



Essential Revision: Rewrite using the correct algebraic conventions.





STRATEGIES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS

The index laws state that we add the indices when multiplying similar variables. The examples below explore why this is.

Index law

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

Example 1
Use the expanded form to simplify.

 $a^3 \times a^4$

Solution

Write the variables in expanded form.



We can see that the index law holds true.

 $a^3 \times a^4 = a^{3+4} = a^7$

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Example 2

Use the index laws to simplify.

 $x^2 \times x^3$

Solution

The index laws state that if the same variables are multiplied, you add their indices.





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Solutions to Essential Revision	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
1. <i>a</i>	2. 7 <i>x</i>
3. <i>c</i>	4. 5 <i>x</i>
§5. <i>x</i>	6. <i>ac</i>
$\{7. c^3\}$	8. $\frac{9}{x}$
9. <i>x</i>	10. 3x
$\{11. c+3\}$	12. de
Solutions to Questions	
$1. x^4$	$2. a^8$
$3. y^{11}$	$4. x^7$
$\{5. a^6\}$	6. y^{13}
$\{7. x^7\}$	8. a ¹⁰
9. <i>y</i> ⁸	10. x^7
$\{11. a^{11}\}$	12. y ¹²

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