

7. $(-\frac{2}{3})^4$

$$\ominus \frac{2}{3} \cdot \ominus \frac{2}{3} \cdot \ominus \frac{2}{3} \cdot \ominus \frac{2}{3}$$

$$+ \frac{16}{81}$$

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→ ① The exponent tells you how many times to multiply the base times itself.

→ ② Multiply numerators
Multiply denominators

→ ③ A negative times a negative equals a positive number.
So four negatives multiplying together makes a positive answer.