

# Laws of Exponents

$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$	$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$
$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$	$\frac{1}{a^{-n}} = a^n$
$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$	$\frac{a^{-m} b^n}{b^{-n} a^m}$
$(a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$	$\frac{a^{-p} b^p}{b^p a^{-p}} = \frac{b^p}{a^{-p}} = a^p b^p$

## Examples:

Simplify the following expressions. Use Positive exponents.

- $x^2 \cdot x^5 = x^{2+5} = x^7$
- $x^{-3} \cdot x^5 = x^{-3+5} = x^2$
- $(x^2)^3 = x^{2 \cdot 3} = x^6$
- $(3x^2 y^5)^2 = 3^2 x^{2 \cdot 2} y^{5 \cdot 2} = 9x^4 y^{10}$

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1.  $10 \cdot 10^4 = 10^5$        $24x^2 y^5 \cdot x^3 y^2 = 24x^{2+3} y^{5+2} = 24x^5 y^7$        $12x^2 y^5 \cdot 5x^3 y^2 = 60x^{2+3} y^{5+2} = 60x^5 y^7$        $12x^2 y^5 \cdot 5x^3 y^2 = 60x^5 y^7$        $10. \frac{183x^2 y^5}{x^3 y^2} = 183x^{2-3} y^{5-2} = 183x^{-1} y^3 = \frac{183y^3}{x}$

**Exercises:** Simplify the following expressions. Use Positive exponents.

$$3. \quad y^7 = y^{7 \cdot 4^{-1}} = y^3 \quad 8. \quad (x^{-2})^3 = x^{-2 \cdot 3} = x^{-6} = \frac{1}{x^6}$$

$$4. \quad y^{-2} = y^{-6 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = y^{-2} = \frac{1}{y^2} \quad 9. \quad yx^5 \cdot y^{-3} = yx^5 \cdot \frac{1}{y^3} = \frac{yx^5}{y^3} = \frac{y^2 x^5}{y^3} = \frac{x^5}{y}$$

$$yx^{135} \cdot 3 = yx^{153}$$

$$y^6$$

$$x^5$$

$$3. \quad x^7$$

$$4. \quad (4x^{-3})(2x^5)$$

$$5. \quad (-2xy^{2-3})^4$$

$$6. \quad 14 \cdot 4x^{-12}y^{-42}$$

$$x^3 \cdot x^{-5}$$


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$$1. \quad z^6 \cdot z^3$$

$$2. \quad n \cdot n^{-1} \cdot 3$$

7.  $yz^2$

**Answers:**

1.  $z^9$

2.  $n^2$

3.  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

4.  $8x^2$

5.  $\frac{16x}{y^{12}z^8}$

6.  $\frac{2x}{7y^2}$

7.  $\frac{yz}{x^{10}z^{15}}$