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## How Do You Divide Numbers With the Same Base? (Topic #2)

**Example:** Find  $7^5 \div 7^3$

**Find each quotient.**

1.  $3^7 \div 3^3$

2.  $4^7 \div 4^5$

3.  $2^7 \div 2^6$

4.  $5^4 \div 5$

Dividing Powers with the Same Base		
Words	Arithmetic	Algebra
To divide numbers or variables with the same base:  1.  2.		

**Write each expression using a single exponent.**

5.  $2^9 \div 2^7$

6.  $r^9 \div r^6$

7.  $c^4 \div c^2$

$$8. \frac{(-7)^9}{(-7)^3}$$

$$9. \frac{h^7}{h^6}$$

$$10. \frac{4.2^6}{4.2^5}$$

**EXAMPLE 2: Simplifying an Expression**

$$A) \frac{3^4 \cdot 3^2}{3^3}$$

$$B) \frac{5^6 \cdot 5^2}{5^4}$$

$$11. \frac{a^{10}}{a^6} \cdot \frac{a^7}{a^4}$$

$$12. \frac{2^{15}}{2^3 \cdot 2^5}$$

$$13. \frac{d^5}{d} \cdot \frac{d^9}{d^8}$$

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### Homework #2

Simplify the expression. Write your answer as a power.

1. $\frac{6^{10}}{6^4}$	2. $\frac{8^9}{8^7}$	3. $\frac{(-3)^4}{(-3)^1}$	4. $\frac{4.5^5}{4.5^3}$
5. $\frac{5^5}{5^3}$	6. $\frac{64^4}{64^3}$	7. $\frac{(-17)^5}{(-17)^2}$	8. $\frac{(-7.9)^{10}}{(-7.9)^4}$
9. $\frac{(-6.4)^8}{(-6.4)^6}$	10. $\frac{\pi^{11}}{\pi^5}$	11. $\frac{b^{24}}{b^{11}}$	12. $\frac{n^{18}}{n^7}$

Simplify the expression. Write your answer as a power.

13.  $\frac{7^5 \cdot 7^3}{7^2}$

14.  $\frac{2^{19} \cdot 2^5}{2^{12} \cdot 2^3}$


15.  $\frac{(-8.3)^8 \cdot (-8.3)^4}{(-8.3)^7 \cdot (-8.3)^3}$

16.  $\frac{\pi^{30}}{\pi^{18} \cdot \pi^4}$

17.  $\frac{c^{22}}{c^8 \cdot c^9}$

18.  $\frac{k^{13}}{k^5} \cdot \frac{k^{17}}{k^{11}}$

19. Describe and correct the error in simplifying the quotient.

  $\frac{6^{15}}{6^6} = 6^{\frac{15}{6}}$   
 $= 6^3$

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**Example:** Find  $7^5 \div 7^3$

$$7^5 \div 7^3 \rightarrow \frac{7^5}{7^3} = \frac{\cancel{7} \cdot \cancel{7} \cdot \cancel{7} \cdot 7 \cdot 7}{\cancel{7} \cdot \cancel{7} \cdot \cancel{7}} = \frac{7 \cdot 7}{1} = 7^2$$

**Find each quotient.**

1.  $3^7 \div 3^3$

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

2.  $4^7 \div 4^5$

$$\frac{4^7}{4^5} = \frac{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot 4 \cdot 4} = \frac{4^2}{1} = 4^2$$

3.  $2^7 \div 2^6$

$$\frac{2^7}{2^6} = \frac{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 2}{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2}} = 2^1$$

4.  $5^4 \div 5$

$$\frac{5^4}{5} = \frac{\cancel{5} \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5}{\cancel{5}} = \frac{5^3}{1} = 5^3$$

### Dividing Powers with the Same Base

Words	Arithmetic	Algebra
To divide numbers or variables with the same base: 1. <u>Keep the base.</u>  2. <u>Subtract the exponents.</u>	$\frac{7^5}{7^3} = 7^{5-3} = 7^2$	$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$  where $a \neq 0$

