

Exponent Properties

$$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = (3)^5$$

$$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$\rightarrow 3^4 \cdot 3^2 = 3^6$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \\ 3 \end{array}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 3 \cdot 3 = 3^2 \\ 2 \end{array}$$

$$3+2=6$$

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{3^4}{3^2} = 3^{4-2} = 3^2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 2 \text{ Threes} \\ \cancel{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} \\ \cancel{3 \cdot 3} \end{array}$$

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$$

$$\rightarrow (2^3)^2$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(2^3)(2^3)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{c} (2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2)(2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2) = 2^6 \\ 3 \text{ Twos} \quad 3 \text{ Twos} \end{array}$$

$$(a \cdot b)^m = a^m \cdot b^m$$

$$\rightarrow (2x)^3 = (2x)(2x)(2x)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2)(x \cdot x \cdot x)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$2^3$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x^3$$

$$= 2^3 x^3$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m} \rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)\left(\frac{2}{x}\right) = \frac{2^3}{x^3}$$

$$a^{-n} = \frac{a^{-1} \cdot 1}{1} = \frac{1}{a^n} \rightarrow 5^{-1} = \frac{1}{5^1} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{5^{-2}}{5^{-4}} = \frac{5^4}{5^2} = 5^{4-2} = 5^2 = \boxed{25}$$

$$5^{1/3} \cdot 5^{2/3} = 5^{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3}} = 5^{3/3} = 5^1 = \boxed{5}$$

$$1 \cdot \frac{5^{7/3}}{5^{-2/3}} = \frac{5^{\frac{7}{3} + \frac{2}{3}}}{1} = \frac{5^{9/3}}{1} = \frac{5^3}{1} = \boxed{125}$$

$$\frac{(m^4)^{-3}}{(m^{-2})^4} = \frac{m^{-12}}{m^{-8}} = \frac{m^8}{m^{12}} = m^{8-12} = \frac{m^{-4}}{1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{m^4}}$$

$$\frac{5^{-2}}{5^{-4}} =$$

$$\frac{2}{1} \cdot -\frac{1}{3} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{3}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot -\frac{4}{1} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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$$\frac{(x^2)^{-1/3} (x^3)^{1/3}}{(x^{4/3})^{-4}}$$

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$$\frac{x^{-2/3} x^1}{x^{-4/3}} = \frac{x^{-2/3} x^{3/3}}{x^{-4/3}}$$

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$$\frac{x^{1/3}}{1 \cdot x^{-4/3}} = \frac{x^{1/3} x^{4/3}}{1} = \boxed{x^{5/3}}$$