


8: Indices:

1. Notation:

2 multiply 3 times


$$2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^3$$
$$a \times a \times a \times a = a^4$$

2. Rules:

1. Multiplication

e.g. $2^2 \times 2^3 = 2^{(2+3)} = 2^5$

2. Division

e.g. $2^3 \div 2^2 = 2^{(3-2)} = 2^1$

3. Power

e.g. $(2^3)^2 = 2^{3 \times 2} = 2^6$

4. Power of 0

(Everything power 0 is 1)

e.g. $2^0 = 3^0 = 1$

5. Power of negative number

(reciprocal number with negative power to form number with positive power)

$$\text{e.g. } 2^{-5} = \frac{1}{2^5}$$

6. Power of fraction

(fraction in the power means root)

$$\text{e.g. } 1. \ 2^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$2. \ 2^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{2}$$

7. Power combined

(denominator in the power is to root)

(numerator in the power is normal power)

$$\text{e.g. } 2^{\frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{2^2}$$