

Unit 6: Exponents & Exponential Functions Review

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**Unit 6: Exponents and Exponential Functions**

**LT#1: Simplify expressions involving zero and negative exponents.**

Simplify each expression.

1.  $5^0 = 1$

2.  $7^{-2}$

$\frac{1}{7^2} = \frac{1}{49}$

3.  $\frac{4x^{-2}}{y^{-8}}$

$\frac{4y^8}{x^2}$

4.  $\frac{1}{p^2q^{-4}r^0}$

$\frac{q^4}{p^2}$

Evaluate each expression for  $x = 2$ ,  $y = -3$ , and  $z = -5$ .

5.  $x^0y^2 = y^2$

$(-3)^2 = 9$

6.  $(-x)^{-4}y^2 = \frac{y^2}{(-x)^4}$

$\frac{(-3)^2}{(-2)^4} = \frac{9}{16}$

7.  $x^0z^0 = 1$

8.  $\frac{5x^0}{y^{-2}} = 5y^2$

$5(-3)^2 = 5(9) = 45$

9.  $y^{-2}z^2 = \frac{z^2}{y^2}$

$\frac{(-5)^2}{(-3)^2} = \frac{25}{9}$

10.  $\frac{2x}{y^2z^{-1}} = \frac{2xz}{y}$

$\frac{2(2)(-5)}{-3} = \frac{20}{-3} = \frac{20}{3}$

11. Is it true that  $(-3b)^4 = -12b^4$ ? Explain why or why not.

$(-3b)^4 = (-3)^4 b^4 = 81b^4$  because  $(-3)^4 = 81$

**LT#2: Multiply powers with the same base.**

Complete each equation by finding the "?".

12.  $3^2 \cdot 3^? = 3^{10}$

$3^2 \cdot 3^8 = 3^{10}$

$2 + 8 = 10$

13.  $a^6 \cdot a^? = a^8$

$a^6 \cdot a^2 = a^8$

$6 + 2 = 8$

14.  $x^2y^5 \cdot x^?y^? = x^5y^{11}$

$x^2y^5 \cdot x^3y^6 = x^5y^{11}$

$2 + 3 = 5$

$5 + 6 = 11$

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15.  $a^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot a^? = a$

$a^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot a^{\frac{1}{2}} = a^1$

$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

16.  $x^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot x^? = x^{\frac{11}{12}}$

$x^{\frac{8}{12}} \cdot x^{\frac{3}{12}} = x^{\frac{11}{12}}$

$\frac{8}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{11}{12}$

$\frac{1}{4}$

17.  $m^{\frac{3}{4}}n^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot m^?n^? = m^{\frac{5}{4}}n$

$m^{\frac{3}{4}}n^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot m^{\frac{1}{2}}n^{\frac{1}{2}} = m^{\frac{5}{4}}n$

Simplify each expression.

18.  $2d^2 \cdot d^3$

$2d^{2+3}$   
 $2d^5$

19.  $(x^3)(x^4)$

$x^{3+4}$   
 $x^7$

20.  $(x^3y^5)(-y^7x)$

$-x^{3+1}y^{5+7}$   
 $-x^4y^{12}$

21.  $(s^{\frac{3}{5}})(s^{\frac{2}{3}})$

$s^{\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{3}} = s^{\frac{9}{15} + \frac{10}{15}}$

$s^{\frac{19}{15}}$

22.  $(p^{\frac{1}{3}}q)(q^{\frac{1}{2}}p)$

$p^{\frac{1}{3}+1} q^{1+\frac{1}{2}}$

$p^{\frac{4}{3}}q^{\frac{3}{2}}$

23.  $2m^{\frac{3}{4}}n^2 \cdot 2m^{\frac{1}{4}}n$

$4m^{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}}n^{2+1}$

$4mn^3$

24. Each square inch of your body has about  $6.5 \times 10^2$  pores. Suppose the back of your hand has an area of about  $0.12 \times 10^2$  in<sup>2</sup>. About how many pores are on the back of your hand? Write your answer in scientific notation.

$(6.5 \times 10^2)(0.12 \times 10^2) = (6.5 \times 0.12)(10^2 \times 10^2)$

$= 0.78 \times 10^4 = 7.8 \times 10^3$  pores

LT#3: Raise a power to a power.

LT#4: Raise a product to a power.

Complete each equation by finding the "?".

