

Exercise 2B

Q1. Express the result in power notation

a. $(\frac{4}{5})^5 \times (\frac{4}{5})^4 = (\frac{4}{5})^{5+4} = (\frac{4}{5})^9$

b. $(\frac{3}{4})^{-6} \times (\frac{3}{4})^{-4} = (\frac{3}{4})^{-6-4} = (\frac{3}{4})^{-10}$

c. $(\frac{-2}{3})^7 \times (\frac{-2}{3})^{-4} = (\frac{-2}{3})^{7+(-4)} = (\frac{-2}{3})^{7-4} = (\frac{-2}{3})^3$

d. $(\frac{7}{8})^{-3} \times (\frac{7}{8})^{-4} = (\frac{7}{8})^{-3-4} = (\frac{7}{8})^{-7}$

e. $(\frac{3}{7})^6 \div (\frac{3}{7})^5 = (\frac{3}{7})^{6-5} = (\frac{3}{7})^1$

f. $(\frac{-3}{4})^{-3} \div (\frac{-3}{4})^{-3} = (\frac{-3}{4})^{-3-(-3)} = (\frac{-3}{4})^{-3+3} = (\frac{-3}{4})^0 = 1$

g. $(\frac{-7}{10})^9 \div (\frac{-7}{10})^7 = (\frac{-7}{10})^{9-7} = (\frac{-7}{10})^2$

h. $(\frac{8}{9})^6 \div (\frac{8}{9})^{-3} = (\frac{8}{9})^{6-(-3)} = (\frac{8}{9})^{6+3} = (\frac{8}{9})^9$

i. $[(\frac{3}{2})^2]^7 = (\frac{3}{2})^{14}$

j. $[(\frac{5}{6})^3]^{-2} = (\frac{5}{6})^{-6}$

k. $[(\frac{7}{10})^{-2}]^3 = (\frac{7}{10})^{-6}$

l. $[(\frac{4}{5})^{-3}]^{-3} = (\frac{4}{5})^{-9}$

Q2. Simplify

a. $(\frac{3}{8})^3 \times (\frac{4}{9})^3 = (\frac{\cancel{3}}{\cancel{8}} \times \frac{\cancel{4}}{\cancel{9}})^3 = (\frac{1}{6})^3 = \frac{1}{216}$

b. $(\frac{20}{27})^4 \times (\frac{9}{10})^4 \times (\frac{2}{3})^4 = (\frac{\cancel{20}}{\cancel{27}} \times \frac{\cancel{9}}{\cancel{10}} \times \frac{2}{3})^4 = (\frac{4}{9})^4 = \frac{256}{6561}$

$$\text{c. } \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^3 \div \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{\cancel{-4}^1}{\cancel{3}_1} \times \frac{\cancel{9}^3}{\cancel{8}_2}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{-27}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d. } \left(\frac{6}{25}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^3 \div \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 &= \left(\frac{6}{25} \times \frac{5}{3} \div \frac{2}{5}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{6}{25} \times \frac{5}{3} \times \frac{5}{2}\right)^3 \\ &= \left(\frac{\cancel{6}^3}{\cancel{25}_5} \times \frac{\cancel{25}^5}{\cancel{6}_2}\right)^3 = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e. } \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^5 \div \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^7 &= \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{5-7} = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{-3} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{3-3} = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^0 = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{f. } \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 \div \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-4} &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{5-1} \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-4} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-4} = \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{4-4} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0 = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{g. } \left[\left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^2\right] \div \left[\left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^2\right]^3 \\ \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^{4+2} \div \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^6 = \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^6 \div \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^6 = \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^{6-6} = \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^0 = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

Q3. Fill in the blanks

$$\text{a. } (2^{-1} \times 3^{-1})^2 \times \left(\frac{-3}{8}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{-8}{3}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \times \frac{-8}{3} = \frac{1}{\cancel{36}_9} \times \frac{\cancel{-8}^2}{3} = \frac{-2}{27}$$

$$\text{b. } (4^{-1} \times 3^{-1}) \div 12^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} \div \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{12}{1} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c. } (2^5 \div 2^8) \div 2^{-7} &= 2^{5-8} \div 2^{-7} \\
 &= 2^{-3} \div 2^{-7} \\
 &= 2^{-3-(-7)} = 2^{-3+7} = 2^4 = 16
 \end{aligned}$$

