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### 2.1 Solving for Exponents

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

$$a^n \div a^m = \frac{a^n}{a^m} = a^{n-m}$$

$$(a^n)^m = a^{m \times n}$$

1. Find the missing value in the box for each of the following equations:

a)  $3^{\boxed{4}} = 81$



b)  $4^{\boxed{3}} = 64$



c)  $9^{\boxed{3}} = 729$



d)  $8^{\boxed{\frac{16}{3}}} = 65536$



e)  $5^{\boxed{7}} = 78125$



f)  $6^{\boxed{5}} = 7776$



2. Simplify each of the following expressions in exponential form:

a)  $8 \times 2^5 = \boxed{2^3}$



b)  $\frac{27}{3^2} = \boxed{3^3}$



c)  $\left(\frac{512}{2^5}\right)^2 = \boxed{2^9}$



3. Solve for the unknown variable "x" in each of the following expressions:

a)  $3^x = 81$



b)  $2^x = 256$



c)  $12^x = 2^6 3^3$   
 $= 4^3 3^3$



$x = 4$

$x = 8$

$x = 3$

d)  $243 = \frac{3^x}{27}$



e)  $\frac{64}{2^x} = 1024$

$$\frac{2^6}{2^x} = 2^{10}$$

f)  $(27)^3 = 3^x$   
 $(3^3)^3 = 3^9$

$x = 8$

$x = -4$

$x = 9$

4. Find the value of variable in each of the following equations:

a)  $3^{2x} = 729$

$2x = 6$



$x = 3$

b)  $4^{3x} = 128$

$$2^{2(3x)} = 2^{6x} = 2^7$$

$6x = 7$



$x = \frac{7}{6}$

c)  $729^x = 81$

$9^{3x} = 9^2$

$3x = 2$



$x = \frac{2}{3}$

$$d) 4^{x+1} = 65536$$

$$4^x = \frac{65536}{4} = 16384$$

$$= 4^7$$

$$\underline{x=7}$$

$$e) 25^{2x} = 78125 = 5^7$$

$$5^{4x} = 5^7$$

$$4x = 7$$

$$\underline{x=\frac{7}{4}}$$

$$f) 36^{x+3} = 7776 = 6^5$$

$$6^{2(x+3)} = 6^5$$

$$2x+6 = 5$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\underline{x=-\frac{1}{2}}$$

5. Find the value of variable in each of the following equations:

$$4^x (16) = 64 = 4^3$$

$$4^{x+2} = 4^3$$

$$x+2=3$$

$$x=1$$

$$d) (4^{x+1})(2^5) = 65536$$

$$= 4^8 = 2^{16}$$

$$2^{2x+2+5} = 2^{16}$$

$$2x+7=16$$

$$2x=9$$

$$\underline{x=\frac{9}{2}}$$

$$b) (3^{2x})^3 = 81 = 3^4$$

$$3^{6x} = 3^4$$

$$6x = 4$$

$$x = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\underline{x=\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$e) \left(\frac{729^x}{9^{x-3}}\right) = 3^{6x}$$

$$= 3^{2(x-3)}$$

$$3^{6x-(2x-6)} = 3^{6x-2x+6}$$

$$4x+6=1$$

$$4x=-5$$

$$\underline{x=-\frac{5}{4}}$$

$$c) \frac{16^x}{2^{3x}} = 128 = 2^7$$

$$\frac{2^{4x}}{2^{3x}} = 2^x = 2^7$$

$$\underline{x=7}$$

$$f) \left(\frac{8^{-1} + 2^{-3}}{4^{-3}}\right)^3 = 32^{-x+1} = 2^{5(-x+1)}$$

$$\left(\frac{2^{-3} + 2^{-3}}{2^{-6}}\right)^3 = \left(2^{-5x+5}\right)^3$$

$$\left(\frac{2^{-6}}{2^{-6}}\right)^3 = \frac{2^{-18}}{2^{-18}} = 2^{-5x+5}$$

$$\underline{x=1}$$

$$-18 = -18 + -5x + 5$$

$$-18 = -13 + -5x$$

$$5x = 5$$

$$c) x^y = y^x \quad (x \neq y)$$

$$2^4 = 4^2$$

$$2^4 = 6$$

6. Given the equation, find the smallest value of  $x+y$ :

$$a) 12^4 = 2^x 3^y$$

$$4 \cdot 3^4 = 2^8 \cdot 3^4$$

$$8+4=12$$

$$\underline{12}$$

$$b) 3969^3 = x^6 9^y$$

$$3969^3 = (7^2 9^2)^3$$

$$x=7 \quad y=6$$

$$\underline{13}$$

$$\underline{6}$$

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7. Solve for "x" in each of the following equations:

$$a) \left(\frac{81^{x+4}}{9^5}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$$

$$\left(\frac{3^{4(x+4)}}{3^{5(5)}}\right)^4 = \frac{3^{4(4x+16)}}{3^{5(15)}} = \frac{1}{3^x}$$

$$3^{16x+64+x} = 3^{-75}$$

$$\underline{x=\frac{11}{17}}$$

$$= -\frac{24}{17} \quad X$$

$$17x+64=75$$

$$17x=11$$

$$b) \left(\frac{16^{-x}}{32^2}\right)^4 = 64^{x+1}$$

$$\left(\frac{2^{-4x}}{2^{10}}\right)^4 = 2^{6x+6}$$

$$2^{-16x} = 2^{6x+6+40}$$

$$-16x = 6x+46$$

$$-22x = 46$$

$$x = -\frac{46}{22}$$

$$= -\frac{23}{11}$$

$$\underline{x=-\frac{23}{11}}$$

$$c) \left(\frac{(81^2)9^x}{729^3}\right)^{-1} = \frac{(3^{3x+1})}{9^x}$$

$$\left(\frac{3^8 3^{2x}}{3^{18}}\right)^{-1} = \frac{3^{3x+1}}{3^{2x}}$$

$$3^{-2x-8+2x} = 3^{3x+1+18}$$

$$3^{-8} = 3^{3x+19}$$

$$\underline{x=9}$$

$$X$$

$$2$$

$$3x = 19+8 = 27$$

$$X$$

$$x=9$$

8. If  $x^2yz^3 = 7^4$  and  $xy^2 = 7^5$ , then what is the value of  $xyz$ ?

$$x = \frac{7^5}{y^2} \quad y = y \quad z^3 = \frac{7^4}{x^2y} = \frac{7^4}{(\frac{7^5}{y^2})y} = \frac{7^4}{7^6} = 7^4 \cdot \frac{y^3}{7^{10}} \quad z = \sqrt[3]{7^4 \cdot \frac{y^3}{7^{10}}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{y^3}{7^6}} = \frac{y}{7^2}$$

$$xyz = \frac{7^5}{y^2} \cdot y \cdot \frac{y}{7^2} = \frac{7^5 y^2}{y^2 \cdot 7^2} = 7^3$$

9. Solve for "x":  $2(2^{2x}) = 4^x + 64$ .

$$2(4^x) = 4^x + 64$$

$$4^x + 4^x = 4^x + 64$$

$$64 = 4^x = 4^3$$

$$x = 3$$

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10. Let "a" and "b" be real numbers, with  $a > 1$  and  $b > 0$ . If  $ab = a^b$  and  $\frac{a}{b} = a^{3b}$ ,

determine the value of 'a'

$$\frac{a}{b} = a^{3b} \quad \frac{a}{b} = (a^b)^3 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{\frac{1}{b^3}}{b} = \left(\frac{1}{b^2}\right)^{3b}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = a^3 b^3 \quad \frac{1}{b} = a^2 b^3$$

$$a^2 = \frac{1}{b^4} \quad a = \frac{1}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{b^3} = \left(\frac{1}{b^2}\right)^b \quad \frac{1}{b^3} = \frac{1}{b^{6b}}$$

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$$b^3 = (b^6)^b \quad b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{1}{b^2} \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{(\frac{1}{2})^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}} = 4$$

11. Challenge: If  $a = 3^p$ ,  $b = 3^q$ ,  $c = 3^r$ , and  $d = 3^s$  and if  $p, q, r$ , and  $s$  are positive integers,

determine the smallest value of  $p+q+r+s$  such that:  $a^2 + b^3 + c^5 = d^7$

$$3^{2p} + 3^{3q} + 3^{5r} = 3^{7s}$$

$$3^{90} + 3^{90} + 3^{90} = 3^{91}$$

30	31
60	61
90	91
120	121

$$p=45 \quad q=30$$

$$r=18$$

$$s=13 \quad \{ 106$$

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12. If  $x$  and  $y$  are integers with  $(y-1)^{x+y} = 4^3$ , then what is the number of possible values for "x"

(A) 8

(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

(E) 6

$$2^6, 4^3, 8^2, 64^1, (-2)^6, (-8)^2$$

6 possibilities

13. Suppose  $N = 1 + 11 + 101 + 1001 + \dots + 1000\dots000001$  (last term has 50 zeroes) When "N" is calculated, and written as a single integer, what is the sum of its digits?