25.  $(5^5)^? = 5^{15}$

$(5^5)^3 = 5^{15}$

$5 \cdot 3 = 15$

26.  $(b^{-4})^? = b^{20}$

$(b^{-4})^{-5} = b^{20}$

$-4 \cdot -5 = 20$

27.  $(4x^3y^5)^? = 16x^6y^{10}$

$(4x^3y^5)^2 = 16x^6y^{10}$

$$28. \left(x^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^3 = x^2$$

$$\left(x^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^3 = x^2$$

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

$$29. \left(a^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 = a^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\left(a^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 = a^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$30. \left(2x^2y^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 = 4x^4y^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\left(2x^2y^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 = 4x^4y^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Simplify each expression.

$$31. (q^3r)^4$$

$$q^{3 \cdot 4} r^4$$

$$\boxed{q^{12} r^4}$$

$$32. (1.34)^2(1.34)^{-8}$$

$$(1.34)^{2 \cdot -8} = (1.34)^{-16}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{(1.34)^{16}}}$$

$$33. (12x^2y^{-2})^5(4xy^{-3})^{-7}$$

$$12^5 x^{10} y^{-10} \cdot 4^{-7} x^{-7} y^2$$

$$\boxed{\frac{12^5}{4^7} x^3 y^{10}}$$

$$34. (-2r^{-4})^2(-3r^2z^8)^{-1}$$

$$4r^{-8} \cdot -3^{-1} r^{-2} z^{-8}$$

$$\frac{4}{-3} r^{-10} z^{-8} = \boxed{\frac{4}{-3r^{10}z^8}}$$

$$35. (x^7)^4$$

$$x^4$$

$$36. (a^{\frac{3}{4}}b^{\frac{7}{8}})^4$$

$$a^3 b^{\frac{7}{2}}$$

LT#5: Divide powers with the same base.

Simplify each expression.

$$37. \frac{w^2}{w^5} = w^{-3} = \frac{1}{w^3}$$

$$38. \frac{21x^3}{3x^{-1}} = 7x^4$$

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$$39. \left(\frac{n^5}{v^3}\right)^7 = \frac{n^{35}}{v^{21}}$$

$$40. \left(\frac{3c^3}{e^5}\right)^{-4} = \left(\frac{e^5}{3c^3}\right)^4 = \frac{e^{20}}{3^4 c^{12}} = \boxed{\frac{e^{20}}{81c^{12}}}$$

Simplify each quotient. Write your answer in scientific notation.

$$41. \frac{4.2 \times 10^8}{2.1 \times 10^{11}} = \left(\frac{4.2}{2.1}\right) \left(\frac{10^8}{10^{11}}\right) = \boxed{2 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$42. \frac{3.1 \times 10^4}{1.24 \times 10^2} = \left(\frac{3.1}{1.24}\right) \left(\frac{10^4}{10^2}\right) = \boxed{2.5 \times 10^2}$$

$$43. \frac{4.5 \times 10^3}{9 \times 10^7} = \left(\frac{4.5}{9}\right) \left(\frac{10^3}{10^7}\right) = 0.5 \times 10^{-4} = \boxed{5 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$44. \frac{5.1 \times 10^5}{1.7 \times 10^2} = \left(\frac{5.1}{1.7}\right) \left(\frac{10^5}{10^2}\right) = \boxed{3 \times 10^3}$$

45. List the steps that you would use to simplify  $\left(\frac{5a^8}{10a^6}\right)^{-3}$ .

Method:

Note: There are other methods that work too.

① Reciprocal the fraction and make the exponent positive

$$= \left(\frac{10a^6}{5a^8}\right)^3$$

② simplify the fraction in parentheses

$$= \left(\frac{2}{a^2}\right)^3$$

③ distribute the power

$$= \frac{2^3}{a^6} = \boxed{\frac{8}{a^6}}$$

**LT#6:** Rewrite expressions involving radicals and rational exponents.

Write each expression in radical form.

46.  $m^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\sqrt{m}$$

47.  $p^{\frac{2}{3}}r^{\frac{4}{5}}$

$$\sqrt[3]{p^2} \cdot \sqrt[5]{r^4}$$

48.  $(36x^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$36^{\frac{1}{2}} x^2$$

$$\boxed{6x^2}$$

49.  $(125x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$125^{\frac{1}{3}} x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{5^3 \sqrt{x}}$$

50.  $(64)^{\frac{1}{2}}x^{\frac{3}{4}}$

$$8^4 \sqrt{x^3}$$

51.  $25^{\frac{1}{3}}(x^2y)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\sqrt[3]{25} \cdot x \cdot y^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{x \cdot \sqrt[3]{25} \cdot \sqrt{y}}$$

Write each expression as a power with a rational exponent.

