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The Power Rule for Exponents

EXPONENT RULES			
Name	**Example**	**Rule**	**Description**
Product Rule	$4^2 \times 4^1 = 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 4^3 = 4^{2+1}$	$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$	*Multiply* terms w/ ***same base*** ⇒ [**ADD** | **SUBTRACT**] exp.
Power Rule	$(4^3)^2$	$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$	*Power* to another power ⇒ _____ exponents

EXAMPLE	Use the power rule to evaluate or simplify each exponential expression.

(A)
$$((-2)^3)^5$$

(B)
$$(y^8)^4$$

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Simplify each expression, but don't evaluate.

(A)

$$(4^{15})^3$$

(B)

$$(100^{26})^0$$

(C)

$$\frac{(x^2)^4}{(x^3)^3}$$

EXAMPLE Evaluate each expression using a calculator, then compare the answers. Which is larger?

(A)

$$(3^4)^2$$

(B)

$$(3^2)^4$$

EXAMPLE Fill in the blanks to make the statement true.

$$(x^{\underline{}})^{\overline{}} = x^{15}$$

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Power of a Product Rule

◆ Use the **Power of a Product Rule** (a.k.a. the product to a power rule) to distribute an exponent to a product.

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Name	**Example**	**Rule**	**Description**
Power of a Product Rule	$(3 \cdot 4)^2 = \qquad\qquad = 3^2 \cdot 4^2$	$(a \cdot b)^m = a^m \cdot b^m$	**Distribute** exponent to each _____ in parenthesis

Use the power of a product rule to evaluate or simplify each exponential expression.

(A)

$(5 \cdot 3^2)^2$

(B)

$(xy)^5$

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(**A**)

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

(**B**)

$$(4x^3y^2z^3)^2$$

(**C**)

$$\frac{(6m^2n^3)^2}{(-4m^7n^5)^3}$$