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1 as an exponent:

For every number a ,

$$a^1 = a$$

Any number raised to the first power = itself

If there is no exponent on a number it is assumed to be 1

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$$a^0 = 1$$

any number, a , to the zero power equals 1

EXCEPT:
 a can't be zero.

Why isn't $0^0 = 1$?

$$\begin{aligned} 0^3 &= 0 \\ 0^2 &= 0 \\ 0^1 &= 0 \dots \end{aligned}$$

by this pattern it appears that 0^0 should be 0

$$\begin{aligned} 3^0 &= 1 \\ 2^0 &= 1 \\ 1^0 &= 1 \dots \end{aligned}$$

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Since 0^0 can't be both 0 and 1
 0^0 is undefined.

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

As you move down a column divide by 2.

$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$ any number, a , raised to a negative integer power is the reciprocal of that number to the positive power.

EXCEPT a can't be zero.

Simplify each. Write your answer so that no exponents are zero or negative.

$$Q^{-5} = \frac{1}{Q^5} \quad 5a^{-2} = \frac{5}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{4}{e^{-3}} = 4e^3 \quad 7Q^{-5}R^0 = \frac{7}{Q^5}$$

$$\frac{-7x^{-2}}{y^{-1}} = \frac{-7y}{x^2} \quad 6b^{-2} + c^0 = \frac{6}{b^2} + 1$$

$$3^{-2}m^{-4}n$$

$$\frac{n}{3^2 m^4} = \boxed{\frac{n}{9 m^4}}$$

$$\frac{c^{-3}d^{-2}}{-6b^4} = \boxed{\frac{1}{-6c^3d^2b^4}}$$

$$\frac{10p^{-5}q^6}{m^0n^{-2}} = \boxed{\frac{10n^2q^6}{p^5}}$$

$$\frac{5^{-2}a^{-1}b^{-4}}{4c^6d^{-7}}$$

$$= \frac{5^2 \downarrow 7}{25 a b^4 4c^6} = \boxed{\frac{d^7}{100ab^4c^6}}$$