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# Algebra Lecture 3

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# Warm Up

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- 2 Find the volume of a **cube** if an edge has length  $3\spadesuit\diamondsuit$ .

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- ❷ Find the volume of a **cube** if an edge has length  $3\spadesuit\blacklozenge$ .

Solution:  $(3\spadesuit\blacklozenge)^3 = \boxed{27\spadesuit^3\blacklozenge^3}$

# Exponents

## Exponentiation

$$a^n = \overbrace{a * a * \cdots * a}^n$$

# Exponents

## Properties of Exponents

$$a^0 \equiv 1$$

$$a^n a^m = a^{n+m}$$

$$a^{-1} \equiv \frac{1}{a}$$

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

$$a^n a^{-m} = a^{n+-m}$$

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$$3^2 3^3 = \overbrace{3 * 3}^2 * \overbrace{3 * 3 * 3}^3 = 3^5 = 3^{2+3}$$

# Examples

# Properties of Exponents Examples

## Example

$$\diamond^4 \heartsuit^2 \alpha \diamond^3$$

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$$= \diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond \heartsuit^2 \alpha$$

$$= \boxed{\diamond^7 \heartsuit^2 \alpha}$$

$\alpha$  -alpha

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$$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) * \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{3 * 3}{4 * 4} = \boxed{\frac{3^2}{4^2}}$$



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$$3^2 3^{-4} = \overbrace{3 * 3}^2 * \underbrace{\frac{1}{3 * 3 * 3 * 3}}_4 = \frac{1}{3 * 3} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \boxed{3^{-2}}$$

# Examples

$$\clubsuit^4 \heartsuit \clubsuit^{-2}$$

$$= \heartsuit \clubsuit^4 \clubsuit^{-2} \quad (\text{commutativity})$$

$$= \heartsuit \clubsuit^4 \frac{1}{\clubsuit^2} \quad (\text{definition})$$

$$= \heartsuit \clubsuit \clubsuit \clubsuit \clubsuit \frac{1}{\clubsuit \clubsuit}$$

$$= \heartsuit \clubsuit \clubsuit \cancel{\clubsuit} \cancel{\clubsuit} \frac{1}{\cancel{\clubsuit} \cancel{\clubsuit}}$$

$$= \heartsuit \clubsuit \clubsuit$$

$$= \boxed{\heartsuit \clubsuit^2}$$

## Properties of Exponents Exercise for at Home

### At Home Exercise

Prove that  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \frac{b^n}{a^n}$ . (Hint: write out both sides of the equations using the other definitions and properties of exponents.)

## Properties of Exponents Example

### Problem

Simplify the following expression:

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$$\left(\frac{10}{3}\right)^{-2}$$

$$= \frac{10^{-2}}{3^{-2}}$$

$$= \frac{3^2}{10^2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{9}{100}}$$

## Problem

Simplify the following expression:

$$\frac{8x^{-3}yz^5}{2x^{-5}y^4z^2}$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{8x^2yz^3}{2y^4}$$

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$$= \boxed{\frac{4x^2z^3}{y^3}}$$

## More Problems with Exponents

Simplify the following expressions:

$$(5x^4y^{-2})^{-2}$$

$$\frac{3 * 6 - 2^3}{14 - 3^2}$$

$$\sqrt[2]{3^2 + 4^2}$$

$$(-2)^4$$

$\sqrt[2]{\heartsuit}$  or  $\heartsuit^{1/2}$  means to take the *square root* of  $\heartsuit$ , i.e.  $\sqrt[2]{\heartsuit^2} = \heartsuit$ .

# Applications to Geometry

# Important Formulas from Geometry

## Applications to Geometry

$$\text{Area } \bigcirc = \pi r^2$$

$$\text{Circumference } \bigcirc = 2\pi r$$

$$\text{Area } \triangle = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

Note:  $r$  - radius of  $\bigcirc$ ,  $b$  - base of  $\triangle$ ,  $h$  - height of  $\triangle$



# Algebra Applied to Geometry

## Problems

- 1 What is the circumference of a circle with radius  $3\Diamond$  feet?
- 2 What is the area of a triangle with base equal to 1 foot and height equal to  $6\heartsuit$  inches?

## Algebra Applied to Geometry

### Problems

- ❶ What is the circumference of a circle with radius  $3\Diamond$  feet?

Solution:  $2\pi(3\Diamond) = 6\pi\Diamond$  feet

- ❷ What is the area of a triangle with base equal to 1 foot and height equal to  $6\heartsuit$  inches?

Solution:  $\frac{1}{2}(1)\left(\frac{1}{2}\heartsuit\right) = \frac{1}{4}\heartsuit$  feet<sup>2</sup>

Evaluating Algebraic Expressions for Given  
Values.

# Evaluating Expressions for Given Values

## Problems

Evaluate the expression  $y = \sqrt{2x + 1}$  for  $x = 4$ .

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$$\boxed{y = 3}$$

# Evaluating Expressions with Cube Roots for Given Values

## Problems

Evaluate the expression  $\star = \frac{1}{5} \sqrt[3]{\alpha}$ , where  $\alpha = -125$ .

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## Evaluating Expressions with Cube Roots for Given Values

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Note:  $(\text{negative}\#)^{\text{odd}\#}$  is negative and  $(\text{negative}\#)^{\text{even}\#}$  is positive

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$$\boxed{\spadesuit = 3}$$

Note:  $|- \spadesuit| = \spadesuit$  and  $|\spadesuit| = \spadesuit$ , where  $\spadesuit \geq 0$  is positive.

Working with Data.

## Which Algebraic Expression Represents the Data?

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7	9
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## What was the Original Data Set?

◇	♡
-1	
0	
1	
8	
125	

$$\heartsuit = \sqrt[3]{\diamondsuit} - 5$$

What was the Original Data Set?

◇	♡
-1	-6
0	-5
1	-4
8	-3
125	0

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Next Time...

Relations, Domains & Ranges

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