

Practice Exercises

Find the product of the following rational algebraic expressions.

$$1. \quad \frac{10uv^2}{3xy^2} \cdot \frac{6x^2y^2}{5u^2v^2}$$

$$2. \quad \frac{a^2 - b^2}{2ab} \cdot \frac{a^2}{a - b}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 + 3x - 10} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - x - 6}$$

$$4. \quad \frac{x^2 + 2x + 1}{y^2 - 2y + 1} \cdot \frac{y^2 - 1}{x^2 - 1}$$

5. $\frac{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}{a^2 - 1} \cdot \frac{a - 1}{a - b}$

Problem Set

Find the product of the following rational algebraic expressions.

$$1. \quad \frac{12mn^2}{6xy^2} \cdot \frac{9x^2y^2}{4m^2n^2}$$

$$2. \quad \frac{x^2 - y^2}{2xy} \cdot \frac{y^2}{x + y}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - 3x - 10} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 4x - 5}{x^2 - 4}$$

$$4. \quad \frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{x^2 + 3x + 2} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 - 4}$$

5. $\frac{a^2 + 2ab + b^2}{a^2 - b^2} \cdot \frac{a - b}{a + b}$

Problem Set

$$1. \frac{9x}{2m}$$

$$2. \frac{(x-y)(x+y)}{2xy} \cdot \frac{y^2}{x+y}$$
$$= \frac{y(x-y)}{2x}$$

$$3. \frac{x(x-2)}{(x-5)(x+2)} \cdot \frac{(x-5)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$$
$$= \frac{x(x+1)}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. & \frac{(x+2)(x+2)}{(x+1)(x+2)} \cdot \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\
 &= \frac{x-1}{x-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 5. & \frac{(a+b)(a+b)}{(a-b)(a+b)} \cdot \frac{a-b}{a+b} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$