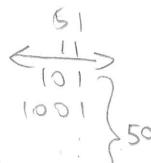
(A) 50

(B) 99

(C) 55

(D) 58

(E) 103



$$\text{SUM: } 50 + 6 + 2 = 58$$

$$\left(\frac{81^{x+4}}{9^5}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$$

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$$3^{\cancel{16x+24}} = 3^{-x}$$

$$16x + 24 = -x$$

$$x + 16x = -24$$

$$17x = -24$$

$$x = \boxed{\frac{-24}{17}}$$

$$\left(\frac{(81^2)q^x}{(729)^3}\right)^{-1} = \frac{3^{3x+1}}{9^x}$$

$$\left(\frac{3^8 3^{2x}}{3^{18}}\right)^{-1} = \frac{3^{3x+1}}{3^{2x}}$$

$$(3^{8+2x-18})^{-1} = 3^{x+1}$$

$$3^{10-2x} = 3^{x+1}$$

$2^1 = 2$	$3^1 = 3$	$5^1 = 5$	$6^1 = 6$
$2^2 = 4$	$3^2 = 9$	$5^2 = 25$	$6^2 = 36$
$2^3 = 8$	$3^3 = 27$	$5^3 = 125$	$6^3 = 216$
$2^4 = 16$	$3^4 = 81$	$5^4 = 625$	$6^4 = 1296$
$2^5 = 32$	$3^5 = 243$	$5^5 = 3125$	$6^5 = 7776$
$2^6 = 64$	$3^6 = 729$	$5^6 = 15625$	$6^6 = 46656$
$2^7 = 128$	$3^7 = 2187$	$5^7 = 78125$	$6^7 = 279936$
$2^8 = 256$	$3^8 = 6561$	$5^8 = 390625$	
$2^9 = 512$	$3^9 = 19683$	$5^9 = 1953125$	
$2^{10} = 1024$	$3^{10} = 59049$	$5^{10} = 9865625$	
$2^{11} = 2048$			

SECTION 2.1 CORRECTIONS

$$5. f) \left( \frac{8^{-1} + 2^{-3}}{4^{-3}} \right)^3 = 32^{-x+1}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{1}{2^3}}{\frac{1}{2^6}} \right)^3 = 32^{-x+1}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \left( \frac{2}{2^3} \cdot \frac{2^6}{1} \right)^3 = 2^{5(-x+1)}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \left( \frac{2^7}{2^3} \right)^3 = 2^{-5x-5}$$

$$\hookrightarrow (2^4)^3 = 2^{-5x-5}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 12 = -5x - 5$$

$$\hookrightarrow 5x + 5 = -12$$

$$\hookrightarrow 5x = -7$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{x = -\frac{7}{5}}$$

$$7. a) \left( \frac{81^{x+4}}{9^5} \right)^4 = \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^x$$

$$\hookrightarrow \left( \frac{3^{4(x+4)}}{3^{10}} \right)^4 = \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^x$$

$$\hookrightarrow \left( \frac{3^{4x+16}}{3^{10}} \right)^4 = 3^{-x}$$

$$\hookrightarrow (3^{4x+16})^4 = 3^{-x}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 3^{16x+24} = 3^{-x}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 16x + 24 = -x$$

$$\hookrightarrow 17x = -24$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{x = -\frac{24}{17}}$$

$$7. c) \left( \frac{(81^2)9^x}{729^3} \right)^{-1} = \left( \frac{3^{3x+1}}{9^x} \right)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \left( \frac{3^8 \cdot 3^{2x}}{3^8} \right)^{-1} = \frac{(3^{3x+1})}{3^{2x}}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{3^{18}}{3^{2x+8}} = \frac{3^{3x+1}}{3^{2x}}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 2x + 18 = 3x + 1 + 2x + 8$$

$$\hookrightarrow 3x = 9$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{x = 3}$$