

Chapter 1 - Exponents

RULES: When multiplying powers with the same base - add the exponents.

When dividing powers with the same base - subtract the exponents.

When raising a power to another power - multiply the exponents.

When you have a negative exponent with a base take the reciprocal and change the exponent to a positive.

Example: $5^{-3} = \frac{1}{5^3}$

Simplify each expression. Write the expression using only a positive exponent, when necessary.

1. $7^0 = \boxed{1}$

2. $8^{-2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{8^2}}$

3. $\frac{25x^{-3}}{5x^5} = 5x^{-8} =$

$\frac{5}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{x^8} = \boxed{\frac{5}{x^8}}$

4. $(x^4)^3 = \boxed{x^{12}}$

5. $3x \cdot 7x^2 = \boxed{21x^3}$

6. $\frac{5^3 \cdot 5^4}{5^2} = \frac{5^7}{5^2} = \boxed{5^5}$

Chapter 2 - Scientific Notation

Tell whether each number is written correctly in scientific notation. If it is NOT in scientific notation, state the reason.

1. 4.37×10^8 Yes

2. 0.56×10^{-1} No - 0.51 is less than 1

3. 9.3×100^4 No - 100^4 is not a power of 10.

Write each number in scientific notation.

4. 3,400 $\rightarrow 3.4 \times 10^3$

5. 12,500 $\rightarrow 1.25 \times 10^4$

6. 0.00088 $\rightarrow 8.8 \times 10^{-4}$

Write the solution to each problem below. Be sure that your answer is in scientific notation.

7. $(2.37 \times 10^4) + (1.4 \times 10^5)$

$$1.637 \times 10^5$$

8. $(9.6 \times 10^7) - (8.4 \times 10^6)$

$$8.76 \times 10^7$$

9. $(2.16 \times 10^8) \div (2.4 \times 10^7)$

$$9 \times 10^0$$

10. $(4 \times 10^6) \div (8 \times 10^3)$

$$5 \times 10^2$$

11. In 2013 the Los Angeles Dodgers opening day payroll was about $\$2.16 \times 10^8$ and the Houston Astros opening day payroll was about $\$2.4 \times 10^7$. How much higher was the Dodgers' payroll?

$$(2.16 \times 10^8) - (2.4 \times 10^7)$$
$$\boxed{1.92 \times 10^8}$$

12. In 2012, New York City (NYC) and Los Angeles (LA) has the highest populations of any cities in the United States. NYC's population was about 8.1×10^6 and LA's population was about 3.8×10^6 .

a) Which city, NYC or LA has the highest population? Justify your answer.

$$\text{NYC} = 8.1 \times 10^6$$

$$\text{LA} = 3.8 \times 10^6$$

NYC has the highest population b/c $8.1 > 3.8$ and both are $\times 10^6$.

b) What is the population of these two cities combined?

$$(8.1 \times 10^6) + (3.8 \times 10^6)$$

$$\boxed{1.19 \times 10^7}$$

13. The mass of Jupiter is approximately 6.82×10^{30} kilograms. The mass of Mars is approximately 3,690,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 kilograms. What is the difference between the approximate masses, in kilograms, of Jupiter and Mars? Express your answer in scientific notation.

$$\text{Mars: } 3.69 \times 10^{30}$$

$$\text{Jupiter: } 6.82 \times 10^{30}$$

$$3. (6.82 \times 10^{30}) - (3.69 \times 10^{30})$$

$$\boxed{3.13 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg.}}$$