

4 Rational Expressions and Equations #5: Multiplication of Rational Expressions



Simplify $\frac{2m^3 - 4m^2}{3m^2 - 9m} \times \frac{m^2 - m - 6}{m^2 - 4}$. State the restrictions on the variable.



Simplify $\left(\frac{a^2 + 8a + 15}{6a^2 + 21a + 9} \right) \left(\frac{a - 4a^3}{2a^2 + 9a - 5} \right)$. State the nonpermissible values.

Complete Assignment Questions #1 - #8

Assignment

1. Simplify. State the restrictions on the variables.

a) $\frac{8a^2b^2c}{12abc^2} \times \frac{12a^2c}{6bc}$

b) $\frac{9x^4y^3}{12x^5} \times \frac{48x^2y^3}{14y} \times \frac{6x}{27y^4} = \frac{2592x^7y^6}{4536x^5y^5}$

$$= \frac{4}{7}x^2y$$

2. Simplify. State the restrictions on the variable.

a) $\frac{15a^2(a-1)}{8(2a+3)} \times \frac{10(2a+3)}{3d}$

$$\frac{25(a-1)}{4}, a \neq -\frac{3}{2}, 0$$

b) $\frac{7x(x+2)(x-3)}{21(x-7)(x+7)} \times \frac{(x+7)^2(x-7)}{2x(x-3)}$

$$\frac{7(x+2)(x+7)}{42} = \frac{(x+2)(x+7)}{6}, x \neq -7, 0, 3$$

c) $\frac{6y-30}{(y-1)} \times \frac{5y-5}{3y^2-15y}$
 $6(y-5) \cdot 5(y-1)$
 $(y-1)\cancel{3y}(y-5)$

$$\frac{30}{3y} = 10y, y \neq 0, 1, 5$$

d) $\frac{10x+2}{5x-1} \times \frac{x-1}{35x+7}$

$$\frac{2(5x+1)}{5x-1} \cdot \frac{x-1}{7(5x+1)}$$

$$\frac{2(x-1)}{5x-1}, x \neq \pm\frac{1}{5}$$

3. Simplify. State the nonpermissible values.

a) $\frac{x^2-9}{6x+24} \times \frac{10x+40}{x(x+3)}$

$$\frac{(x-3)(x+3)}{6(x+4)} \cdot \frac{10(x+4)}{x(x+3)}$$

$$\frac{5(x-3)}{3}, x \neq -4, -3, 0$$

b) $\frac{4a^2-1}{4a^2-16} \times \frac{(2-a)}{2a-1}$

$$\frac{(2a-1)(2a+1)(-1)(a-2)}{4(a-2)(a+1)(2a-1)}$$

$$-\frac{(2a+1)}{4(a+1)}, a \neq -1, 2, \frac{1}{2}$$

c) $\frac{x^2+5x+6}{3x} \times \frac{6x}{x^2+9x+14}$

$$\frac{(x+2)(x+3)}{3x} \cdot \frac{6x}{(x+7)(x+2)}$$

$$2(x+3), x \neq 0, -7, -2$$

d) $\frac{2y^3-4y^2}{3y^2-9y} \times \frac{y^2-y-6}{y^2-4}$

$$\frac{2y^2(y-2)(y-3)(y+2)}{3y(y-3)(y-2)(y+2)}$$

$$\frac{2y(y-2)}{3(y+2)}, y \neq 0, 3, \pm 2$$

4. Simplify. State the nonpermissible values.

a) $\left(\frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^2 + 3x - 4} \right) \left(\frac{x^2 + 9x + 20}{x^2 + x - 6} \right)$

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

$$\frac{x+5}{x+3}, x \neq -4, -3, 1, 2$$

c) $\frac{x^2 - 6x}{x^2 + 5x} \times \frac{x^2 + 7x + 10}{18 - 3x}$

$$\frac{x(x-6)}{x(x+5)} \frac{(x+5)(x+2)}{-3(x-6)}$$

$$\frac{(x+2)}{-3}, x \neq 0, -5, 6$$

5. Consider the rectangle shown.

- a) Write and simplify an expression for the area of the rectangle.

$$\begin{aligned} A = l \cdot w &= \frac{20x}{x^3 - 2x^2} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 4x + 4}{5x} \\ &= \frac{20x}{x^2(x-2)} \cdot \frac{(x-2)(x-4)}{5x} \\ &= \frac{4(x-4)}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

- b) Calculate the exact area if $x = 4\sqrt{5}$ cm.

