

THINK AND DISCUSS

1. Compare the Quotient of Powers Property and the Product of Powers Property. Then compare the Power of a Quotient Property and the Power of a Product Property.
2. **GET ORGANIZED** Copy and complete the graphic organizer. In each cell, supply the missing information. Then give an example for each property.



If a and b are nonzero real numbers and m and n are integers, then...

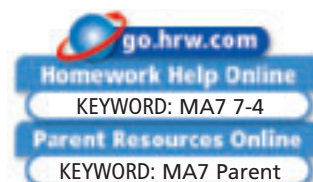
$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = \square$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \square$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \left(\frac{\square}{\square}\right)$$

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Exercises



GUIDED PRACTICE

SEE EXAMPLE 1

Simplify.

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1. $\frac{5^8}{5^6}$

2. $\frac{2^2 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 4^4}{2^9 \cdot 3^5}$

3. $\frac{15x^6}{5x^6}$

4. $\frac{a^5b^6}{a^3b^7}$

SEE EXAMPLE 2

Simplify each quotient and write the answer in scientific notation.

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5. $(2.8 \times 10^{11}) \div (4 \times 10^8)$

6. $(5.5 \times 10^3) \div (5 \times 10^8)$

7. $(1.9 \times 10^4) \div (1.9 \times 10^4)$

SEE EXAMPLE 3

8. **Sports** A star baseball player earns an annual salary of $\$8.1 \times 10^6$. There are 162 games in a baseball season. How much does this player earn per game? Write your answer in standard form.

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SEE EXAMPLE 4

Simplify.

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9. $\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2$

10. $\left(\frac{x^2}{xy^3}\right)^3$

11. $\left(\frac{a^3}{(a^3b)^2}\right)^2$

12. $\frac{y^{10}}{y}$

SEE EXAMPLE 5

13. $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-2}$

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

15. $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{3a}{2b}\right)^{-2}$

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

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PRACTICE AND PROBLEM SOLVING

Simplify.

17. $\frac{3^9}{3^6}$

18. $\frac{5^4 \cdot 3^3}{5^2 \cdot 3^2}$

19. $\frac{x^8y^3}{x^3y^3}$

20. $\frac{x^8y^4}{x^9yz}$

Simplify each quotient and write the answer in scientific notation.

21. $(4.7 \times 10^{-3}) \div (9.4 \times 10^3)$

22. $(8.4 \times 10^9) \div (4 \times 10^{-5})$

23. $(4.2 \times 10^{-5}) \div (6 \times 10^{-3})$

24. $(2.1 \times 10^2) \div (8.4 \times 10^5)$

Independent Practice

For Exercises	See Example
17–20	1
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26–29	4
30–33	5

Extra Practice

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25. **Astronomy** The mass of Earth is about 3×10^{-3} times the mass of Jupiter. The mass of Earth is about 6×10^{24} kg. What is the mass of Jupiter? Give your answer in scientific notation.

Simplify.

26. $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4$ 27. $\left(\frac{a^4}{b^2}\right)^3$ 28. $\left(\frac{a^3b^2}{ab^3}\right)^6$ 29. $\left(\frac{xy^2}{x^3y}\right)^3$

30. $\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^{-3}$ 31. $\left(\frac{x^2}{y^5}\right)^{-5}$ 32. $\left(\frac{8w^7}{16}\right)^{-1}$ 33. $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2}\left(\frac{6x}{7}\right)^{-2}$

Simplify, if possible.

34. $\frac{x^6}{x^5}$ 35. $\frac{8d^5}{4d^3}$ 36. $\frac{x^2y^3}{a^2b^3}$ 37. $\frac{(3x^3)^3}{(6x^2)^2}$

38. $\frac{(5x^2)^3}{5x^2}$ 39. $\left(\frac{c^2a^3}{a^5}\right)^2$ 40. $\left(\frac{3a}{a^3 \cdot a^0}\right)^3$ 41. $\left(\frac{-p^4}{-5p^3}\right)^{-2}$

42. $\left(\frac{b^{-2}}{b^3}\right)^2$ 43. $\left(\frac{10^2}{10^{-5} \cdot 10^5}\right)^{-1}$ 44. $\left(\frac{x^2y^2}{x^2y}\right)^{-3}$ 45. $\frac{(-x^2)^4}{-(x^2)^4}$

46. **Critical Thinking** How can you use the Quotient of a Power Property to explain the definition of x^{-n} ? (Hint: Think of $\frac{1}{x^n}$ as $\frac{x^0}{x^n}$.)

47. **Geography** Population density is the number of people per unit of area. The area of the United States is approximately 9.37×10^6 square kilometers. The table shows population data from the U. S. Census Bureau.

United States Population	
Year	Population (to nearest million)
2000	2.81×10^8
1995	2.66×10^8
1990	2.48×10^8

Write the approximate population density (people per square kilometer) for each of the given years in scientific notation. Round decimals to the nearest hundredth.

48. **Chemistry** The pH of a solution is a number that describes the concentration of hydrogen ions in that solution. For example, if the concentration of hydrogen ions in a solution is 10^{-4} , that solution has a pH of 4.



Lemon juice
pH 2



Apples
pH 3



Water
pH 7



Ammonia
pH 11

- What is the concentration of hydrogen ions in lemon juice?
- What is the concentration of hydrogen ions in water?
- How many times more concentrated are the hydrogen ions in lemon juice than in water?

49. **Write About It** Explain how to simplify $\frac{4^5}{4^2}$. How is it different from simplifying $\frac{4^2}{4^5}$?

Find the missing exponent(s).

50. $\frac{x^{\square}}{x^4} = x^2$ 51. $\frac{x^7}{x^{\square}} = x^4$ 52. $\left(\frac{a^2}{b^{\square}}\right)^4 = \frac{a^8}{b^{12}}$ 53. $\left(\frac{x^4}{y^{\square}}\right)^{-1} = \frac{y^3}{x^{\square}}$