

Order of Operation

Unless told otherwise use

P lease
E xcuse
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S ally

Parentheses

Exponents

Multiplication and Division (left to right)

Addition and Subtraction (left to right)

for parentheses inside parentheses work from the inside out

$$\begin{aligned} & 5(3+2)^2 & 9/3 \cdot 3 & \text{divide then multiply} & 9/(3 \cdot 3) & \text{multiply then divide} \\ = 5(5)^2 & & = 3 \cdot 3 & & = 9/9 & \\ = 5(25) & & = 9 & & = 1 & \\ = 125 & & & & & \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 4+5 \cdot 6 & \text{multiply} & 9(6+5) & \text{parentheses} \\ = 4+30 & & \text{Add} & = 9(11) & \text{multiply} \\ = 34 & & & = 99 & \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(3+5)+7 \cdot 4 & \text{parentheses} & 3 \cdot 4 \div 2 \cdot 7 + 5 & \text{multiply} \\ = 2(8)+7 \cdot 4 & & \text{multiply} & = 12 \div 2 \cdot 7 + 5 & \text{Divide} \\ = 16+28 & & \text{add} & = 6 \cdot 7 + 5 & \text{Multiply} \\ = 44 & & & = 42+5 & \text{Add} \\ & & & = 47 & \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 45 - 2^3 \cdot 3 + 7 & \text{exponent} & & & \\ = 45 - 8 \cdot 3 + 7 & & \text{multiply} & & & \\ = 45 - 24 + 7 & & \text{subtract} & \rightarrow \text{note } 45 - 24 + 7 & & \text{Associative} \\ = 21 + 7 & & \text{Add} & = 45 - 17 & & \text{Property} \\ = 28 & & & = 28 & & \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 72 \div 2 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 2^3 - 3^3 & \text{exponent} & & & \\ = 72 \div 2 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 8 - 27 & & \text{Divide} & & & \\ = 36 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 8 - 27 & & \text{Multiply} & & & \\ = 108 + 32 - 27 & & \text{Add} & & & \\ = 140 - 27 & & \text{Subtract} & & & \\ = 113 & & & & & \end{aligned}$$

Simplify the numerator and denominator separately
then divide if possible

$$\frac{2(7+8)+2}{3 \cdot 5 + 1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Parentheses} \\ \text{multiply} \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{2(15)+2}{15+1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{multiply} \\ \text{Add} \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{30+2}{16} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Add} \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{32}{16} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Divide/Simplify} \end{array}$$

$$= 2$$