

L 5 Exponent Basics

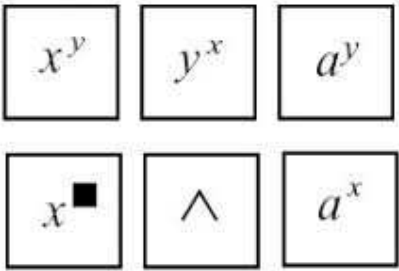
Expanded form : $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 128$

Exponential form:

Base $\rightarrow 2^7 = 128 \leftarrow$ Exponent
Power

$\therefore a^n = a \times a \times \dots \times a \text{ (n times)}$

Scientific Calculator
Exponent Buttons



Note that:

$a^1 = a$

$a^0 = 1$

$a^n =$ if the 'a' is negative
and 'n' is odd

Ex: $(-2)^3 = (-2)(-2)(-2) = -8$

$(-a)^n = (-a) \times (-a) \times \dots \times (-a) \text{ (n times)}$

$-a^n = -a \times a \times \dots \times a \text{ (n times)}$

Ex 1: Expand and evaluate:

a) $7^3 =$

e) $(-8)^4 =$

b) $x^4 =$

f) $-8^4 =$

c) $9^1 =$

g) $(7)(6)(7)(6) =$

d) $5^0 =$

Ex 2: Evaluate:

a) $\underbrace{2 \times 10^3} + \underbrace{6 \times 10^2} + \underbrace{7 \times 10} + 3$

b) $\frac{2^4 + 5^2}{3^3}$

Practice:
1.2 # 1--9