**Write each expression using a single exponent.**

5.  $2^9 \div 2^7$

$$2^{9-7} = 2^2$$

6.  $r^9 \div r^6$

$$r^{9-6} = r^3$$

7.  $c^4 \div c^2$

$$c^{4-2} = c^2$$

$$8. \frac{(-7)^9}{(-7)^3}$$

$$(-7)^{9-3} = (-7)^6$$

$$9. \frac{h^7}{h^6}$$

$$h^{7-6} = h^1$$

$$10. \frac{4.2^6}{4.2^5}$$

$$4.2^{6-5} = 4.2^1$$

**EXAMPLE 2: Simplifying an Expression**

$$A) \frac{3^4 \cdot 3^2}{3^3} = \frac{3^6}{3^3} = 3^3$$

$$B) \frac{5^6 \cdot 5^2}{5^4} = \frac{5^8}{5^4} = 5^4$$

$$11. \frac{a^{10}}{a^6} \cdot \frac{a^7}{a^4}$$

$$\frac{a^4 \cdot a^3}{a^7}$$

(OR)

$$\frac{a^{10} \cdot a^7}{a^6 \cdot a^4}$$

$$\frac{a^{17}}{a^{10}}$$

$$a^7$$

$$12. \frac{2^{15}}{2^3 \cdot 2^5}$$

$$\frac{2^{15}}{2^8}$$

$$2^7$$

$$13. \frac{d^5}{d^1} \cdot \frac{d^9}{d^8}$$

$$\frac{d^4 \cdot d^1}{d^5}$$

## Homework #2

Simplify the expression. Write your answer as a power.

1. $\frac{6^{10}}{6^4}$ $6^{10-4} = 6^6$	2. $\frac{8^9}{8^7}$ $8^{9-7} = 8^2$	3. $\frac{(-3)^4}{(-3)^1}$ $(-3)^{4-1} = (-3)^3$	4. $\frac{4.5^5}{4.5^3}$ $4.5^{5-3} = 4.5^2$
5. $\frac{5^9}{5^3}$ $5^{9-3} = 5^6$	6. $\frac{64^4}{64^3}$ $64^{4-3} = 64^1$	7. $\frac{(-17)^5}{(-17)^2}$ $(-17)^{5-2} = (-17)^3$	8. $\frac{(-7.9)^{10}}{(-7.9)^4}$ $(-7.9)^{10-4} = (-7.9)^6$
9. $\frac{(-6.4)^8}{(-6.4)^6}$ $(-6.4)^{8-6} = (-6.4)^2$	10. $\frac{\pi^{11}}{\pi^7}$ $\pi^{11-7} = \pi^4$	11. $\frac{b^{24}}{b^{11}}$ $b^{24-11} = b^{13}$	12. $\frac{n^{18}}{n^7}$ $n^{18-7} = n^{11}$

Simplify the expression. Write your answer as a power.

$$13. \frac{7^5 \cdot 7^3}{7^2} = \frac{7^8}{7^2} = 7^6$$

$$14. \frac{2^{19} \cdot 2^5}{2^{12} \cdot 2^4} = \frac{2^{24}}{2^{16}} = 2^8$$

$$15. \frac{(-8.3)^6}{(-8.3)^7} \cdot \frac{(-8.3)^4}{(-8.3)^3}$$

$$(-8.3)^{-1} \cdot (-8.3)^1$$

$$(-8.3)^2$$

$$16. \frac{\pi^{30}}{\pi^{18} \cdot \pi^4} = \pi^8$$

$$17. \frac{c^{22}}{c^8 \cdot c^9} = c^5$$

$$18. \frac{k^{13}}{k^5} \cdot \frac{k^{17}}{k^{11}}$$

$$k^8 \cdot k^6$$

$$k^{14}$$

19. Describe and correct the error in simplifying the quotient.

Instead of subtracting the exponents, they divided them.

$$\times \frac{6^{15}}{6^5} = 6^{\frac{15}{5}} = 6^3$$

$$\frac{6^{15}}{6^5} = 6^{15-5} = 6^{10}$$