

4.6 - Applying Exponent Laws

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Ex: Simplify (write as 1 power):

$$0.3^{-3} \cdot 0.3^5 \Rightarrow X^m \cdot X^n = X^{m+n}$$

$$= 0.3^{-3+5} = \boxed{0.3^2}$$

$$\text{Ex:} \left[\left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)^{-4} \right]^2 \cdot \left[\left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)^2 \right]^3 \Rightarrow (X^m)^n = X^{m \cdot n}$$

$$\left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)^{-4 \times 2} \cdot \left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)^{2 \times 3} = \left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)^{-8} \cdot \left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)^6 \Rightarrow X^m \cdot X^n = X^{m+n}$$

$$= \left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)^{-8+6} = \left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)^{-2} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{X}{Y} \right)^{-m} = \left(\frac{Y}{X} \right)^m$$

$$= \left(\frac{-2}{3} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{-2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{-2}{3} \right) = \boxed{\frac{4}{9}}$$

$$\text{Ex:} \left(\frac{7^{2/3}}{7^{1/3} \cdot 7^{5/3}} \right)^6 \Rightarrow (X \cdot Y)^m = X^m \cdot Y^m$$

$$= \frac{7^{2/3 \times 6}}{7^{1/3 \times 6} \cdot 7^{5/3 \times 6}} = \frac{7^{12/3}}{7^{6/3} \cdot 7^{30/3}} = \frac{7^4}{7^2 \cdot 7^{10}}$$

$$\Rightarrow X^m \cdot X^n = X^{m+n}$$

$$= \frac{7^4}{7^{2+10}} = \frac{7^4}{7^{12}} \Rightarrow \frac{X^m}{X^n} = X^{m-n}$$

$$= 7^{4-12} = \frac{7^{-8}}{1} \Rightarrow X^{-m} = \frac{1}{X^m}$$

$$= 7 \cdot = 7$$
$$= \frac{1}{7^8}$$

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