

# Class #37 - Tues Nov 30

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- focus on keeping up with the  
WebWork!

(last Tues : complex fractions and fractional equations)

- Today (and Tuesday)

- exponentials and logarithms — " $\log_{10} x$ " or " $\ln x$ "

⊗ - "Integer Exponents" (review?)

- "Exponential Functions"

# Integer exponents

$b^a$  ← "power" or "exponent" ②  
↑  
"base"  
"b raised to the power a"

positive integer exponents:

$$2^3 = \underbrace{2 \times 2 \times 2}$$

$$b^a = \underbrace{b \cdot b \cdot b \cdots \cdot b}_{a \text{ times}}$$

} when "a" is a positive integer.

$$3^5 = \underbrace{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}_{5 \text{ times, factors}} = \underline{243}$$

$$5^3 = 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 25 \times 5 = \underline{125}$$

# "Powers of 3" (will lead us to negative exponents)

"exponential function"  
↓  
 $3^x$

for non-zero base ( $b \neq 0$ )  
zero exponent:  $b^0 = 1$   
negative exponents:  
 $b^{-n} = \frac{1}{b^n}$

$x$	$3^x$
-2	$3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$
-1	$3^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$
0	$3^0 = 1$
1	$3^1 = 3$
2	$3^2 = 3 \cdot 3 = 9$
3	$3^3 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 27$
4	$3^4 = 81$
5	$3^5 = 81 \cdot 3 = 243$
6	$3^6 = 3^5 \cdot 3 = 243 \cdot 3 = 729$

Ex:  $3^{-5} = \frac{1}{3^5} = \frac{1}{243}$



"exponential growth"

# WW: "Integer Exponents"

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$$b^{-1} = \frac{1}{b^1} = \frac{1}{b}$$

#1) a)  $17^{-1} = \frac{1}{17^1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{17}}$

b)  $\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^1} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)} = 1 \cdot \left(\frac{9}{1}\right) = \boxed{9}$

(shortcut:  $\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^1} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)} = 1 \cdot \frac{n}{m} = \frac{n}{m}$ )

any fraction raised to "-1" exponent just flips the fraction!

c)  $\left(\frac{11}{7}\right)^{-1} = \boxed{\frac{7}{11}}$

#2) a) (b)  $-(12^{-2}) = -\left(\frac{1}{12^2}\right) = -\frac{1}{144}$

different!  $(-12)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(-12)^2} = \frac{1}{144}$  (similarly:  $(-6)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(-6)^2} = \frac{1}{36}$ )

# Simplifying exponents

(5)

#3 ) (a)  $x^5 \cdot x^6 = x^{11}$

$(\underbrace{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x}_{5 \text{ factors}}) (\underbrace{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x}_{6 \text{ factors}})$

In general:

$$b^m \cdot b^n = b^{m+n}$$

$$\frac{b^m}{b^n} = b^{m-n}$$

$$(b^n)^m = b^{n \cdot m}$$

(b)  $n^5 \cdot n = n^5 \cdot n^1 = n^{5+1} = n^6$

(c)  $\frac{x^8}{x^{10}} = \frac{\cancel{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x}}{\cancel{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x} \cdot x \cdot x} = \frac{1}{x^2} = x^{-2}$

(d)  $\frac{n}{n^6} = \frac{n^1}{n^6} = n^{1-6} = n^{-5} = \frac{1}{n^5}$

#4 )  $(a^9)^3 = (a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a)^3 = \underbrace{(a \dots a)}_{9 \text{ factors}} \underbrace{(a \dots a)}_9 \underbrace{(a \dots a)}_9$   
 $\rightarrow = a^{27}$

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Examples  
S.12,  
S.13

"nested  
exponents"

#6)

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$$(d) \quad \cancel{9^{-5}} \cdot 9^{-8} = \frac{1}{9^5} \cdot \frac{1}{9^8} = \frac{1}{9^{13}}$$

$$= 9^{-5-8} = 9^{-13} = \frac{1}{9^{13}}$$

## "Fractional Exponents"

→ WebWork: "Exponential Functions"

$$\# 3) \quad 216^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{216}$$

$$= 6$$

$$(b/c \ 6^3 = 216)$$

$$b^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{b}$$

∴ "cube root of b"

$\frac{1}{2}$  power  
represents  
square  
root!

$$36^{(1/2)} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

$$b^{1/2} = \sqrt{b} = \sqrt[2]{b}$$

(why? so that:

$$\frac{b^{1/2} \cdot b^{1/2}}{\sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt{b}} = b^{1/2+1/2} = b^1 = \underline{b} = b$$

# Class # 38 - Thurs, Dec 2

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Last time: exponents (mostly review?)

