

Developing Rules to Divide Integers



- The same rules apply to the product of 2 integers.

For $(-2)(+5) = -10$, the related division facts are:

$$(-10) \div (-2) = +5 \quad \text{and} \quad (-10) \div (+5) = -2$$

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dividend divisor quotient

- The quotient of 2 integers with the same sign is positive.

$$(+10) \div (+2) = +5 \qquad (-10) \div (-2) = +5$$

- The quotient of 2 integers with different signs is negative.

$$(+10) \div (-2) = -5 \qquad (-10) \div (+2) = -5$$

- A division expression can be written using a division sign, $(-24) \div (-6)$, or it can be written as a fraction, $\frac{(-24)}{(-6)}$.

Practice

- 1.** For each product, complete the 2 related division facts and name the sign of the quotient.

Multiplication Fact	Related Division Facts	Sign of Quotient
$(+2)(+3) = +6$	$(+6) \div (+2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
	$(+6) \div (+3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
$(-2)(-3) = +6$	$(+6) \div (-2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
	$(+6) \div (-3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
$(+2)(-3) = -6$	$(-6) \div (+2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
	$(-6) \div (-3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
$(-2)(+3) = -6$	$(-6) \div (-2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
	$(-6) \div (+3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2. Use your results in question 1. Complete these 2 statements.

When 2 integers have the same sign, their quotient is _____.

When 2 integers have different signs, their quotient is _____.

3. Find a pattern rule for each division pattern.

Extend the pattern 3 more rows.

a) $(+6) \div (-2) = -3$

$(+4) \div (-2) = -2$

$(+2) \div (-2) = -1$

$(0) \div (-2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

b) $(-12) \div (-4) = +3$

$(-8) \div (-4) = +2$

$(-4) \div (-4) = +1$

$(0) \div (-4) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

HINT

To find a pattern rule, look for a pattern in the dividends and in the quotients.



Use the last 3 rows of each pattern. Complete these statements.

When both the dividend and divisor are negative, the quotient is _____.

When the dividend is positive and the divisor is negative, the quotient is _____.

4. Find each quotient.

a) $(+15) \div (-3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ b) $(-32) \div (+4) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ c) $(+72) \div (-8) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

d) $(-54) \div (-9) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ e) $(-72) \div (+6) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ f) $(+88) \div (+11) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

g) $(-42) \div (-6) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ h) $(+108) \div (+9) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ i) $(-56) \div (+7) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

5. Use 2 of these 5 integers. Write a division fact with each quotient.

-2 +3 +12 -1 +4

a) a quotient of -2

b) the greatest quotient

c) the least quotient

d) a quotient between -5 and -10

6. Use a calculator to divide.

a) $(+247) \div (-13) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

b) $(-851) \div (-37) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

c) $\frac{(-748)}{(-68)} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

d) $\frac{(-1485)}{(+33)} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Tip

Look for the $(-)$ or $(+/-)$ key on your calculator to key in negative numbers.