

**#7: Negative Law of Exponents:** If the base is powered by the negative exponent, then the base becomes reciprocal with the positive exponent.

$$x^{-m} = \frac{1}{x^m}$$

So, when I have a Negative Exponent, I switch the base to its reciprocal with a Positive Exponent.

$$\frac{5^{-3}}{1} = \frac{1}{5^3} = \frac{1}{125}$$

Ha Ha!  
If the base with the negative exponent is in the denominator, it moves to the numerator to lose its negative sign!

$$\frac{1}{3^{-2}} = 3^2 = 9$$

**#8: Zero Law of Exponents:** Any base powered by zero exponent equals one.

$$x^0 = 1$$

So zero factors of a base equals 1.

$$5^0 = 1$$

and

That makes sense!

$$a^0 = 1$$

Every power has a coefficient of 1.

and

$$(5a)^0 = 1$$

Try these:

1.  $(2a^2b)^0 = 1$

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

2.  $y^2 \cdot y^{-4} = y^{2-4} = y^{-2} = \frac{1}{y^2}$

8.  $\left(\frac{3^9}{3^5}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{3^4}{1}\right)^{-2} = \frac{3^{4 \cdot -2}}{1} = \frac{3^{-8}}{1} = \frac{1}{3^8} = \frac{1}{6561}$

3.  $(a^5)^{-1} = a^{-5} = \frac{1}{a^5}$

9.  $\left(\frac{s^2t}{s^4t^4}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{1}{s^2t^3}\right)^{-2} = \frac{1^{-2}}{(s^2t^3)^{-2}} = \frac{1}{s^{-4}t^{-6}} = s^4t^6$

4.  $s^{-2} \cdot 4s^7 = 4s^{-2+7} = 4s^5$

5.  $(3x^{-2}y^3)^{-4} = 3^{-4}x^{8}y^{-12} = \frac{1}{81}x^8y^{-12} = \frac{x^8}{81y^{12}}$

6.  $(s^2t^4)^0 = 1$

10.  $\left(\frac{36a^5}{4a^4b^5}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{9a}{b^5}\right)^{-2} = \frac{9^{-2}a^{-2}}{b^{5 \cdot -2}} = \frac{1}{81a^2b^{10}}$