



11-3 Dividing Rational Expressions

Divide and simplify:

$$1. \frac{8a^2b^3}{6ab^4} \div \frac{6ab}{9} = \frac{8a^2b^3}{6ab^4} \cdot \frac{9}{6ab}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{a} \cdot \cancel{b} \cdot \cancel{b} \cdot \cancel{b} \cdot \cancel{b}}{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{a} \cdot \cancel{b} \cdot \cancel{b} \cdot \cancel{b} \cdot \cancel{b} \cdot \cancel{a} \cdot \cancel{b}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2}{b^2}}$$

$$2. \frac{3t+12}{5t} \div \frac{t+4}{10t} = \frac{3t+12}{5t} \cdot \frac{10t}{t+4}$$

$$= \frac{3(\cancel{t}+4)}{\cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{t}} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{t}}{\cancel{t}+4}$$

$$= \boxed{6}$$

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$$3. \frac{k^2+5k-6}{8k^3} \div \frac{24k^2}{k^2+6k}$$

$$= \frac{k^2+5k-6}{8k^3} \cdot \frac{24k^2}{k^2+6k}$$

$$= \frac{(k+6)(k-1)}{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot k \cdot k \cdot k} \cdot \frac{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 3 \cdot k \cdot k}{k(k+6)}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3(k-1)}{k^2}}$$

$$4. \frac{x^2+10x-11}{x^2+12x+11} \div (x-1)$$

$$= \frac{(x+11)(x-1)}{(x+11)(x+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{(x-1)}$$

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

$$5. \frac{2n^2-5n-3}{4n^2-12n-7} \div \frac{4n+5}{2n-7} = \frac{(2n+1)(n-3)}{(2n-7)(2n+1)} \cdot \frac{(2n-7)}{(4n+5)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 \\ -6 \\ -5 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \diagdown \\ \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2n \quad 1 \\ n \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2n^2 & 1n \\ \hline -6n & -3 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ -3 \end{array}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{n-3}{4n+5}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -28 \\ -14 \\ -12 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \diagdown \\ \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2n \quad 1 \\ 2n \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 4n^2 & 2n \\ \hline -14n & -7 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ -7 \end{array}$$