

Examples:

$$\textcircled{1} x^4 \cdot x^2 y^3 = x^6 y^3$$

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{(4x)^3}{4x^3} = \frac{64x^3}{4x^3} = 16$$

$$\textcircled{3} \frac{x^2(y^3z)^3}{(x^2y)^2z} = \frac{x^2 y^9 z^3}{x^4 y^2 z} = \frac{y^7 z^2}{x^2}$$

$$\textcircled{4} (2y^4)^3 = 8y^{12}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \frac{3(x^3)^4 y^5}{3x^7} = \frac{3x^{12} y^5}{3x^7} = x^5 y^5$$

$$\textcircled{6} \frac{y^4}{y^0} \rightarrow y^4$$

$$\textcircled{7} -(3x^3)^2 = -9x^6$$

$$\textcircled{8} \text{ If } a = 3 \text{ and } b = -2, \text{ what is the value of the expression } \frac{a^{-2}}{b^{-3}}?$$

$$\frac{b^3}{a^2} = \frac{(-2)^3}{(3)^2} = -\frac{8}{9}$$

$$\textcircled{9} \frac{a^2 b^{-3}}{a^{-4} b^2} = \frac{a^2 \cdot a^4}{b^2 \cdot b^3} = \frac{a^6}{b^5}$$

$$\textcircled{10} 8^{-4} \cdot 8^6 = 8^2 = 64$$

$\textcircled{11}$ Simplify the expression $\frac{3x^{-4}y^5}{(2x^3y^{-7})^{-2}}$ and write the answer using only positive exponents.

$$\frac{3x^{-4}y^5}{2^{-2}x^{-6}y^{14}} = \frac{3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot x^6 \cdot y^5}{x^4 y^{14}} = \frac{12x^2}{y^9}$$

$\textcircled{12}$ In simplest form, express $\frac{x+y^{-1}}{y+x^{-1}}$ with no negative exponents.

$$\frac{x + \frac{1}{y}}{y + \frac{1}{x}} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{xy+1}{y}}{\frac{xy+1}{x}} = \frac{xy+1}{y} \cdot \frac{x}{xy+1} = \frac{x}{y}$$