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Laws of Exponents

Product Rule

$$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$\text{Ex: } 2^2 \cdot 2^3 = 2^5$$

$$\text{Ex: } x^3 \cdot x^5 = x^8$$

Quotient Rule

$$a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$$

Ex: $10^3 \div 10^1 = 10^2$

Ex: $7^8 \div 7^4 = 7^4$

Power Rule

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$\text{Ex: } (4^2)^3 = 4^6$$

$$\text{Ex: } (5^3)^4 = 5^{12}$$

In-Class Work:

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$$\frac{x^5}{x^3}$$

$$x^5 \div x^3 = x^2$$