

Multiplying And Dividing Rational Expressions

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

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

$$2(x-1)$$

2) $\frac{5x-5}{x^2-3x} \div \frac{x-1}{x-3}$

$$\frac{5x-5}{x^2-3x} \cdot \frac{x-3}{x-1}$$

$$\frac{5(\cancel{x-1})}{x(\cancel{x-3})} \cdot \frac{\cancel{x-3}}{\cancel{x-1}} = \frac{5}{x}$$

3) $\frac{x^2 - x}{x+3} \cdot \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 - 1}$

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

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

4) $\frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 - 3x} \div \frac{x-5}{x-3}$

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

$$\frac{x+5}{x}$$

Correct!

not $\frac{\cancel{x+5}}{\cancel{x}} = 5$

NO!