

Here is a walk-through example of how to do a problem like this:

Example 1. Use rules of exponents to rewrite the following expression without any fractions (using negative exponents if needed):

$$\left(\frac{\frac{a^3 b^2 c^{-4} d^6}{a^2 d^{-2}}}{\frac{a^4 c^{-2}}{c^3 d}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{\frac{b^2 c d^3}{a^2}}{\frac{b^3 c}{a^{-2} d^3}} \right)^{-3}$$

Solution: First, we should try to simplify the parts inside the large parentheses. Keep in mind this means we will need to do a bunch of algebra and our last line is likely to involve a ton of cancellation, so remember to use all the rules to combine exponentials with the same base to see how the below happens (especially the last step!)

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\frac{a^3 b^2 c^{-4} d^6}{a^2 d^{-2}}}{\frac{a^4 c^{-2}}{c^3 d}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{\frac{b^2 c d^3}{a^2}}{\frac{b^3 c}{a^{-2} d^3}} \right)^{-3} &= \left(\frac{a^3 b^2 c^{-4} d^6}{a^2 d^{-2}} \cdot \frac{c^3 d}{a^4 c^{-2}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{b^2 c d^3}{a^2} \cdot \frac{a^{-2} d^3}{b^3 c} \right)^{-3} && \text{Step 1: Invert the bottom fractions and multiply} \\ &= \left(\frac{a^3 b^2 c^{-4} d^6 c^3 d}{a^2 d^{-2} a^4 c^{-2}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{b^2 c d^3 a^{-2} d^3}{a^2 b^3 c} \right)^{-3} && \text{Step 2: Multiply straight across} \\ &= \left(\frac{b^2 c d^9}{a^3} \right)^5 \left(\frac{d^6}{a^4 b} \right)^{-3} && \text{Step 3: Combine like terms to simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

Next we want to distribute the large power to each of the terms inside the parentheses. We can do this **only because** everything inside is being multiplied! In essence, the inside is factored, so we can distribute the outer power.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\frac{a^3 b^2 c^{-4} d^6}{a^2 d^{-2}}}{\frac{a^4 c^{-2}}{c^3 d}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{\frac{b^2 c d^3}{a^2}}{\frac{b^3 c}{a^{-2} d^3}} \right)^{-3} &= \left(\frac{b^2 c d^9}{a^3} \right)^5 \left(\frac{d^6}{a^4 b} \right)^{-3} && \text{From previous work.} \\ &= \left(\frac{b^{10} c^5 d^{45}}{a^{15}} \right) \left(\frac{d^{-18}}{a^{-12} b^{-3}} \right) && \text{Distribute Power. } ^1 \\ &= \frac{b^{10} c^5 d^{45} d^{-18}}{a^{15} a^{-12} b^{-3}} && \text{Multiple Straight Across.} \\ &= \frac{b^{13} c^5 d^{27}}{a^3} && \text{Simplify powers using Exponential Properties.} \\ &= a^{-3} b^{13} c^5 d^{27} && \text{Rewrite using negative exponents to avoid having a fraction.} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1 Use rules of exponents to rewrite the following expression without any fractions (using negative exponents if needed).

$$\left(\frac{\frac{y}{r^5 x^4 z^6}}{\frac{x^4 y^4 z^2}{r^5}} \right)^3 \cdot \left(\frac{\frac{r^6}{x^2 y^5 z}}{\frac{y^3}{r^4 x^6 z^4}} \right)^1 = x^{\boxed{-20}} \cdot y^{\boxed{-17}} \cdot z^{\boxed{-21}} \cdot r^{\boxed{10}}$$

Feedback(attempt): Follow the walkthrough above closely; start with simplifying the inside of each set of parentheses, then distribute the power from the parentheses, then combine the two results into a single fraction.

Problem 2 Use rules of exponents to rewrite the following expression without any fractions (using negative exponents if needed).

$$\left(\frac{\frac{r y^5 z}{x^2}}{\frac{y^5}{r^2 x^5 z^4}} \right)^{-1} \cdot \left(\frac{\frac{y^4}{r^4 x^3 z^6}}{\frac{r^5 y^3}{x^3 z^5}} \right)^{-5} = x^{\boxed{-3}} \cdot y^{\boxed{-5}} \cdot z^{\boxed{0}} \cdot r^{\boxed{42}}$$

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Problem 3 Use rules of exponents to rewrite the following expression without any fractions (using negative exponents if needed).

$$\left(\frac{r^2 x^2}{z^5}\right)^{-1} \cdot \left(\frac{r^5 x^6 z}{y^6}\right)^{-6} = x^{\boxed{-64}} \cdot y^{\boxed{43}} \cdot z^{\boxed{-8}} \cdot r^{\boxed{-13}}$$

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Problem 4 Use rules of exponents to rewrite the following expression without any fractions (using negative exponents if needed).

$$\left(\frac{r^4 x^4 y^5}{z^6}\right)^3 \cdot \left(\frac{r^4 x^6 y z^5}{y^4 z^4 r^4 x^6}\right)^4 = x^{\boxed{51}} \cdot y^{\boxed{-15}} \cdot z^{\boxed{-17}} \cdot r^{\boxed{26}}$$

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