Exercise 1

Is 2^3 the same as 3^2 ? Explain.

Solution

No, 2^3 is 2 multiplied by itself three times,

$$2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8,$$

whereas 3^2 is 3 multiplied by itself two times.

$$3^2 = 3 \times 3 = 9$$