

**Simplifying Rational Expressions using Factoring**

**Simplify each expression.**

1.  $\frac{c-5}{c^2 - 25}$

2.  $\frac{4m-12}{3-m}$

3.  $\frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{a + 3}$

4.  $\frac{x^2 - 14x + 49}{3x - 21}$

Multiply or divide.

5.  $\frac{x-5}{4x+6} \bullet \frac{6x+9}{3x-15}$

6.  $\frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 - 4x + 3} \div \frac{x+2}{3-x}$

7.  $\frac{2x^2 - 5x - 3}{4x^2 - 12x - 7} \bullet \frac{2x - 7}{4x + 5}$

8.  $\frac{5m + 10}{2m - 20} \div \frac{7m + 14}{14m - 20}$