

Exponent and power: Exercise 12.1

Q.1 Evaluate.

(i) 3^{-2}

(ii) $(-4)^{-2}$

(iii) $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-5}$

Sol. (i) Given: 3^{-2}

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Since, } a^{-m} &= \frac{1}{a^m} \\ &= \frac{1}{3^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{9}\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Given: $(-4)^{-2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Since, } a^{-m} &= \frac{1}{a^m} \\ &= \frac{1}{(-4)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{16}\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Given: $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-5}$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{1}{(2)^{-5}} \\ &= (2)^5 \\ &= 32\end{aligned}$$

Q.2 Simplify and express the result in power notation with positive exponent.

(i) $(-4)^5 \div (-4)^8$

(ii) $\left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right)^2$

(iii) $(-3)^4 \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^4$

(iv) $(3^{-7} \div 3^{-10}) \times 3^{-5}$ (v) $2^{-3} \times (-7)^{-3}$

Sol. (i) Given: $(-4)^5 \div (-4)^8$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Since, } a^m \div a^n &= a^{m-n} \\ &= (-4)^{5-8} \\ &= (-4)^{-3} \\ &= \frac{1}{(-4)^3}\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Given: $\left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right)^2$

$$\text{Since, } \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$$

$$= \frac{1^2}{(2^3)^2}$$

Since $(a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{3 \times 2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^6}$$

(iii) Given: $(-3)^4 \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^4$

Since $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$

$$(-3)^4 \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^4 = (-3)^4 \times \frac{5^4}{3^4}$$

$$= [(-1)^4 \times (3)^4] \times \frac{5^4}{3^4}$$

Since, $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$

$$= 3^{4-4} \times 5^4$$

$$= 3^0 \times 5^4$$

Since, $a^0 = 1$

$$= 5^4$$

(iv) $(3^{-7} \div 3^{-10}) \times 3^{-5}$

Since, $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$

$$(3^{-7} \div 3^{-10}) \times 3^{-5} = 3^{-7-(-10)} \times 3^{-5}$$

$$= 3^{-7+10} \times 3^{-5}$$

$$= 3^3 \times 3^{-5}$$

Since, $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

$$= 3^{3+(-5)}$$

$$= 3^{-2}$$

Since, $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$

$$= \frac{1}{3^2}$$

(v) Given: $2^{-3} \times (-7)^{-3}$

Since, $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$

$$= \frac{1}{2^3} \times \frac{1}{(-7)^3}$$

Since, $a^m b^m = (ab)^m$

$$= \frac{1}{[2 \times (-7)]^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(-14)^3}$$

Q.3 Find the value of.

(i) $(3^0 + 4^{-1}) \times 2^2$

(ii) $(2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2}$

(iii) $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2}$

(iv) $(3^{-1} + 4^{-1} + 5^{-1})^0$ (v) $\left\{\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-2}\right\}^2$

Sol. (i) Given: $(3^0 + 4^{-1}) \times 2^2$

Since, $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) \times 2^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{4+1}{4}\right) \times 2^2 = \frac{5}{4} \times 2^2 \\ &= \frac{5}{2^2} \times 2^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since, $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 5 \times 2^{2-2} \\ &= 5 \times 2^0 \end{aligned}$$

Since, $a^0 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 5 \times 1 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Given: $(2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2}$

Since, $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2^1} \times \frac{1}{4^1}\right) \div 2^{-2}$$

Since, $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \div 2^{-2} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right) \div 2^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Since, $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2^{-3} \div 2^{-2} \\ &= 2^{-3-(-2)} \\ &= 2^{-1} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Given: $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2}$

Since, $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$

$$= (2^{-1})^{-2} + (3^{-1})^{-2} + (4^{-1})^{-2}$$

Since, $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

$$= 2^{-1 \times (-2)} + 3^{-1 \times (-2)} + 4^{-1 \times (-2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 \\
 &= 4 + 9 + 16 \\
 &= 29
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Given: $(3^{-1} + 4^{-1} + 5^{-1})^0$

$$\text{Since, } a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \right)^0 \\
 &= \left(\frac{20+15+12}{60} \right)^0 \\
 &= \left(\frac{47}{60} \right)^0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\text{Since, } a^0 = 1) \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(v) Given: $\left\{ \left(\frac{-2}{3} \right)^{-2} \right\}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Since, } (a^m)^n = a^{m \times n} \\
 &= \left(\frac{-2}{3} \right)^{-2 \times 2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Since, } a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \\
 &= \left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)^4 \\
 &= \frac{81}{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q.4 Evaluate

