Using the Quotient Rule in Complex Quotients Step by Step Lesson

Find the quotient.

$$\frac{16x^5}{4x^3}$$



Explanation:

Step 1) Separate into numerical and variable factors:

$$\frac{16x^5}{4x^3} = \left[\frac{16}{4}\right] \left(\frac{x^5}{x^3}\right]$$

Step 2) Perform the quotient operation on each factor.

$$\left(\frac{16}{4}\right) = 4 \quad \left(\frac{x^5}{x^3}\right) \text{ using the quotient rule } x^{5-3} = x^2$$

Step 3) Combine the factors.

$$4x^2$$