

Exponent laws

$$\textcircled{1} a^x a^y = a^{x+y}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{a^x}{a^y} = a^{x-y}$$

$$\textcircled{3} (a^x)^y = a^{xy}$$

$$\textcircled{4} (ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

$$\textcircled{5} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x = \frac{a^x}{b^x}$$

$$\text{eg: } \frac{(w^2 \cdot v^5)^3}{(w^{18} v^4)^{1/2}} \stackrel{\textcircled{4}}{=} \frac{(w^2)^3 \cdot (v^5)^3}{(w^{18})^{1/2} (v^4)^{1/2}} \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} \frac{w^6 \cdot v^{15}}{w^9 \cdot v^2} \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} w^{6-9} \cdot v^{15-2}$$

$$\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} w^{-3} \cdot v^{13}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{v^{13}}{w^3}}$$

$$\text{eg } \frac{(2^6 \cdot 3^2)^{1/2}}{6^2} \stackrel{\textcircled{4}}{=} \frac{2^3 \cdot 3^1}{(2 \cdot 3)^2} \stackrel{\textcircled{4}}{=} \frac{2^3 \cdot 3^1}{2^2 \cdot 3^2} = 2^{3-2} \cdot 3^{1-2} = 2 \cdot 3^{-1}$$

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