

Rational Expression Worksheet #6: Multiplying & Dividing

Multiply or divide the rational expressions. Show work & factor when necessary.

$$1. \frac{2x+6}{5x+10} \cdot \frac{x+2}{x^2+4x+3} = \frac{2(x+3)}{5(x+2)} \cdot \frac{x+2}{(x+3)(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{5(x+1)}$$

$$3. \frac{x^2-5x+4}{x^2} \div \frac{x-1}{x} = \frac{(x-4)(x-1)}{x^2} \cdot \frac{x}{x-1}$$

$$= \frac{x-4}{x}$$

$$5. \frac{5x-15}{4x^2} \cdot \frac{x^3}{6x-18} = \frac{5(x-3)}{4x^2} \cdot \frac{x^3}{6(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{5x}{24}$$

$$7. \frac{x^2+5x-24}{2x+2} \div \frac{3x+24}{x^2-8x-9}$$

$$= \frac{(x+8)(x-3)}{2(x+1)} \cdot \frac{(x-9)(x+1)}{3(x+8)} = \frac{(x-3)(x-9)}{6}$$

$$9. \frac{4x}{8x+8} \cdot \frac{x^2+8x+7}{8x^3}$$

$$= \frac{4x}{8(x+1)} \cdot \frac{(x+1)(x+7)}{8x^3} = \frac{4x(x+7)}{64x^3}$$

$$= \frac{x+7}{16x^2}$$

$$2. \frac{x^2-x-12}{3x-9} \div \frac{x-4}{12} = \frac{(x-4)(x+3)}{3(x-3)} \cdot \frac{12}{x-4}$$

$$= \frac{12(x+3)}{3(x-3)} = \frac{4(x+3)}{x-3}$$

$$4. \frac{6}{x^2+9x+20} \cdot \frac{8x+40}{6x-12} = \frac{6}{(x+4)(x+5)} \cdot \frac{8(x+5)}{6(x-2)}$$

$$= \frac{8}{(x+4)(x-2)}$$

$$6. \frac{7x^2}{12x} \div \frac{14x^3}{48y^3} = \frac{7x^2}{12x} \cdot \frac{48y^3}{14x^3}$$

$$= \frac{336x^2y^3}{168x^4} = \frac{2y^3}{x^2}$$

$$8. \frac{24x^3}{50x} \cdot \frac{30}{8x^2} = \frac{3x}{5x} \cdot \frac{3}{1}$$

$$= \frac{9x}{5}$$

$$10. \frac{6x-12}{x^2-9x+18} \cdot \frac{7x-21}{5x-10}$$

$$= \frac{6(x-2)}{(x-3)(x-6)} \cdot \frac{7(x-3)}{5(x-2)}$$

$$= \frac{42}{5(x-6)}$$