

Indices

Practice Questions

Evaluate the following expressions (without your calculator).

- $10^6 \div 10^4$
- $2^8 \div 2$
- 4^0
- 10^0
- 3×5^0
- 10^{-3}
- 8^{-1}
- 3^{-3}
- $49^{1/2}$
- $8^{2/3}$
- $25^{3/2}$
- $32^{3/5}$
- $(2^3)^2$
- $(3^4)^{1/4}$

Simplify the following expressions.

- $m^5 \times m^3$
- $x \times x^2$
- $x^4 \times x^2$
- $y^2 \times y^b$
- $a^m \times a^n$
- $x^9 \div x^2$
- $t^4 \div t^2$
- $x^7 \div x^{-2}$
- x^0
- $(ax)^0$
- $a \times b^0$
- $x + y^0$
- $(x^3)^4$
- $(a^2b^4)^4$
- $(p^{-1}q^5)^{-1}$
- $(a^{1/2})^3$

Rewrite the following expressions using only positive indices.

- $\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{-1}$
- y^{-3}

Simplify the following expressions.

- $2^n \times 2^{2n} \times 2^{3n}$
- $a^3 \times a^5 \times a^{-2}$
- $x^2 \times x^4 \times x^3$
- $(p^2q)^4 \times (q^2p)^5$
- $a^3b^{-2} \times (a^2b^2)^4$

Rewrite the following expressions using only positive indices.

- $(a^2)^0 \times (a^{1/2})^4$
- $\frac{(2x)^{-3}}{x^3}$
- $\frac{2a^2b^{-2}}{2^{-3}b^{-4}}$
- $\frac{x^{-1} + y^{-1}}{x + y}$
- $\frac{10^n - 4^n}{5^n - 2^n}$

Simplify the following expressions.

- $\frac{(2m^2n)^3}{(mn^3)^2 \times (4m^2)^2}$
- $\frac{5x^5y^2 \times 3(xy^3)^2}{15x^2y}$

Find the values of x that make the following equations hold.

- $3^x = 81$
- $2^x = 8$
- $x^{-2} = 9$
- $x^3 = -125$
- $4^x = 32$
- $9 \times 3^{x-1} = \frac{1}{27}$