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Week #15

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Mini-Lesson #2

Zero Exponent

$$6^5$$

$$5^2 \quad 5^3$$
$$\textcircled{5^4}$$

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Section 2.2

The
zero exponent

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Discover a pattern:

3^4	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81$	$\div 3$
3^3	$3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$	$\div 3$
3^2	$3 \times 3 = 9$	$\div 3$
3^1	$3 = 3$	$\div 3$
3^0	$1 = 1$	

$3^0 = 1$

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The following demonstrates, using patterns, that any base number (except zero) with 0 as the exponent, will equal 1 when evaluated.

Copy and Complete the table:

Use 10 as your base

Exponent	Power	Repeated Multiplication	Evaluate
5	10^5	$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$	100000
4	10^4	$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$	10000
3	10^3	$10 \times 10 \times 10$	1000
2	10^2	10×10	100
1	10^1	10	10
0	10^0	—	1

Describe any patterns in your table.
Continue the patterns to complete the entries in the last row.

As the exponent decreases, the repeated mult. gets smaller, and the answer gets smaller.
Work with the person next to you and construct another table as the one above. Choose a different base:

I chose 3 as a base

Exponent	Power	Repeated Multiplication	Evaluate
5	3^5	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$	243
4	3^4	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$	81
3	3^3	$3 \times 3 \times 3$	27
2	3^2	3×3	9
1	3^1	3	3
0	3^0	1	1

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We could make a similar table for the powers of any integer base except 0.
 So, 1 can be written as any power with exponent 0.

For example, $1 = 2^0$

$$1 = 13^0$$

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

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$$-5^0$$

$$-(5)^0$$

$$-1$$

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Example 1

Evaluating Powers with Exponent Zero

Evaluate each expression.

a) 4^0

b) -4^0

c) $(-4)^0$

Evaluate each expression.

a) $4^0 = 1$

b) $-4^0 = -1$

c) $(-4)^0 = 1$

A Solution

d) $-(-4)^0 = -1(1) = -1$

A power with exponent 0 is equal to 1.

a) $4^0 = 1$

b) $-4^0 = -1$

c) $(-4)^0 = 1$

d) $-(-4)^0 = -1$

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