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Powers and Indices

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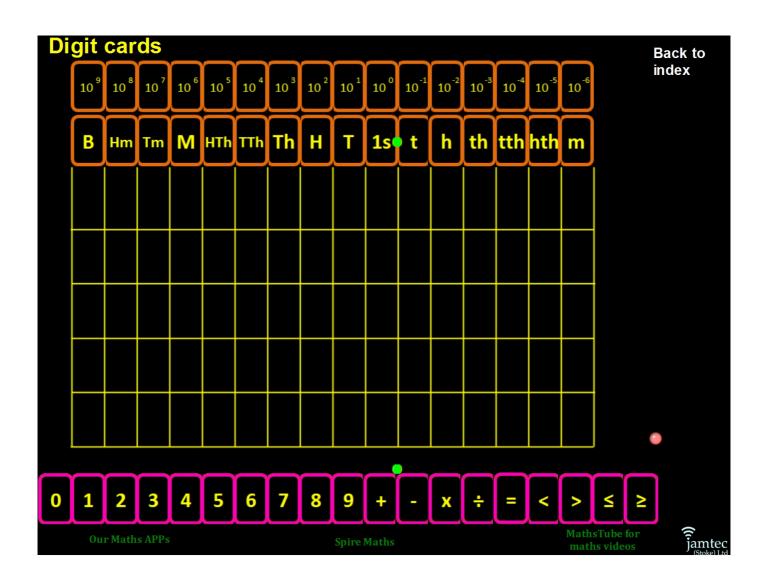
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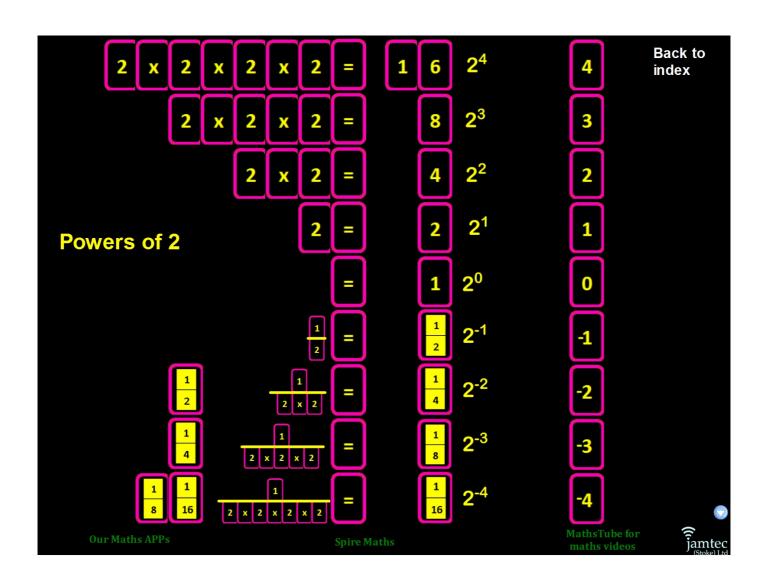
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### **Indices: Notation, Conventions and Consistency**

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Conventions are used in mathematics, different conventions could be agreed, but those now used mean that mathematics within itself is consistent.

#### **Examples:**

We use place value with base 10 that uses 10 different digits
Early computing used base 2, also called binary, where only 0 and 1 exist.
Computer programmers use Hexadecimal system (base 16) with 0 to 9, then A, B, C, D, E and F

English currency used a Pounds, Shillings and Pence (LSD) where 12d = 1 shilling, 20 shillings = £1 Imperial weights have 16 ounces to 1 pound, 112 pounds to 1 hundredweight and 20 hundredweight to 1 ton

Prime numbers have exactly 2 factors (so 1 is not prime)

$$a^0 = 1$$

Standard form, also called Standard Index Form : a x 10<sup>n</sup>, where a is 1 ≤ a < 10

