

What you will learn about:  
 Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

Multiply a rational expression  
 Step 1 – Factor each numerator and denominator completely

Step 2 – Multiply the numerators and denominators

Step 3 – Simplify by dividing out common factors

Multiply:

$$\frac{10}{28} \cdot \frac{8}{15} \qquad \frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{15}{12} \qquad \frac{20}{15} \cdot \frac{6}{8}$$

$$\frac{2x}{3y^2} \cdot \frac{6xy^3}{x^2y} \qquad \frac{3pq}{q^2} \cdot \frac{5p^2q}{6pq} \qquad \frac{6x^3y}{7x^2} \cdot \frac{2xy^3}{x^2y}$$

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

Factor First

$$\frac{2x}{x^2-7x+12} \cdot \frac{x^2-9}{6x^2} \qquad \frac{5x}{x^2+5x+6} \cdot \frac{x^2-4}{10x} \qquad \frac{n^2-7n}{n^2+2n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{2n}$$

$$\frac{2x}{(x-5)(x-4)} \cdot \frac{(x-3)(x+3)}{6x^2} \cdot \frac{x-2}{2(x+3)} \qquad \frac{n(n-7)}{(n+1)(n+1)} \cdot \frac{n+1}{2n}$$

$$\frac{x^2-25}{x^2-3x-10} \cdot \frac{x+2}{x} \qquad \frac{16-4x}{2x-12} \cdot \frac{x^2-5x-6}{x^2-16} \qquad \frac{12x-6x^2}{x^2+8x} \cdot \frac{x^2+11x+24}{x^2-4}$$

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

$$\frac{-4x+16}{2x-12} \cdot \frac{(x-4)(x+1)}{(x-4)(x+4)} \cdot \frac{-2(x+1)}{2(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{-6x^2+12x}{x^2+8x} \cdot \frac{(x+2)(x+3)}{(x+2)(x+2)} \cdot \frac{-6(x+3)}{(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{-3v^2+6v}{9v+36}$$

$$\frac{-3v(v-2)}{9(v+4)}$$

$$\frac{v^2+7v+12}{v^2-9}$$

$$\frac{(v+3)(v+4)}{(v-3)(v+3)}$$

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

$$\frac{b^2-b}{b^2+9b-10} \cdot \frac{b^2-10b}{b^2-10b} \cdot \frac{(b+10)(b+10)}{b(b+10)}$$

$$\frac{-v(v+5)}{3(v+5)} = -\frac{v}{3}$$

Dividing Rational Expressions

Step 1 – Rewrite the division as the products of the first rational expressions and the reciprocal of the second

Step 2 – Factor each numerator and denominator completely

Step 3 - Multiply the numerator and denominators

Step 4 – Simplify by dividing out common factors

$$\frac{x+9}{6-x} \div \frac{x^2-81}{x-6}$$

$$\frac{x+9}{6-x} \cdot \frac{x-6}{x^2-81}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{(x-9)}$$

$$\frac{3n^2}{n^2-4n} \div \frac{9n^2-45n}{n^2-7n+10}$$

$$\frac{3n^2}{n(n-4)} \cdot \frac{(n-5)(n-2)}{n(n-5)}$$

$$\frac{n-2}{3(n-4)}$$

$$\frac{2x^2+5x-12}{x^2-16} \div \frac{2x^2-13x+15}{x^2-8x+16}$$

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

$$\frac{x-4}{x-5}$$

$$\frac{4b^2+7b-2}{1-b^2} \div \frac{4b^2+15b-4}{b^2-2b+1}$$

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

$$\frac{x-4}{x-5}$$

$$\frac{4b^2+7b-2}{(b-1)(b+1)} \cdot \frac{(b-1)(b+1)}{(b-1)(b+1)}$$

$$\frac{x^3-8}{3x^2-6x+12} \div \frac{x^2-4}{6}$$

$$\frac{(x-2)(x^2+2x+4)}{3(x-1)(x-2)} \cdot \frac{6}{(x+2)(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{2(x-2)}{(x-1)(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{2z^2}{z^2-1} \div \frac{z^2-z^2+z}{z^3-1}$$

$$\frac{2z^2}{(z-1)(z+1)} \cdot \frac{(z-1)(z+1)(z-1)}{(z-1)(z+1)(z-1)}$$

$$\frac{2z^2}{z-1}$$

$$\frac{c+3}{5-c} \div \frac{c^2-9}{c-5}$$

$$\frac{c+3}{-(c-5)} \cdot \frac{c-5}{c^2-9}$$

$$\frac{c+3}{(c-5)} \cdot \frac{(c-5)}{(c+3)(c-3)}$$

$$\frac{1}{(c-3)}$$

$$\frac{2m^2}{m^2-8m} \div \frac{8m^2-24m}{m^2+m-6}$$

$$\frac{2m^2}{m(m-8)} \cdot \frac{(m+3)(m-2)}{m(m-3)}$$

$$\frac{(m+3)(m-2)}{4(m-8)(m-3)}$$

$$\frac{3a^2-8a-3}{a^2-25} \div \frac{3a^2-14a-5}{a^2+10a+25}$$

$$\frac{(3a+1)(a-3)}{(a+5)(a-5)} \cdot \frac{(a+5)(a+5)}{(3a+1)(a-5)}$$

$$\frac{(a-3)(a+5)}{(a-5)(a-5)}$$

$$\frac{p^3-q^3}{2p^2+2pq+2q^2} \div \frac{p^2-q^2}{6}$$

$$\frac{(p-q)(p^2+pq+q^2)}{2(p+q)(p+q)}$$

$$\frac{(p-q)(p+q)}{2(p+q)}$$

$$\frac{(p-q)}{2}$$

$$\frac{2-d}{d-4} \div \frac{4-d^2}{d-4}$$

$$\frac{2-d}{d-4} \cdot \frac{d-4}{4-d^2}$$

$$\frac{2-d}{d-4} \cdot \frac{d-4}{(2+d)(2-d)}$$

$$\frac{1}{d+2}$$

$$\frac{15n^2}{3n^2+33n} \div \frac{5n-n}{n^2+9n-22}$$

$$\frac{15n^2}{3n(n+11)} \cdot \frac{(n+11)(n-2)}{n(5n-1)}$$

$$\frac{5(n-2)}{5n-1}$$

$$\frac{3a^2-8a-3}{a^2-25} \div \frac{3a^2-14a-5}{a^2+10a+25}$$

$$\frac{(3a+1)(a-3)}{(a+5)(a-5)} \cdot \frac{(a+5)(a+5)}{(3a+1)(a-5)}$$

$$\frac{(a-3)(a+5)}{(a-5)(a-5)}$$

$$\frac{p^3-q^3}{2p^2+2pq+2q^2} \div \frac{p^2-q^2}{6}$$

$$\frac{(p-q)(p^2+pq+q^2)}{2(p+q)(p+q)}$$

$$\frac{(p-q)(p+q)}{2(p+q)}$$

$$\frac{(p-q)}{2}$$

$$\frac{-9}{-9 \cdot 1} (3a^2-9a)(a-3)$$

$$2x^2-13x+15 \quad \begin{matrix} 30 \\ -3 \cdot -10 \end{matrix}$$

$$(2x^2-3x)(-10x+15)$$

$$x(2x-3)-5(2x-3)$$

$$(2x-3)(x-5)$$