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・指数が整数の指数法則

整数

$a \neq 0$, m, n が自然数のとき

$$1 \quad a^m a^n = a^{m+n} \quad | \quad \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$2 \quad (a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$3 \quad (ab)^n = a^n b^n \quad 3' \quad \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$$

(さぐり証明) $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$, 指数が自然数の指数法則を使って

$$1, \quad a^3 a^{-3} = a^3 \cdot \frac{1}{a^3} = a^1 = a^{3+(-3)}$$

$$2, \quad (a^3)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(a^3)^2} = \frac{1}{a^6} = a^{-6} = a^{3 \times (-2)}$$

$$3, \quad (ab)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(ab)^2} = \frac{1}{a^2 b^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{b^2} = a^{-2} b^{-2}$$

$$1', \quad \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^m \cdot \frac{1}{a^n} = a^m \cdot a^{-n} = a^{m+(-n)} = a^{m-n}$$

$$3', \quad \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \left(a \cdot \frac{1}{b}\right)^n = (a b^{-1})^n = a^n \cdot (b^{-1})^n = a^n b^{-n} = a^n \cdot \frac{1}{b^n} = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$$

(例)

$$(1) \quad a^2 a^{-3} = a^{2+(-3)} = a^{-1} (= \frac{1}{a}) ,$$

$$(2) \quad a^3 \div a^{-3} = a^{3-(-3)} = a^6 ,$$

$$(3) \quad (a^{-2})^{-3} = a^{(-2) \times (-3)} = a^6 ,$$

$$(4) \quad (ab^{-1})^{-2} = a^{-2} \cdot (b^{-1})^{-2} = a^{-2} b^{(-1) \times (-2)} = a^{-2} b^2 (= \frac{b^2}{a^2})$$