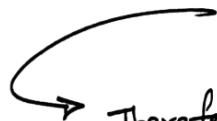
- positive integer exponents  $7^3 = 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7$

- negative integer exponents:  $5^{-3} = \frac{1}{5^3} = \frac{1}{125}$

- "zero exponents":

$b^0 = 1$  (for any non-zero base  $b$ , i.e.  $b \neq 0$ )

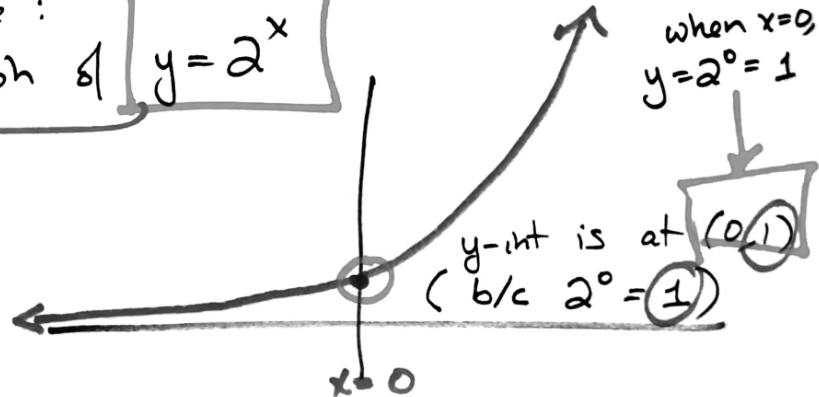
$$2^0 = 1$$



Therefore:

graph of  $y = 2^x$

→ y-int?  
plug in  $x = 0$ :  
 $y = 2^0 = 1$



# "Fractional (or rational) exponents"

(2)

$$68^{1/2} = \sqrt{68} = \sqrt{4(17)} = \boxed{2\sqrt{17}}$$

$$125^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{125} = 5$$

(bc  $5^3 = 125$ )

Def'n:

$$b^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{b}$$

"n<sup>th</sup> root of b"

close to  $\sqrt{81} = 9$

$$80^{1/2} = \sqrt{80} = \sqrt{16 \cdot 5} = 4\sqrt{5} \approx 8.94\dots$$

Simple "exponential equations":

Ex: Solve  $2^x = 512$

$$2^9 = 512 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^1 &= 2 \\ 2^2 &= 4 \\ 2^3 &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &16 \\ &32 \\ &64 \\ &128 \\ &256 \\ &512 \end{aligned}$$





# Class # 39 - Fri Dec 3

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## Last time (yesterday)

- reviewed exponents  $\rightarrow$  "exponential functions"

positive integer exponents

$$b^n = \underbrace{b \cdot b \cdot b \cdots b}_{n \text{ factors}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  negative "

$\Rightarrow$  fractional (rational) exponents

$$b^{-n} = \frac{1}{b^n}$$

$$32^{1/5} = \sqrt[5]{32} = ?$$

$$\leftarrow b^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{b}$$

Solve the ~~eqn~~ eqn

$$x^5 = 32$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x=2}$$

Ex :  $2^{5/2} = (2^{1/2})^5 = (2^5)^{1/2}$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{b/c \frac{5}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5}$$



Example : Exponents (powers of 2)  
and computer memory

$$\underline{2^{10} = 1,024}$$

$$1 \text{ byte} = 8 \text{ bits} = 2^3 \text{ bits}$$

$$1 \text{ kb} = \underline{1024} \text{ bytes} = \underline{2^{10}} \text{ bytes} = \underline{2^{10} \cdot 2^3} \text{ bits}$$

$$1 \text{ mb} = \underline{1024} \text{ kb} = 2^{10} \left( \underbrace{2^{10} \cdot 2^3}_{2^{13} \text{ bits}} \right) \text{ bits} = 2^{23} \text{ bits}$$

$$1 \text{ gb} = 1024 \text{ mb} = 2^{10} \text{ mb} = 2^{10} (2^{23} \text{ bits}) = 2^{33} \text{ bits}$$

$$\underline{1 \text{ tb}} = 1024 \text{ gb} = 2^{10} \text{ gb} = 2^{10} (2^{33} \text{ bits})$$

$$= 2^{43} \text{ bits}$$

$$= 2^{40} \text{ bytes}$$

} b/c 1 byte  
=  $2^3$  bits

↑  
1 TB HD is ~ \$50!

$$10^{12} = 1,000,000,000,000 = 1 \text{ trillion} \approx 1.0995 \times 10^{12} \approx 1.1 \text{ trillion bytes}$$

x	$2^x$
0	$2^0 = 1$
1	$2^1 = 2$
2	$2^2 = 4$
	$2^3 = 8$
	$2^4 = 16$
	$2^5 = 32$
	$2^6 = 64$
	$2^7 = 128$
	$2^8 = 256$
	$2^9 = 512$
	$2^{10} = 1024$

Last time : simple exponential equations

what is the x-value where  $8^x = 2$ ?

(a)  $8^x = 2$

(since  $8 = 2^3$ ,  $2 = \sqrt[3]{8} = 8^{1/3}$ )

$x = 1/3$

hint: x is a fraction!

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x-value such that  $y = 8^x = 1/64$ ?

$8^x = \frac{1}{64} = \frac{1}{8^2} = 8^{-2}$

hint: y is a negative integer.

$8^x = ?$

$x = -2$

Now we will look at (define) "logarithmic" functions.

(why? b/c they will allow us to solve equations such as

$8^x = 10$  } we could use a calculator...



# Logarithmic functions

$$y = \log_b x$$

(log function with base b)

means  $b^y = x$

Ex:  $\log_2 x$

$$\log_2 16 = \boxed{?}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2^? = 16$$

$$2^4 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 16 = 4$$

$$\log_3(243) = \boxed{5}$$

$$3^5 = 243$$

Rewrite in "exponential form"

$$\log_{10}(0.01) = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow 10^{-2} = 0.01 = \frac{1}{100} = \frac{1}{10^2}$$