


L57: Negative Exponents

$$\frac{x^2}{x^3} = x^{-1} \quad \frac{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{a^3}{a^5} = a^{-2} \quad \frac{\cancel{a} \cdot \cancel{a} \cdot \cancel{a}}{\cancel{a} \cdot \cancel{a} \cdot \cancel{a} \cdot a \cdot a} = \frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{4^4}{4^7} = 4^{-3}$$
$$\frac{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4}}{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}$$
$$\frac{1}{4^3} = \frac{1}{64}$$


$$x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x^1}$$

$$a^{-2} = \frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$4^{-3} = \frac{1}{4^3} = \frac{1}{64}$$

$$5^{-4} = \frac{1}{5^4}$$

1) reciprocal of base

2) apply absolute value of exponent

$$x^{-9} = \frac{1}{x^9}$$

$$2^{-3} = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$$

$$2^{-2} = \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$2.45 \times 10^4 \rightarrow 2.45 \times 10,000$$

24500

$$2.45 \times 10^{-2} = 0.0245$$

$$2.45 \times \frac{1}{10^2}$$

$$2.45 \times \frac{1}{100} = \frac{2.45}{100}$$

= 2.45 ÷ 100

$$1.23 \times 10^4 \rightarrow 4 \text{ spaces} \rightarrow$$

$$1.23 \times 10^{-4} \rightarrow 4 \text{ spaces} \leftarrow$$



.007568

$$2.568 \times 10^{-3}$$

0.02902

$$2.902 \times 10^{-2}$$

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$$8 \times 10^{-12}$$

**L57 #1, 2, 6-8, 11, 13-15,
19-30**