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Do Now:

Video: Powers of Ten <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fKBhvDjuy0>

A nine minute video, recommended by the state in the modules, which gives a visual representation of the magnitude of the powers of ten.

- 1) Describe what you have learned about the powers of ten in the video.
  
- 2) The population of the world as of March 2013 was approximately 7,073,981,143. What would be the *smallest* power of 10 that would exceed (be greater than) 7,073,981,143?

$$10,000,000,000 = 10^{10}$$

**Magnitude:** The relative size of an object. In other words, how big or small something is.

**Fact 1:** The numbers  $10^n$  for large positive integers  $n$  are big numbers. Given a number  $M$ , no matter how big it is, there is a power of 10 that exceeds (is bigger than)  $M$ .

**Fact 2:** The numbers  $10^{-n}$  for large positive integers  $n$  are small numbers. Given a positive number  $S$ , no matter how small it is, there is a negative power of 10 that is smaller than  $S$ .

Example 1: Let  $M$  be the US national debt in March of 2013. To the nearest dollar,  $M=16,755,133,009,522$ .

Since  $M$  has 14 digits, and the largest 14 digit number is 99,999,999,999,999, then:  
 $M < 99,999,999,999,999 < 100,000,000,000,000 = 10^{14}$

Therefore, the 14<sup>th</sup> power of 10 exceeds  $M$ .

Try:

- 1) Let
- $M = 993,456,789,098,765$
- . Find the smallest power of 10 that will exceed
- $M$
- .

$$M < 999,999,999,999,999 < 1,000,000,000,000,000 = 10^5$$

- 2) Find the smallest power of 10 that will exceed
- $78,491\frac{899}{987}$
- .

$$78,491\frac{899}{987} < 78,492 < 100,000 = 10^5$$

For an  $n$ -digit positive integer  $M$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power of 10 (in other words,  $10^n$ ) always exceeds  $M$ .

Example 2: The chance of you having the same DNA as another person (other than an identical twin!) is approximately 1 in 10 trillion. If one trillion is 1 followed by 12 zeros, express this very small number using a negative power of 10.

$$1 \text{ in } 10 \text{ trillion} = \frac{1}{10,000,000,000,000} = \frac{1}{10^{13}} = 10^{-13}$$

Try:

- 1) There are about 100 million smartphones in the US. Your teacher has 1 smartphone. Express the share of US smartphones that your teacher has using a negative power of 10.

$$1 \text{ in } 100 \text{ million} = \frac{1}{100,000,000} = \frac{1}{10^8} = 10^{-8}$$

- 2) The chance of winning a big lottery prize is about
- $10^{-8}$
- and the chance of being struck by lightning in the US in any given year is about 0.000001. Which do you have a greater chance of experiencing?

$$10^{-8} = \frac{1}{100,000,000} \quad \text{Lottery}$$

$$10^{-6} = \frac{1}{1,000,000} \quad \text{Lightning}$$

- 3) Scott said that 0.09 was a bigger number than 0.1. Use powers of 10 to show that he is wrong.

$$0.09 = \frac{9}{100} = 9 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$0.1 = \frac{1}{10} = 1 \times 10^{-1} \quad \text{larger}$$



## Attachments

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