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### **Laws of Indices**

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

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

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

$$a^{-m} = 1$$

$$a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$

$$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}$$

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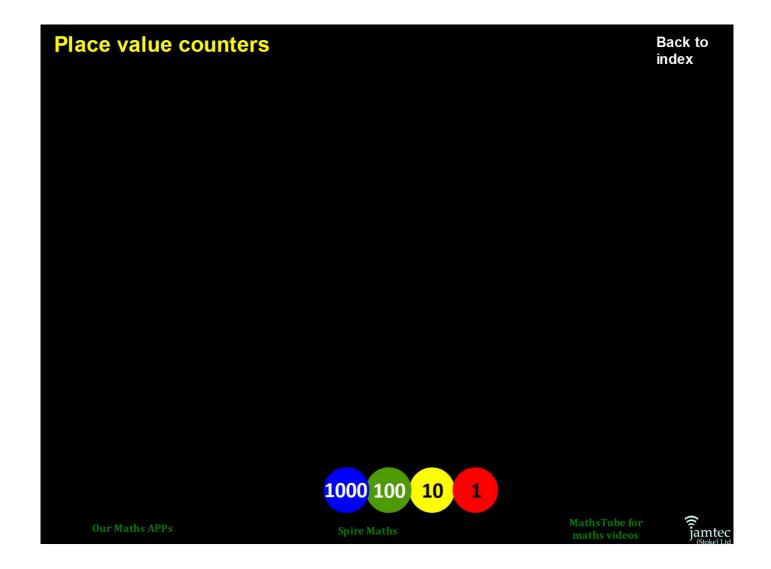
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  $a^m \div a^n = a^m \cdot n$ 

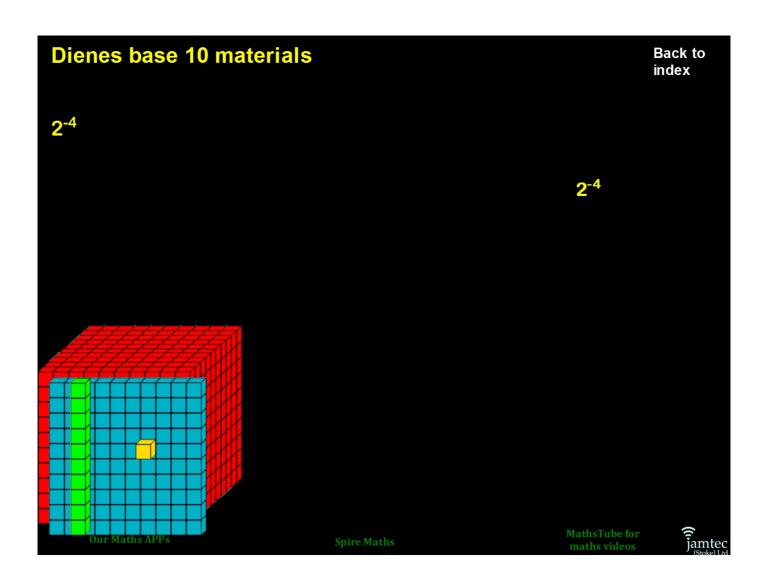
$$\bullet$$
  $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$ 

$$\bullet$$
  $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt{a}$ 

$$\bullet$$
  $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}$ 

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$$a^0 = 1$$





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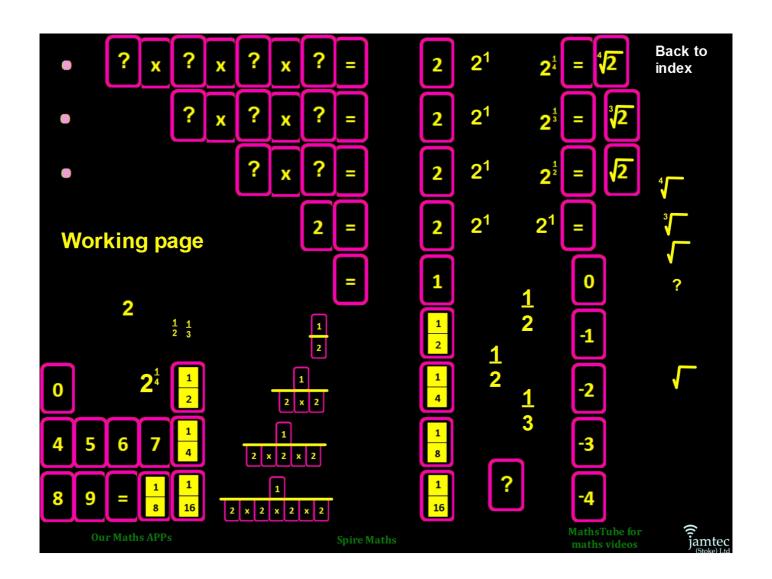
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