

How do we operate with various exponents?

Do Now

$$1) (4a^3b^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{4a^3b^2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{a^2ab^2}$$

$$= 2ab\sqrt{a}$$

$$2) \frac{4x^4}{2x^7}$$

$$= 2x^{-3}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{x^3}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2x^3}$$

$$3) \frac{\cancel{3}x^{-2}y^3}{\cancel{6}x^1y^5} =$$

$$\frac{x^{-2-1}y^{3-5}}{2} = \frac{x^{-3}y^{-2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2x^3y^2}$$

$$4) \left(\frac{a}{b^2}\right)^{-1} = \frac{a^{-1}}{b^{-2}}$$

$$= \frac{b^2}{a}$$

$$5) \frac{12a^3b^{-2}}{ab^3}$$

$$= \frac{12a^3}{ab^3b^2}$$

$$= \frac{12a^2}{b^5}$$

$$6) \left(\frac{2a^{-2}}{b^3} \right)^{-2}$$

$$\frac{2^{-2}}{1} = \frac{1}{2^2}$$

$$= \frac{2^{-2} \cancel{4} a^{-2}}{b^{-6}}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{4} b^6}{4a^2}$$

$$7) \frac{(2a^2b)(3a^{-2}b^2)}{12a^3b^{-4}}$$

$$= \frac{6 \cdot 1 \cdot b^3}{12a^3b^{-4}}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{6} b^7}{2 \cancel{12} a^3} = \frac{b^7}{2a^3}$$

$$8) \left(\frac{3}{ab} \right)^{-2} =$$