Q4. Find value of n

$$\text{a. } \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{-6} = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{2n-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{3-6} = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{2n-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{-3} = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{2n-1}$$

Taking powers:

$$2n - 1 = -3$$

$$2n = -3 + 1$$

$$2n = -2$$

$$n = \frac{-2}{2}, n = -1$$

$$\text{b. } n(3^{-5}) = 3$$

$$n \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 = 3$$

$$n = 3 \times 3^5$$

$$= 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 729$$

$$\text{c. } n(-5)^4 \div n^2 = 5$$

$$n \times (-5)^4 \times \frac{1}{n \times n} = 5$$

$$\frac{(-5) \times (-5) \times (-5) \times (-5)}{n} = 5 \quad (\text{by cross multiply})$$

$$n = \frac{(-5) \times (-5) \times (-5) \times (-5)}{\cancel{5}}$$

$$n = 125$$

Q5 Find The Reciprocal

$$a. \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{2n-1} = \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{2n-1}$$

$$b. \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{-3} \times \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{-2}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{\cancel{2}}{5} \times \frac{\cancel{2}}{\cancel{5}} \times \frac{\cancel{2}}{\cancel{5}} \times \frac{\cancel{5}}{\cancel{4}} \times \frac{\cancel{5}}{\cancel{4}} = \frac{1}{10}$$

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Q6. Express the following in negative exponents

$$a. \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-2}$$

$$b. (2^{-3})^2 = (2)^{-6}$$

$$c. 5^2 \times 5^3 = 5^{2+3} = 5^5 = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{-5}$$

$$d. \left[\left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)^{-1}\right]^{-2} = \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 = \left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)^{-2}$$

Q7. Find the value of n

$$a. 5^{10} \div 5^8 = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$$

$$5^{10-8} = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$$

$$5^2 = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$$

$$n = -2$$

$$\text{b. } \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^4 \div \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{4-3} = \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^1 = \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\mathbf{n = -1}$$

$$\text{c. } (-5)^4 \div (-5)^2 = 5^n$$

$$(-5)^{4-2} = 5^n$$

$$5^2 = 5^n$$

$$\mathbf{n = 2}$$

Q8. Simplify

$$\text{a. } (a^8 \times a^{-5})^0$$

$$(a^{8-5})^0 = (a^3)^0 = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\text{b. } (b^2)^4 \times b^0$$

$$\mathbf{b^8 \times 1 = b^8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) & - \frac{a^{-3} b^{10} c^8 \times b c^8}{(b^{-10} \times c^6)^4} \\
 & - \left[\frac{a^{-3} b^{10} c^8 \times b c^8}{b^{-40} \times c^{24}} \right] \\
 & - \left[\frac{b^{10} \times b^{40} \times c^8 \times b \times c^8}{a^3 \times c^{24}} \right] \\
 & - \left[\frac{b^{51} \times c^{16}}{a^3 \times c^{24}} \right] \\
 & - \left[\frac{b^{51} \times c^{16-24}}{a^3} \right] = - \frac{b^{51} \times c^{-8}}{a^3} \\
 & = - \frac{b^{51}}{a^3 c^8}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d) & \left[\frac{-a^{-5}}{-a^{10} b^{-9} c^{-7} \times (a^{-15} \times c^0)} \right]^2 \\
 & \frac{-a^{-10}}{-a^{20} b^{-18} c^{-14} \times a^{-30} \times 1} \\
 & \frac{a^{-10}}{a^{20} b^{-18} c^{-14} \times a^{-30}} \\
 & \frac{a^{-10}}{a^{20-30} b^{-18} c^{-14}} \\
 & \frac{a^{-10}}{a^{-10} b^{-18} c^{-14}} = \boxed{b^{18} c^{14}}
 \end{aligned}$$