

Exercise 12.1

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**1. Evaluate:**

(i)  $3^{-2}$  (ii)  $(-4)^{-2}$  (iii)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-5}$

**Solution:**

$$(i) 3^{-2} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$
$$\left[ \because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \right]$$

$$= 1/9$$

$$(ii) (-4)^{-2} = \left(\frac{1}{-4}\right)^2$$
$$\left[ \because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \right]$$

$$= 1/16$$

$$(iii) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-5} = \left(\frac{2}{1}\right)^5$$
$$\left[ \because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \right]$$

$$= 2^5$$

$$= 32$$

**2. Simplify and express the result in power notation with positive exponent:**

(i)  $(-4)^5 \div (-4)^8$

(ii)  $\left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right)^2$

(iii)  $-(3)^4 \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^4$

(iv)  $(3^{-7} \div 3^{-10}) \times 3^{-5}$

(v)  $2^{-3} \times (-7)^{-3}$

**Solution:**

(i)  $(-4)^5 \div (-4)^8$

$$= (-4)^5 / (-4)^8$$

$$\left[ \because a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n} \right]$$

$$= (-4)^{5-8}$$

$$= 1/(-4)^3$$

(ii)  $\left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right)^2$

$$= 1^2 / (2^3)^2$$

$$\left[ \because \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m} \right]$$

$$= 1/2^{(3 \times 2)} = 1/2^6$$

$$\left[ \because (a^m)^n = a^{m \times n} \right]$$

(iii)

$$(-3)^4 \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^4 = (-3)^4 \times \frac{5^4}{3^4} \left[ \because \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m} \right]$$

$$= (-1)^4 \times 3^4 \times (5^4 / 3^4)$$

$$[\because (ab)^m = a^m b^m]$$

$$= 3^{(4-4)} \times 5^4$$

$$[\because a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}]$$

$$= 3^0 \times 5^4 = 5^4$$

$$[\because a^0 = 1]$$

iv)

$$(3^{-7} \div 3^{-10}) \times 3^{-5}$$

$$= (3^{-7} / 3^{-10}) \times 3^{-5}$$

$$= 3^{-7 - (-10)} \times 3^{-5}$$

$$[\because a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}]$$

$$= 3^{(-7 + 10)} \times 3^{-5}$$

$$= 3^3 \times 3^{-5}$$

$$= 3^{(3 + (-5))}$$

$$[\because a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}]$$

$$= 3^{-2}$$

$$= 1/3^2$$

$$[\because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}]$$

$$v) 2^{-3} \times (-7)^{-3}$$

$$= (2 \times -7)^{-3}$$

(Because  $a^m \times b^m = (ab)^m$ )

$$= 1 / (2 \times -7)^3$$

$$\left[ \because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \right]$$

$$= 1 / (-14)^3$$

**3. Find the value of :**

(i)  $(3^0 + 4^{-1}) \times 2^2$

(ii)  $(2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2}$

(iii)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2}$

(iv)  $(3^{-1} + 4^{-1} + 5^{-1})^0$

(v)  $\left\{ \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-2} \right\}^2$

**Solution:**

(i)  $(3^0 + 4^{-1}) \times 2^2 = (1 + 1/4) \times 2^2$

$$\left[ \because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \right]$$

$$= ((4+1)/4) \times 2^2$$

$$= (5/4) \times 2^2$$

$$= (5/2^2) \times 2^2$$

$$= 5 \times 2^{(2-2)}$$

$$\left[ \because a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n} \right]$$

$$= 5 \times 2^0$$

$$= 5 \times 1 = 5$$

$$\left[ \because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \right]$$

$$(ii) (2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2}$$

$$= [(1/2) \times (1/4)] \div (1/4)$$

$$\left[ \because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \right]$$

$$= (1/2 \times 1/2^2) \div 1/4$$

$$= 1/2^3 \div 1/4$$

$$= (1/8) \times (4)$$
$$= 1/2$$

$$(iii) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2}$$

$$= (2^{-1})^{-2} + (3^{-1})^{-2} + (4^{-1})^{-2}$$

$$\left[ \because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \right]$$

$$= 2^{(-1 \times -2)} + 3^{(-1 \times -2)} + 4^{(-1 \times -2)}$$

$$\left[ \because (a^m)^n = a^{m \times n} \right]$$

$$= 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2$$

$$= 4 + 9 + 16$$

$$= 29$$

$$(iv) (3^{-1} + 4^{-1} + 5^{-1})^0 = 1$$

$$[\because a^0 = 1]$$

$$(v) \left\{ \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-2} \right\}^2 = \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-2 \times 2}$$

