

Algebra 1 7.2

Use the properties of exponents to divide monomials

Simplify expressions containing negative exponents

Simplify expressions containing zero exponents

Compare measurements using order of magnitude

$$\frac{2^7}{2^4}$$

$$\frac{t^4}{t^3}$$

reciprocal

exponent

base

quotient

factors

negative exponent

order of magnitude

Triangle puzzle

$$\frac{-9n^6}{18n^2} = \frac{-9\cancel{nnnnn}}{18\cancel{nn}} - \frac{1}{2}n^4 \quad \frac{3}{8}x^6y^2$$

$$\frac{(3x^2)^2 y^3 x^2}{24 \cancel{yy}} = \frac{(3xx)(3xx) yyy xx}{24 y} \quad \frac{9x^6y^2}{24}$$

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Guided Practice

Simplify each expression.

2A. $\left(\frac{3x^4}{4}\right)^3$

2B. $\left(\frac{5x^5y}{6}\right)^2$

2C. $\left(\frac{2y^2}{3z^3}\right)^2$

2D. $\left(\frac{4x^3}{5y^4}\right)^3$

$$\left(\frac{\cancel{3}xxx}{4}\right)\left(\frac{\cancel{5}xxxx}{4}\right)\left(\frac{\cancel{3}xxxx}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{27x^{12}}{64}$$

Guided Practice

3A. $\frac{b^4 c^{\cancel{d}^0}}{b^2 c}$

$$\frac{\cancel{b} \cancel{b} \cancel{b} \cancel{b} \cancel{c} \cdot 1}{\cancel{b} \cancel{b} \cancel{c}}$$

$$= b^2 c$$

3B. $\left(\frac{2f^4 g^7 h^3}{15f^3 g^9 h^6}\right)^0 = 1$

Example 4 Negative Exponents

Simplify each expression. Assume that no denominator equals zero.

a. $\frac{p^4 r^2}{n^5}$

final answer: exponents positive,
no zero exponents

$$\frac{pppprr}{nnnnn} = \frac{p^4 r^2}{n^5}$$

b. $\frac{5r^3t^4u^5}{-20r^2t^7r^3}$

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no zero exponents

$$\frac{5 \cancel{r^3} \cancel{t^4} u^5}{-20 \cancel{r^2} \cancel{t^7} \cancel{r^3}}$$

$$-\frac{1}{4} \frac{u^5}{r^5 t^3} = \frac{-u^5}{4r^5 t^3} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{u^5}{r^5 t^3}$$

Guided Practice

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Simplify each expression. Assume that no denominator equals zero.

$$4A. \frac{v^{-3}wx^2}{wy^{-6}}$$

$$4B. \frac{32a^{-8}b^3c^{-4}}{4a^3b^5c^{-2}}$$

$$4C. \frac{5j^{-3}k^2m^{-6}}{25k^{-4}m^{-2}}$$

$$\frac{(3b)^2 k^{-6} y^3}{b^{-4} k^2 y^{-2}}$$

$$\frac{x^2 y^{-3} a^2 b^3}{x^4 y^{-5} a^{-3} b^{-5}}$$