52.  $\sqrt{xy}$

$$(xy)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \boxed{x^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

53.  $\sqrt[4]{a}$

$$a^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

54.  $\sqrt[3]{b^2}$

$$b^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

55.  $\sqrt[3]{x^6y^9}$

$$(x^6y^9)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{x^2 y^3}$$

56.  $\sqrt[4]{81x^2}$

$$(81x^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$81^{\frac{1}{4}} x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{3x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

57.  $\sqrt[5]{x^2y^3}$

$$(x^2y^3)^{\frac{1}{5}} = \boxed{x^{\frac{2}{5}} y^{\frac{3}{5}}}$$

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LT#7: Evaluate and graph exponential functions.

Evaluate each function for the domain {1, 2, 3}.

58.  $f(x) = 4^x$

59.  $y = 0.01^x$

60.  $y = 40\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$

61.  $f(x) = 3 \cdot 2^x$

domain	range
1	$4^1 = 4$
2	$4^2 = 16$
3	$4^3 = 64$

domain	range
1	$0.01^1 = 0.01$
2	$0.01^2 = 0.0001$
3	$0.01^3 = 0.000001$

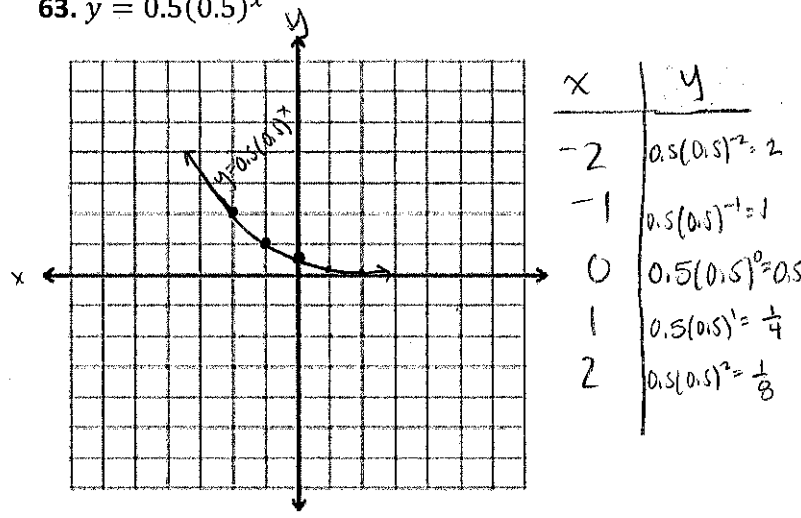
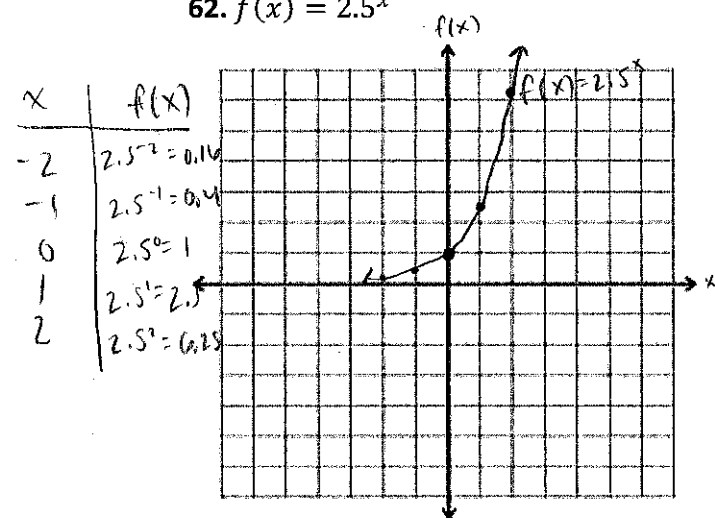
domain	range
1	$40\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 = 20$
2	$40\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 10$
3	$40\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = 5$

domain	range
1	$3 \cdot 2^1 = 6$
2	$3 \cdot 2^2 = 12$
3	$3 \cdot 2^3 = 24$

Graph each function.

