

POWER MAN Mnemonic for exponents:

Power Man is based on the idea that since exponents are smaller than their coefficient counterparts, they can't handle as powerful a mathematical operation. Therefore, whatever operation the problem asks you to do to the coefficient, you must do one level less (or lower) mathematically to the exponents.

Ex. $(3x^4)(2x^5) = 6x^9$
*multiply coefficients,
so add exponents!



Power (roots)
Multiply (divide)
Add (subtract)
Nothing

Ex. $(5x^2)^3 = 125x^6$
*raise coefficients to a power,
so multiply exponents!



Power (roots)
Multiply (divide)
Add (subtract)
Nothing

Ex. $\frac{25x^2}{5x} = 5x$
*divide coefficients,
so subtract exponents!



Power (roots)
Multiply (divide)
Add (subtract)
Nothing