

Law 1: Addition

$$\mathbf{x^a \times x^b = x^{a+b}}$$

Ex 1 Simplify the following indices leaving them in index form.

1 $a^5 \times a^3$

2 $p^7 \times p^{-4}$

3 $2a^3 \times a^2$

4 $3q^2 \times 2q^5$

5 $a^{-5} \times a^{-2}$

6 $5r^6 \times r$

7 $c^2 \times c^3 \times c^5$

8 $2a^4 \times 2a^4 \times 2a^{-5}$

9 $3p^2 \times 4p^{-5}$

10 $5a^3 \times 2b^2 \times 2a^2$

Law 2: Subtraction

$$\mathbf{x^a \div x^b = x^{a-b}}$$

Ex 2 Simplify the following indices leaving them in index form.

1 $d^8 \div d^3$

2 $d^3 \div d^7$

3 $a^{-2} \div a^6$

4 $10a^8 \div 5a^5$

5 $24h^4 \div 8h$

6 $q^9 \div q^4 \times q^2$

7 $a^7 \times a^4 \div a^8$

8 $18r^6 \div 9r^9$

9 $\frac{4a^3 \times a^8}{a^4}$

10 $\frac{6a^7 \times 2a^5}{4a^{-2}}$

Law 3: Negative

$$\mathbf{x^{-a} = \frac{1}{x^a}}$$

Ex 3 Where possible find the value of the following in fractional form.

1 2^{-3}

2 5^{-3}

3 3^{-4}

4 $2^5 \times 2^{-3} \div 2^6$

5 $a^7 \div a^{10}$

6 10^{-6}

7 $\frac{2^2 \times 2^3}{2^{10}}$

8 $5^3 \div 5^5$

9 $\frac{10a^2 \times 3a^2}{6a^7}$

10 $\frac{4p^{-2} \times 5p^{-3}}{10p^2}$

Law 4: Zero

$$\mathbf{x^0 = 1}$$

Ex 4 Simplify the following indices leaving them in index form.

1 8^0

2 a^0

3 10^0

4 $w^3 \times w^{-5} \times w^2$

5 $4a^0$

6 -2^0

7 $3a^5 \times 2a^{-5}$

8 $\frac{4d^2 \times 6d^5}{12d^7}$

9 $\frac{3a^5 \times 10a}{6a^6}$

10 $\frac{6d^3 \times 8d^4}{3d^2 \times 4d^5}$

Law 5: Multiplication

$$\mathbf{(x^a)^b = x^{a \times b}}$$

Ex 5 Simplify the following indices leaving them in index form.

1 $(a^2)^3$

2 $(p^5)^4$

3 $(2^6)^3$

4 $(t^2)^6 \times t^4$

5 $(w^4)^3 \div w^5$

6 $a^{13} \div (a^3)^2$

7 $(2r^3)^3$

8 $(2q^2)^5$

9 $\frac{(a^3)^2 \times a^{10}}{(a^4)^2}$

10 $\frac{(3d^4)^2 \times d^5}{(d^2)^5}$