k^{21} = k^{24} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{f } \left(\frac{h^{11}}{h^3}\right)^3 \times \frac{h^5}{h^3} = (h^8)^3 \times h^2 \\ = h^{24} \times h^2 = h^{26} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \frac{(3u^4)^2 \times 6u^{10}}{u^4 \times (3u^2)^3 \times u^2} = \frac{9u^8 \times 6u^{10}}{u^4 \times 27u^6 \times u^2} \\ = \frac{54 u^{18}}{27 u^{12}} = 2u^6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } \frac{10(pq)^2 \times 20p^{20}q^{14}}{(2p^6q^3)^2 \times 5p^5q} \\ = \frac{10 p^2 q^2 \times 20 p^{20} q^{14}}{4 p^{12} q^6 \times 5 p^5 q} \\ = \frac{200 p^{22} q^{16}}{20 p^{17} q^7} = 10 p^5 q^9 \end{aligned}$$

8 Simplify each of the following expressions and evaluate where possible.

a $2^a \times 2^b$
 $= 2^{a+b}$

b $k^m \times k^n$
 $= k^{m+n}$

c $5^x \times 5$
 $= 5^{x+1}$

d $3^n \times 3^n$
 $= 3^{n+n} = 3^{2n}$

e $2^{5t} \times 2^t$
 $= 2^{5t+t} = 2^{6t}$

f $p^q \times p^q \times p^q$
 $= p^{3q}$

g $5^{m+1} \times 5^{m+3}$
 $= 5^{m+1+m+3}$
 $= 5^{2m+4}$

h $a^{2b+5} \times a^{5-2b}$
 $= a^{2b+5+5-2b}$
 $= a^{10}$

m $\frac{6^{e+3}}{6^3}$
 $= 6^e$

n $\frac{5^{x+2}}{5^x}$
 $= 5^2 = 25$

o $\frac{m^{p+q}}{m^{p-q}}$
 $= m^{p+q-p+q}$
 $= m^{2q}$

p $\frac{x^{7y+6}}{x^{4+7y}}$
 $= x^{7y+6-4-7y}$
 $= x^2$

q $(2^a)^b$
 $= 2^{ab}$

r $(n^5)^k$
 $= n^{5k}$

s $(e^f)^f$
 $= e^{f^2}$

t $(p^{2q})^6$
 $= p^{12q}$

u $(5^3)^{7u}$
 $= 5^{21u}$

v $(6^{2a})^{3b}$
 $= 6^{6ab}$

w $(2^x)^{y+z}$
 $= 2^{x(y+z)}$

x $(a^{m-n})^k$
 $= a^{(m-n)k}$

9 Half of 2^{2n} would be:

A 2^n

B 1^{2n}

C 1^n

D 2^{2n-1}

$2^{2n} \div 2 = 2^{2n-1}$

10 Find one quarter of 2^n in index form.

$\frac{1}{4} \times 2^n = \frac{1}{2^2} \times 2^n = 2^{n-2}$

4 Evaluate:

a $6^0 + 4 = 1 + 4 = 5$

b $5 - 12^0 = 5 - 1 = 4$

c $4 \times 7^0 = 4$

d $5^0 + 3^0 = 1 + 1 = 2$

e $8a^0 - 2 = 8 - 2 = 6$

f $9p^0 \times 5 = 9 \times 5 = 45$

g $20 \div 4t^0$
 $= 20 \div 4 = 5$

h $3 - 10x^0$
 $= 3 - 10 = -7$

i $4k^0 + 7m^0$
 $= 4 + 7 = 11$

j $p^0 + q^0 + r^0 = 3$

k $x^0 - y^0 - z^0$
 $= 1 - 1 - 1 = -1$

l $3 + 9u^0 - 4^0$
 $= 3 + 9 - 1 = 11$

m $6a^0 - b^0 + 3c^0$
 $= 6 - 1 + 3 = 8$

n $14m^0 + (14m)^0 - 8n^0$
 $= 14 + 1 - 8 = 7$

o $5^0 + (5a)^0 + 5a^0$
 $= 1 + 1 + 5 = 7$

4 Write each expression with a positive index.

a $m^{-1} = \frac{1}{m}$ b $p^{-1} = \frac{1}{p}$ c $h^{-2} = \frac{1}{h^2}$ d $n^{-3} = \frac{1}{n^3}$ e $e^{-6} = \frac{1}{e^6}$ f $y^{-4} = \frac{1}{y^4}$

5 Write each of these with a negative index.

a $\frac{1}{a} = a^{-1}$ b $\frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$ c $\frac{1}{c^2} = c^{-2}$ d $\frac{1}{u^3} = u^{-3}$ e $\frac{1}{p^5} = p^{-5}$ f $\frac{1}{y^8} = y^{-8}$

11 Write each of these in surd form.

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

b $m^{\frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{m^2}$

c $p^{\frac{4}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{p^4}$

d $n^{\frac{3}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{n^3}$

e $k^{\frac{5}{6}} = \sqrt[6]{k^5}$

f $y^{\frac{7}{2}} = \sqrt{y^7}$

g $x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

h $c^{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{c}}$

i $e^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{e^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^3}}$

j $s^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{s^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{s^2}}$

k $v^{-\frac{4}{5}} = \frac{1}{v^{4/5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{v^4}}$

l $b^{-\frac{7}{6}} = \frac{1}{b^{7/6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{b^7}}$

