

6.2 Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

REMEMBER

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{4}{7} \times \frac{14}{3} = \frac{56}{21} = \frac{8}{3}$$

OR

$$\frac{\cancel{4}^{\textcircled{2}}}{\cancel{7}_{\textcircled{1}}} \times \frac{14}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{-3}{10} \div \frac{9}{25} = \frac{-\cancel{3}^{\textcircled{-1}}}{\cancel{10}_{\textcircled{2}}} \times \frac{\cancel{25}^{\textcircled{5}}}{\cancel{9}_{\textcircled{3}}} = \frac{-5}{6}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{9y}{4x} \cdot \frac{7y}{x^5} = \frac{63y^2}{4x^6}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \frac{3}{x^3} \div \frac{5}{x^5} = \frac{3}{x^3} \times \frac{x^5}{5} = \frac{3x^5}{5x^3} = \frac{3}{5}x^2$$

Multiply Rational Expressions

ex. 1 $\frac{2a}{9} \cdot \frac{3b^2}{5a^2}$ non-perm. $\rightarrow a \neq 0$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\frac{ab^2}{a^2}$$

ONLY positive exponents

$$\frac{2}{15}$$

$$\frac{b^2}{a}$$

$$\frac{2b^2}{15a}$$

2. $\frac{\cancel{2}x^2(\cancel{x+2})}{3x} \cdot \frac{5(x-4)}{\cancel{8}x(\cancel{x+2})}$ FACTORED FORM

$= \frac{\cancel{x}^2 \cdot 5(x-4)}{\cancel{3}x \cdot \cancel{4}x} = \frac{5(x-4)}{12}$

Divide Rational Expressions

3. $\frac{7n^3}{4} \div \frac{(7n)^2}{-12}$ $(7n)^2 \neq 0$
 $n \neq 0$ N.P.V.

$= \frac{7n^3}{\cancel{4}} \times \frac{\cancel{-12}^{-3}}{(7n)^2}$

$= \frac{\cancel{7}^1 \cancel{n}^3 \cdot (-3)}{\cancel{7}^1 \cancel{4}^2 \cancel{n}^2}$

$= \frac{-3n}{7}$

4. $\frac{5(x-3)}{2x} \div \frac{10(x-3)}{3x(x+5)}$ FACTORED FORM

$= \frac{\cancel{5}(x-3)}{\cancel{2}x} \cdot \frac{3x(x+5)}{\cancel{10}(x+5)}$

$$= \frac{-5(\cancel{x-3})}{2x} \times \frac{3x(\cancel{x+5})}{10(\cancel{x-3})} \Rightarrow \frac{-15\cancel{x}(\cancel{x+5})}{20\cancel{x}}$$

$$= \frac{3(x+5)}{4}$$

$$5. \frac{x^2 + 9x + 20}{2x^2 + 6x - 8} \times \frac{x^2 - 1}{3x + 15}$$

diff. sq. GCF

Factor!!

$$= \frac{(\cancel{x+4})(\cancel{x+5})}{2(x^2 + 3x - 4)} \times \frac{(\cancel{x-1})(\cancel{x+1})}{3(\cancel{x+5})}$$

(2)(x-1)(x+4)

$$= \frac{x+1}{6}$$

$$6. \frac{x-2}{3x-21} \div \frac{3x^2-12}{3x^2-12x-63}$$

GCF 3(x²-4) diff. sq.
GCF 3(x²-4x-21) TRI -7/3

$$= \frac{\cancel{x-2}}{3(\cancel{x-7})} \cdot \frac{3(\cancel{x-7})(x+3)}{3(\cancel{x-2})(x+2)}$$

$$= \frac{(x+3)}{3(x+2)}$$

NPV

$$\begin{aligned} x-7 &\neq 0 \\ x &\neq 7 \\ x-2 &\neq 0 \\ x &\neq \pm 2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} x+3 \neq 0 \\ \hline 1 \neq -3 \end{array}$$