Math 195Q and Math 101

Rules of Exponents

1. Zero Exponent:
$$a^0 = 1$$

2. Product Rule:
$$a^n \cdot a^m = a^{n+m}$$

3. Quotient Rule:
$$\frac{a^n}{a^m} = a^{n-m}$$

4. Negative Exponent:
$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$$

To move a number or a symbol from the numerator to the denominator (or from the denominator to the numerator), you must change the sign of the exponent.

5. Power Rule:
$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$$

6. Power of a Product:
$$(a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$$

7. Power of a Quotient:
$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$$