



4-3 Additional Practice

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What is the simplified form of each rational expression? Specify the domain.

4. $\frac{2x^2 + 11x + 5}{3x^2 + 17x + 10}$

5. $\frac{6x^2 + 5xy - 6y^2}{3x^2 - 5xy + 2y^2}$

6. $\frac{x^2 + 3x - 18}{x^2 - 36}$

Find the product and the domain.

7. $\frac{5a}{5a + 5} \cdot (10a + 10)$

8. $\frac{x^2 - 5x}{x^2 - 3x} \cdot \frac{x + 3}{x - 5}$

9. $\frac{5y - 20}{3y + 15} \cdot \frac{7y + 35}{10y + 40}$

Find the quotient and the domain.

10. $\frac{7x^4}{24y^5} \div \frac{21x}{12y^4}$

11. $\frac{y^2 - 49}{(y - 7)^2} \div \frac{5y + 35}{y^2 - 7y}$

12. $\frac{y^2 - 5y + 4}{y^2 - 1} \div \frac{y^2 - 9}{y^2 + 5y + 4}$

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2; $x = -\frac{3}{2}$

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$\frac{x+8}{x-7}; x \neq -5, 7$

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

$\frac{2x+3y}{x-y}; x \neq -y, \frac{2}{3}y$

$\frac{x-3}{x-6}; x \neq \pm 6$

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10a; $a \neq -1, 0$

1; $x \neq 0, 3, 5$

$\frac{7(y-4)}{6(y+5)}; x \neq -5, -4$

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$\frac{x^3}{6y}; x, y \neq 0$

$\frac{y}{5}; y \neq 0, \pm 7$

$\frac{y^2 - 16}{y^2 - 9}; y \neq \pm 1, \pm 3, -4$

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The cylinder, because the ratio for the cylinder is $\frac{rh}{2r+2h}$, and the ratio for the rectangular prism is $\frac{rh}{2r+3h}$.

14. How do you know what values to exclude from the domain?

Answers may vary: Sample: Any value of the variable that makes the denominator equal to zero.