

Topic 4: Simplify by using the laws of exponents for real numbers and variables

Simplify each expression and write without negative exponents.

1. $\frac{5^{-1}z}{x^{-1}y^{-1}}$

2. $(2x^4y^7)(4x^3y^{-5})$

3. $\frac{6x^{-2}y^3z^{-2}}{-2x^4y}$

4. $(-4x^{-3}y^5)^{-3}$

5. $\left(\frac{x^6y^{-2}}{x^{-2}y^3}\right)^2$

6. $\frac{(3x^{-4}y^2)^3}{(4x^2y^3)^2}$

7. $\frac{(2xy^2z^{-3})^2}{(3x^{-1}yz^2)^{-1}}$

Answers

1. $\frac{xyz}{5}$

2. $8x^7y^2$

3. $-\frac{3y^2}{x^6z^2}$

4. $\frac{-x^9}{64y^{15}}$

5. $\frac{x^{16}}{y^{10}}$

6. $\frac{27}{16x^{16}}$

7. $\frac{12xy^5}{z^4}$