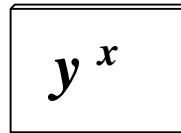


RAISING POSITIVE DECIMALS SMALLER THAN ONE TO NONNEGATIVE INTEGER EXPONENTS

* When working with decimals with only one non-zero digit, exponentiation amounts to raising the non-zero digit to the given power and then moving the decimal point the correct number of places to the left, and adding zeros as place holders.

* When working with decimals having more than one non-zero digit, using a calculator is the best approach. Depending on your calculator the two buttons you need to make note of are



Model Problems:

1. $(0.001)^3 \Rightarrow$ raise 1 to the third power ($1^3=1$) and since the number of digits after the decimal point is three the result should have nine digits after the decimal point (# of digits after the decimal point in the original decimal times the exponent) $\Rightarrow 0.000000001$

2. $(0.02)^5 \Rightarrow$ raise 2 to the fifth power ($2^5 = 32$) and make sure the result has ten digits after the decimal point $\Rightarrow 0.0000000032$

3. $(0.34)^4 \Rightarrow$ here we will be using a calculator by first entering 0.34, then pressing one of the two buttons shown above, and depending on your calculator, pressing 4 (the exponent) $\Rightarrow 0.01336336$

Practice Exercises:

Evaluate:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. $(0.1)^6$ | 2. $(0.03)^3$ | 3. $(0.00004)^2$ | 4. $(0.8)^2$ |
| 5. $(0.05)^3$ | 6. $(0.27)^2$ | 7. $(0.071)^3$ | 8. $(0.91)^4$ |
| 9. $(0.02)^3(0.98)^2$ | 10. $(0.25)^2(0.75)^4$ | 11. $10(0.3)^2(0.7)^3$ | 12. $5(0.2)^4(0.8)^1$ |
| 13. $6(0.65)^6(0.35)^0$ | | | |

Answers:

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| 1. 0.000001 | 5. 0.000125 | 9. 0.0000076832 |
| 2. 0.000027 | 6. 0.0729 | 10. 0.019775390625 |
| 3. 0.0000000016 | 7. 0.000357911 | 11. 0.3087 |
| 4. 0.64 | 8. 0.68574961 | 12. 0.0064 |
| 13. 0.45251334375 | | |