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APPLY EXPONENT PROPERTIES
INVOLVING QUOTIENTS

1) Quotient of Powers Property

- When dividing powers with like bases, subtract the exponents.

□ EX:

$$\frac{4^7}{4^2} = 4^{7-2} = 4^5$$

* Like base is 4.

$$\frac{x^{10}}{x^7} = x^{10-7} = x^3$$

* Like base is x.

EX:

- Simplify the expression. Write your answer using exponents. → Don't multiply out numbers.

□
$$\frac{(-4)^9}{(-4)^2}$$
$$(-4)^{9-2}$$
$$\boxed{(-4)^7}$$

□
$$\frac{9^4 \cdot 9^3}{9^2}$$
$$\frac{9^7}{9^2}$$
$$9^{7-2}$$
$$\boxed{9^5}$$

2) Power of a Quotient Property

- When a quotient is raised to a power, raise both the Numerator and the denominator to the power and Cancel if possible.

□ EX:

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^7 = \frac{3^7}{2^7}$$

- * $\frac{3}{2}$ is the quotient
- * 3 is the Numerator
- * 2 is the denominator
- * Raise both to the 7th power

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2 = \frac{x^2}{y^2}$$

- * $\frac{x}{y}$ is the quotient
- * x is the numerator
- * y is the denominator
- * Raise both to the 2nd power

EX: Simplify the Expression. → *As much as possible. Multiply out all numbers.*

□ $(-7/x)^2$

$$\frac{(-7)^2}{x^2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{49}{x^2}}$$

□ $(x^2/4y)^2$

$$\frac{(x^2)^2}{(4y)^2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{x^4}{16y^2}}$$

□ $(-5/y)^3$

$$\frac{(-5)^3}{y^3}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{-125}{y^3}}$$

$$\square (2s/3t)^3 \cdot (t^5/16)$$

$$\frac{(2s)^3}{(3t)^3} \cdot \frac{t^5}{16}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{1}8s^3}{27t^3} \cdot \frac{t^5}{\cancel{1}6\cancel{2}}$$

$$\frac{s^3}{27\cancel{2}} \cdot \frac{t^{\cancel{5}2}}{2}$$

$$\frac{s^3}{27} \cdot \frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{s^3 t^2}{54}}$$

$$\square (3x^2/3y^3)^2$$

$$\frac{(3x^2)^2}{(3y^3)^2}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{1}9x^4}{\cancel{1}9y^6}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{x^4}{y^6}}$$

EX:

- The order of magnitude of the brightness of the Milky Way is 10^{36} watts. The order of magnitude of the brightness of a gamma ray burster is 10^{45} watts. How many times brighter is the gamma ray burster than the Milky Way?
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2ESs1rPO_A

$$\frac{10^{45}}{10^{36}}$$
$$10^{45-36}$$
$$10^9 \text{ times brighter}$$

* Divide to figure out how many times brighter

