

Multiplication and Division of Rational Expressions

Simplify and state the non-permissible values.

$$\text{a. } \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{3x^2 + 5x - 12} \cdot \frac{2x^2 - 14x}{16x^2 - 4x} \cdot \frac{12x^2 - 19x + 4}{x^2 + 5x - 14}$$

$$\text{b. } \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 - x - 6} \div \frac{2x^2 + x - 15}{x^2 + 7x + 10} \cdot \frac{2x^2 - x - 10}{x^2 - 25}$$

$$\text{c. } \frac{3x^2 + 10x - 8}{x^2 + 4x + 3} \cdot \frac{x^2 + 6x + 9}{3x^2 - 5x + 2} \div \frac{x^2 + x - 12}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$\text{d. } \frac{2m^2 + 5m - 12}{m^2 + 9m + 14} \div \frac{16 - m^2}{m^2 + 3m - 28} \div \frac{6m^2 - 7m - 3}{3m^2 + 25m + 8}$$

$$\text{e. } \frac{\frac{16x^2 - 9}{6 - 5x - 4x^2}}{\frac{16x^2 + 24x + 9}{4x^2 + 11x + 6}}$$

Answers:

$$\text{a. } \frac{x - 7}{2(x + 7)}, x \neq \frac{4}{3}, -3, 0, \frac{1}{4}, -7, 2$$

$$\text{b. } \frac{x + 2}{x - 5}, x \neq \pm 3, -2, \frac{5}{2}, \pm 5$$

$$\text{c. } \frac{x + 3}{x - 3}, x \neq \pm 3, \pm 1, -4, \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{d. } -\frac{m + 8}{m + 2}, m \neq \pm 4, -7, -2, -\frac{1}{3}, -8, \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{e. } -1, x \neq \pm \frac{3}{4}, -2$$