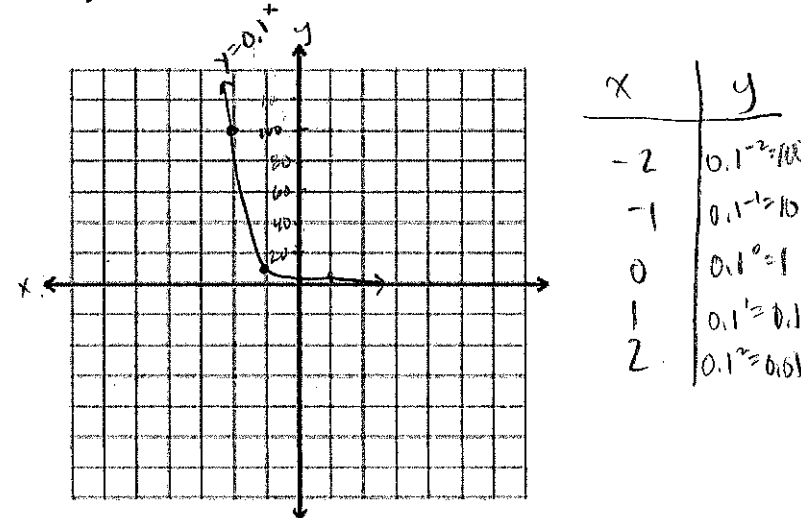
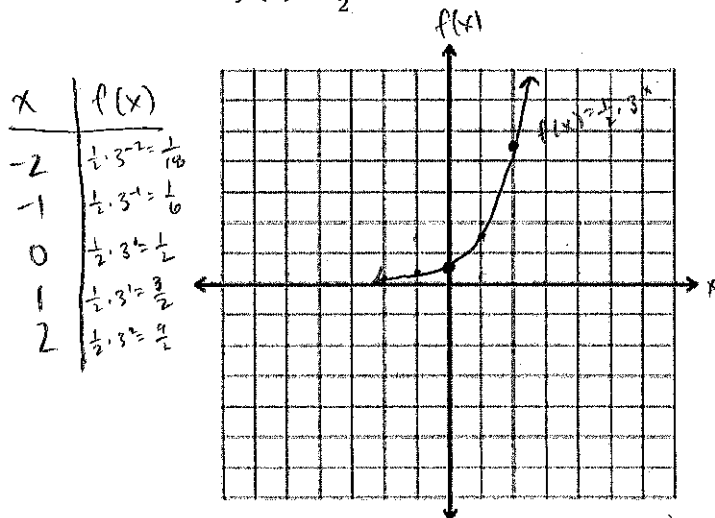
62.  $f(x) = 2.5^x$

63.  $y = 0.5(0.5)^x$



64.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3^x$

65.  $y = 0.1^x$



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66. A population of 50 bacteria in a laboratory culture doubles every 30 min. The function  $p(x) = 50 \cdot 2^x$  models the population, where  $x$  is the number of 30-min periods.

A. How many bacterial will there be after 2 h?

$$2 \text{ h} = 4 \text{ 30min periods}$$

$$p(4) = 50 \cdot 2^4 = 50 \cdot 16 = \boxed{800}$$

B. How many bacteria will there be after 1 day?

$$1 \text{ day} = 24 \text{ hours} = 48 \text{ 30min periods}$$

$$p(48) = 50 \cdot 2^{48} = 50 \cdot 2.814749767 \times 10^{14} = \boxed{1.407374884 \times 10^{16}}$$

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LT#8: Model exponential growth and decay.

Tell whether the function represents *exponential growth* or *exponential decay*. Identify the growth or decay factor.

67.  $y = 5.2 \cdot 3^x$

growth

growth factor = 3

68.  $y = 7 \cdot 0.32^x$

decay

decay factor = 0.32

69.  $y = 0.15 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x$

growth

growth factor =  $\frac{3}{2}$

70.  $g(x) = 1/3 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x$

decay

decay factor =  $\frac{1}{4}$

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71. Suppose \$2000 is deposited in an account paying 2.5% interest compounded quarterly. What will the account balance be after 12 yr?

$$x = \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

$$y = 2000 \cdot 1.025^x$$

$$y = 2000 \cdot 1.025^3$$

$$= 2153.78125$$

$$\approx \boxed{\$2153.78}$$

72. A band performs a free concert in a local park. There are 200 people in the crowd at the start of the concert. The number of people in the crowd grows 15% every half hour. How many people are in the crowd after 3 h? Round to the nearest person.

$$x = \frac{3}{\frac{1}{2}} = 6$$

$$y = 200 \cdot 1.15^x$$

$$y = 200 \cdot 1.15^6$$

$$= 462.6121531$$

$$\approx \boxed{463}$$