12 Write each of these in index form.

a $x\sqrt{x} = x^{3/2}$

b $x^2\sqrt{x} = x^{5/2}$

c $x \times \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{4/3}$

d $x^2 \times \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{7/3}$

e $x \times \sqrt[5]{x} = x^{6/5}$

f $x^2 \times \sqrt[4]{x} = x^{9/4}$

g $x^3 \sqrt{x} = x^{3+1/2} = x^{7/2}$

h $x^4 \times \sqrt[7]{x} = x^{29/7}$

i $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{-1/2}$

j $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = x^{-1/3}$

k $\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{x}} = x^{-1/5}$

l $\frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{x}} = x^{-1/7}$

m $\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x}} = x^{-3/2}$

n $\frac{1}{x \times \sqrt[3]{x}} = x^{-4/3}$

o $\frac{1}{x^2 \times \sqrt{x}} = x^{-5/2}$

p $\frac{1}{x^2 \times \sqrt[3]{x}} = x^{-7/3}$

13 Write each of these in the form $a^m \times \sqrt[n]{a}$, where m and n are positive integers.

a $a^{\frac{3}{2}} = a \times a^{1/2} = a \sqrt{a}$

b $a^{\frac{5}{2}} = a^2 \times a^{1/2} = a^2 \sqrt{a}$

c $a^{\frac{4}{3}} = a \times a^{1/3} = a \sqrt[3]{a}$

d $a^{\frac{5}{3}} = a \times a^{2/3} = a \sqrt[3]{a^2}$

14 a Which is greater, $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ or $3^{\frac{1}{3}}$? [HINT: Raise each number to the power of 6.]

$(2^{1/2})^6 = 2^{6/2} = 2^3 = 8$ whereas $(3^{1/3})^6 = 3^{6/3} = 3^2 = 9$
 so $3^{1/3}$ is greater than $2^{1/2}$

Solve the following exponential equations

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| $2^x = 32 = 2^5$ so $x = 5$ | $2^x = 512 = 2^9$ so $x = 9$ | $3^x = 81 = 3^4$ so $x = 4$ |
| $7^x = 2401 = 7^4$ so $x = 4$ | $5^x = 625 = 5^4$ so $x = 4$ | $6^x = 216 = 6^3$ so $x = 3$ |
| $3^x = \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{3^2} = 3^{-2}$ so $x = -2$ | $2^x = \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{2^4} = 2^{-4}$ so $x = -4$ | $8^x = \frac{1}{64} = \frac{1}{8^2} = 8^{-2}$ so $x = -2$ |

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| $49^x = 7 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{49} = 49^{1/2}$ so $x = 1/2$ | $128^x = 2 \Leftrightarrow (2^7)^x = 2$ $\Leftrightarrow 2^{7x} = 2$ so $7x = 1$ $x = 1/7$ | $81^x = \frac{1}{27} \Leftrightarrow (3^4)^x = \frac{1}{3^3} = 3^{-3}$ so $4x = -3$ $x = -3/4$ |
| $9^x = 27 \Leftrightarrow (3^2)^x = 3^3$ so $2x = 3$ $x = 3/2$ | $16^x = 8 \Leftrightarrow (2^4)^x = 2^3$ so $4x = 3$ $x = 3/4$ | $5^x = 5\sqrt{5} = 5^{1+1/2} = 5^{3/2}$ $x = 3/2$ |
| $4^x = \sqrt{2} \Leftrightarrow (2^2)^x = 2^{1/2}$ so $2x = \frac{1}{2}$ $x = \frac{1}{4}$ | $9^x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Leftrightarrow (3^2)^x = \frac{1}{3^{1/2}} = 3^{-1/2}$ so $2x = -1/2$ $x = -1/4$ | $2^{x+1} = 16 = 2^4$ $x+1 = 4$ so $x = 3$ |
| $3^{x-1} = 243 = 3^5$ $x-1 = 5$ $x = 6$ | $3^{2x-1} = 9 = 3^2$ $2x-1 = 2$ $2x = 3$ $x = 3/2$ | $(\frac{1}{4})^x = 64 \Leftrightarrow 4^{-x} = 4^3$ $-x = 3$ $x = -3$ |

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| a) $8^{x-1} = 2^{x+2} \Leftrightarrow (2^3)^{x-1} = 2^{x+2}$ $3(x-1) = x+2$ $2x-3 = 2$ $2x = 5$ $x = 5/2$ | b) $144^{2x+1} = 12^{5x-1} \Leftrightarrow (12^2)^{2x+1} = 12^{5x-1}$ $2(2x+1) = 5x-1$ $4x+2 = 5x-1$ $2 = x-1$ so $x = 3$ |
| c) $5^{3x+1} = 25^{x+1} \Leftrightarrow 5^{3x+1} = (5^2)^{x+1}$ $3x+1 = 2(x+1)$ $3x+1 = 2x+2$ $x+1 = 2$ $x = 1$ | d) $4^{-x+1} = 2^{2x} \Leftrightarrow (2^2)^{-x+1} = 2^{2x}$ $\Leftrightarrow 2^{-2x+2} = 2^{2x}$ $-2x+2 = 2x$ $4x = 2$ $x = 1/2$ |
| e) $64^a = 8^{a+2} \Leftrightarrow (8^2)^a = 8^{a+2}$ $2a = a+2$ $a = 2$ | f) $2^{m+1} = 16^{m+7} = (2^4)^{m+7} = 2^{4m+28}$ $m+1 = 4m+28$ $m = 4m+27$ $-3m = 27$ $m = -9$ |
| g) $36^{2x} = 216^{x-1} \Leftrightarrow (6^2)^{2x} = (6^3)^{x-1}$ $4x = 3(x-1) = 3x-3$ $x = -3$ | h) $3^{a-7} = 27^{2a} = (3^3)^{2a} = 3^{6a}$ $a-7 = 6a$ $-7 = 5a$ so $a = -7/5$ |