



7-1. Zero & Negative Exponents

Today's **Learning Target**:

- * **I CAN** simplify expressions with zero exponents
- * **I CAN** simplify expressions with negative exponents

$$3^4 =$$

$$2^4 =$$

$$2^3 =$$

$$2^2 =$$

$$2^1 =$$

$$2^0 =$$

$$2^{-1} =$$

$$2^{-2} =$$

$$10^4 =$$

$$10^3 =$$

$$10^2 =$$

$$10^1 =$$

$$10^0 =$$

$$10^{-1} =$$

$$10^{-2} =$$

Simplify

$$2^3 =$$

$$4^1 =$$

$$(-3)^3 =$$

$$-6^2 =$$

$$(1 + 3)^2 =$$

$$3 \cdot 2^2 =$$

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

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 =$$

What is the difference?

$$(-6)^2 =$$

$$-6^2 =$$

Use your calculator
to evaluate.

$$4^0 =$$

$$9.702^0 =$$

$$(3 + 7)^0 =$$

$$(-8)^0 =$$

$$-3^0 =$$

$$0^0 =$$



hmmm...

What about negative exponents?

Think back to the table.

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$10^2 = 100$$

$$2^1 = 2$$

$$10^1 = 10$$

$$2^0 =$$

$$10^0 =$$

$$2^{-1} =$$

$$10^{-1} =$$

$$2^{-2} =$$

$$10^{-2} =$$

Negative Expo's

- Don't make negative values.
- Are reciprocals of positive exponent.

$$2^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$

$$2^{-3} =$$

$$x^2 = x \cdot x$$

$$x^{-2} =$$

Calculator

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



Simplified Expressions:

- have positive exponents
- do not have parenthesis ()
- have reduced fractions
- each variable appears only once

The zero exponent rule:
(as long as $a \neq 0$) $x^0 = 1$

$$1^0 =$$

$$(3x)^0 =$$

$$(-2)^0 =$$

$$4x^0 =$$

$$x^0 =$$

$$-9^0 =$$

The negative exponent rule: $x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$
(again, $a \neq 0$)

$$2^{-2} =$$

$$4y^{-1} =$$

$$x^{-3} =$$

$$(-2)^{-3}h^4 =$$

$$(-3)^{-5} =$$

$$7^0z^{-7} =$$

$$a^6b^{-2} =$$