(i) $\frac{8^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}}$

(ii) $(5^{-1} \times 2^{-1}) \times 6^{-1}$

Sol. (i) Given: $\frac{8^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}}$

$$\text{We can write as } = \frac{(2^3)^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}}$$

$$\text{Since, } (a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Since, } a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n} \\
 &= 2^{-3-(-4)} \times 5^3 \\
 &= 2 \times 125 \\
 &= 250
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Given: $(5^{-1} \times 2^{-1}) \times 6^{-1}$

Since, $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} \right) \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{60}$$

Q.5 Find the value of m for which $5^m \div 5^{-3} = 5^5$.

Sol. Given: $5^m \div 5^{-3} = 5^5$

Since, $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$

$$5^{m-(-3)} = 5^5$$

$$5^{m+3} = 5^5$$

By equating exponent of both sides,

$$m + 3 = 5$$

$$m = 5 - 3$$

$$m = 2$$

Q.6 Evaluate (i) $\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{-1} - \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^{-1} \right\}^{-1}$ (ii) $\left(\frac{5}{8} \right)^{-7} \times \left(\frac{8}{5} \right)^{-4}$

Sol. (i) Given: $\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{-1} - \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^{-1} \right\}^{-1}$

Since, $\left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$

$$= \left\{ \left(\frac{3}{1} \right)^1 - \left(\frac{4}{1} \right)^1 \right\}$$

$$= 3 - 4$$

$$= -1$$

(ii) Given: $\left(\frac{5}{8} \right)^{-7} \times \left(\frac{8}{5} \right)^{-4}$

Since, $\left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$

$$= \frac{5^{-7}}{8^{-7}} \times \frac{8^{-4}}{5^{-4}}$$

Since, $\left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 5^{-7-(-4)} \times 8^{-4-(-7)} \\
 &= 5^{-7+4} \times 8^{-4+7} \\
 &= 5^{-3} \times 8^3 \\
 &= \frac{8^3}{5^3} \\
 &= \frac{512}{125}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q.7 Simplify.

(i) $\frac{25 \times t^{-4}}{5^{-3} \times 10 \times t^{-8}} \quad (t \neq 0)$

(ii) $\frac{3^{-5} \times 10^{-5} \times 125}{5^{-7} \times 6^{-5}}$

Sol. (i) Given: $\frac{25 \times t^{-4}}{5^{-3} \times 10 \times t^{-8}}$

We can write as,

$$= \frac{5^2 \times t^{-4}}{5^{-3} \times 5 \times 2 \times t^{-8}}$$

Since, $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$

$$= \frac{5^{2-(-3)-1} \times t^{-4-(-8)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5^{2+3-1} \times t^{-4+8}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5^4 \times t^4}{2}$$

$$= \frac{625}{2} t^4$$

(ii) Given: $\frac{3^{-5} \times 10^{-5} \times 125}{5^{-7} \times 6^{-5}}$

We can write as,

$$= \frac{3^{-5} \times (2 \times 5)^{-5} \times 5^3}{5^{-7} \times (2 \times 3)^{-5}}$$

Since, $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$

$$= \frac{3^{-5} \times 2^{-5} \times 5^{-5} \times 5^3}{5^{-7} \times 2^{-5} \times 3^{-5}}$$

Since, $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{3^{-5} \times 2^{-5} \times 5^{-5+3}}{5^{-7} \times 2^{-5} \times 3^{-5}} \\
 &= \frac{3^{-3} \times 2^{-5} \times 5^{-2}}{5^{-7} \times 2^{-5} \times 3^{-5}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since, $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3^{-5-(-5)} \times 2^{-2-(-5)} \times 5^{-2-(-7)} \\
 &= 3^{-5+5} \times 2^{-2+5} \times 5^{-2+7} \\
 &= 3^0 \times 2^3 \times 5^5
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $a^0 = 1$

$$= 1 \times 1 \times 3125$$

$$= 3125$$

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