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{4(4\sqrt{5} - 4)}{(4\sqrt{5})^2} \\ &= \frac{16\sqrt{5} - 16}{16(5)} = \frac{16\sqrt{5} - 16}{80} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{5} - 1}{10} \end{aligned}$$

6. Simplify.

$$\text{a) } \frac{2(x^2 - 4y^2)}{12x + 6y} \times \frac{18x^2 + 9xy}{6x + 12y}$$

$$\frac{2(x-2y)(x+2y)}{6(2x+y)} \cdot \frac{9x(2x+y)}{6(x+2y)}$$

$$\frac{18x(x-2y)}{36}$$

$$= \frac{18x(x-2y)}{36}$$

$$x \neq 0, -\frac{y}{2}, -2y$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{p^2 + 2pq - 15q^2}{3p^2 - 33pq + 84q^2} \times \frac{12q^2 + qp - p^2}{2p^2 + 16pq + 30q^2}$$

$$\frac{(p-3q)(p+5q)}{3(p-4q)(p-7q)} \cdot \frac{-1(p-4q)(p+3q)}{2(p+5q)(p+3q)}$$

$$\frac{-(p-3q)}{6(p-7q)} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{(-p+3q)}{6(p-7q)}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{(3q-p)}{6(p-7q)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -p^2 + q^2 p + 12q^2 \\ & -1(p^2 - q^2 p - 12q^2) \\ & -1(p-4q)(p+3q) \end{aligned}$$

Multiple
Choice

7. For all $x \neq 1, \pm \frac{7}{3}$, $\frac{(3x-7)^3}{3x^2 - 10x + 7} \times \frac{4-4x}{9x^2 - 49}$ reduces to $3x^2 - 10x + 7$.

A. -4

B. $\frac{4(3x+7)}{3x-7}$

C. $\frac{4(3x-7)}{(3x+7)}$

D. $-\frac{4(3x-7)}{3x+7}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(3x-7)(3x+7)(3x-1) \cancel{4}(1-x)}{(x-1)\cancel{(3x-7)} \cancel{(3x+7)}} - (-1+x) \quad \left| \begin{array}{c} x = 1 \\ 3x = 3 \\ -7 = -7 \\ x = 7 \end{array} \right. \\ & \frac{-4(3x-7)}{3x+7} \end{aligned}$$

Numerical Response

8. For the appropriate restrictions, the product $\left(\frac{12x - 24}{3x^2 - 12}\right) \left(\frac{6(x^2 + 5x + 6)}{2x + 6}\right)$ reduces to a whole number, k . The value of k is $3(x^2 - 4)$

(Record your answer in the numerical response box from left to right.)

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$$\frac{12(x-2)(x+6)(x+3)}{3(x-2)(x+6)(x+3)}$$

Answer Key

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| 1. a) $\frac{4a^3}{3c}$, $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$ | b) $\frac{4x^2y}{7}$, $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$ | | | | |
| 2. a) $\frac{25a(a-1)}{4}$, $a \neq -\frac{3}{2}, 0$ | b) $\frac{(x+2)(x+7)}{6}$, $x \neq 0, 3, \pm 7$ | | | | |
| c) $\frac{10}{y}$, $y \neq 0, 1, 5$ | d) $\frac{2(x-1)}{7(5x-1)}$, $x \neq \pm \frac{1}{5}$ | | | | |
| 3. a) $\frac{5(x-3)}{3x}$, $x \neq -4, -3, 0$ | b) $\frac{-2a-1}{4(a+2)}$, $a \neq \pm 2, \frac{1}{2}$ | | | | |
| c) $\frac{2(x+3)}{x+7}$, $x \neq -7, -2, 0$ | d) $\frac{2y}{3}$, $y \neq \pm 2, 0, 3$ | | | | |
| 4. a) $\frac{x+5}{x+3}$, $x \neq -4, -3, 1, 2$ | b) $\frac{2(t+2)}{t+1}$, $t \neq -3, \pm 1, 2$ | | | | |
| c) $\frac{-x-2}{3}$, $x \neq -5, 0, 6$ | d) $\frac{3(a-1)(a-2)}{8a}$, $a \neq 0, 4$ | | | | |
| 5. a) $\frac{4(x-2)}{x^2}$ | b) $\frac{2\sqrt{5}-1}{10}$ cm ² | | | | |
| 6. a) $\frac{x(x-2y)}{2}$, $x \neq -\frac{1}{2}y, -2y$ | b) $\frac{3q-p}{6(p-7q)}$, $p \neq -5q, -3q, 4q, 7q$ | | | | |
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