$$[\because (a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}]$$

$$= \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-4}$$

$$= \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right)^4$$

$$[\because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}]$$

$$= 81/16$$

#### 4. Evaluate

$$(i) \frac{8^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}}$$

$$(ii) (5^{-1} \times 2^{-1}) \times 6^{-1}$$

**Solution:**

$$(i) \frac{8^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}}$$

$$\frac{8^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}} = \frac{(2^3)^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}} = \frac{2^{-3} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}} \quad [\because (a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}]$$

$$= 2^{-3-(-4)} \times 5^3 = 2^{-3+4} \times 5^3 \quad [\because a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}]$$

$$= 2 \times 125 = 250$$

(ii)  $(5^{-1} \times 2^{-1}) \times 6^{-1}$

$$(5^{-1} \times 2^{-1}) \times 6^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{1}{6} \quad [\because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}]$$

$$= (1/10) \times 1/6$$

$$= 1/60$$

5. Find the value of  $m$  for which  $5^m \div 5^{-3} = 5^5$

**Solution:**

$$5^m \div 5^{-3} = 5^5$$

$$5^{(m - (-3))} = 5^5$$

$$[\because a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}]$$

$$5^{m+3} = 5^5$$

Comparing exponents both sides, we get

$$m + 3 = 5$$

$$m = 5 - 3$$

$$m = 2$$

6. Evaluate

(i)

$$\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-1} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} \right\}^{-1}$$

(ii)

$$\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^{-7} \times \left(\frac{8}{5}\right)^{-4}$$

**Solution:**

(i)

$$\left\{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-1} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1}\right\} = \left\{\left(\frac{3}{1}\right)^1 - \left(\frac{4}{1}\right)^1\right\} \left[\because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}\right]$$
$$= 3 - 4$$

$$= -1$$

(ii)

$$\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^{-7} \times \left(\frac{8}{5}\right)^{-4} = \frac{5^{-7}}{8^{-7}} \times \frac{8^{-4}}{5^{-4}} \left[\because \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}\right]$$
$$= 5^{-7-(-4)} \times 8^{-4-(-7)} \left[\because a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}\right]$$

$$= 5^{-7+4} \times 8^{-4+7}$$

$$= 5^{-3} \times 8^3 = \frac{8^3}{5^3} \left[\because a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}\right]$$

$$= 512/125$$



## 7. Simplify.

(i)

$$\frac{25 \times t^{-4}}{5^{-3} \times 10 \times t^{-8}} \quad (t \neq 0)$$

(ii)

$$\frac{3^{-5} \times 10^{-5} \times 125}{5^{-7} \times 6^{-5}}$$

### Solution:

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{25 \times t^{-4}}{5^{-3} \times 10 \times t^{-8}} \\ &= \frac{5^2 \times t^{-4}}{5^{-3} \times 5 \times 2 \times t^{-8}} \\ &= \frac{5^{2-(-3)-1} \times t^{-4-(-8)}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$[\because a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}]$$

$$= \frac{5^{2+3-1} \times t^{-4+8}}{2} = \frac{5^4 \times t^4}{2} = \frac{625}{2} t^4$$

(ii)

$$\frac{3^{-5} \times 10^{-5} \times 125}{5^{-7} \times 6^{-5}}$$

$$= \frac{3^{-5} \times (2 \times 5)^{-5} \times 5^3}{5^{-7} \times (2 \times 3)^{-5}}$$

$$= \frac{3^{-5} \times 2^{-5} \times 5^{-5} \times 5^3}{5^{-7} \times 2^{-5} \times 3^{-5}}$$

$$[\because (ab)^m = a^m b^m]$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{3^{-5} \times 2^{-5} \times 5^{-5+3}}{5^{-7} \times 2^{-5} \times 3^{-5}} = \frac{3^{-5} \times 2^{-5} \times 5^{-2}}{5^{-7} \times 2^{-5} \times 3^{-5}}$$

$$[\because a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}]$$

$$= 3^{-5-(-5)} \times 2^{-5-(-5)} \times 5^{-2-(-7)} \quad [\because a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}]$$

$$= 3^{-5+5} \times 2^{-5+5} \times 5^{-2+7} = 3^0 \times 2^0 \times 5^5$$

$$= 1 \times 1 \times 3125 \quad [\because a^0 = 1]$$

$$= 3125$$