

Find the mistake in an inequality problem

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Question

Given $1 < x < 6$, $5 < y < 7$, find the range of $\frac{y}{x+y}$.

Find and give reasons for which of the following calculations are incorrect or unsatisfactory:

- 1.**
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| | $1 < x < 6$ | (1) |
| | $5 < y < 7$ | (2) |
| (1) + (2), | $6 < x + y < 13$ | (3) |
| 1/(3), | $\frac{1}{13} < \frac{1}{x+y} < \frac{1}{6}$ | (4) |
| (2) × (4), | $\frac{5}{13} < \frac{y}{x+y} < \frac{7}{6}$ | |
- 2.**
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| | $1 < x < 6$ | (1) |
| | $5 < y < 7$ | (2) |
| 1/(2), | $\frac{1}{7} < \frac{1}{y} < \frac{1}{5}$ | (3) |
| (1) × (3), | $\frac{1}{7} < \frac{x}{y} < \frac{6}{5}$ | (4) |
| (4) + 1, | $\frac{1}{7} + 1 < \frac{x}{y} + 1 < \frac{6}{5} + 1$ | |
| | $\frac{8}{7} < \frac{x+y}{y} < \frac{11}{5}$ | (5) |
| 1/(5), | $\frac{5}{11} < \frac{y}{x+y} < \frac{7}{8}$ | |
- 3.**
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| | $1 < x < 6$ | (1) |
| | $5 < y < 7$ | (2) |
| (1) + (2), | $6 < x + y < 13$ | (3) |
| 1/(3), | $\frac{1}{13} < \frac{1}{x+y} < \frac{1}{6}$ | (4) |
| (1) × (4), | $\frac{1}{13} < \frac{x}{x+y} < 1$ | (5) |
| (5) - 1, | $1 - 1 < 1 - \frac{x}{x+y} < 1 - \frac{1}{13} \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{(x+y) - x}{x+y} < \frac{12}{13}$ | |
| | $0 < \frac{y}{x+y} < \frac{12}{13}$ | |

$$4. \quad 1 < x < 6 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$5 < y < 7 \quad \dots (2)$$

The table shows the value of $\frac{y}{x+y}$:

$\begin{matrix} y \\ \backslash \\ x \end{matrix}$	1	2	3	4	5	6
5	$\frac{5}{6}$	$\frac{5}{7}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{5}{9}$	$\frac{5}{10}$	$\frac{5}{11}$
6	$\frac{6}{7}$	$\frac{6}{8}$	$\frac{6}{9}$	$\frac{6}{10}$	$\frac{6}{11}$	$\frac{6}{12}$
7	$\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{7}{9}$	$\frac{7}{10}$	$\frac{7}{11}$	$\frac{7}{12}$	$\frac{7}{13}$

$$\therefore \frac{5}{11} < \frac{y}{x+y} < \frac{7}{8}$$

$$5. \quad 1 < x < 6 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$5 < y < 7 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$(1) \times (2), \quad 5 < xy < 42 \quad \dots (3)$$

$$(2)^2, \quad 25 < y^2 < 49 \quad \dots (4)$$

$$(3) + (4), \quad 30 < y(x+y) < 91 \quad \dots (5)$$

$$1/(5), \quad \frac{1}{91} < \frac{1}{y(x+y)} < \frac{1}{30} \quad \dots (6)$$

$$(3) \times (6), \quad \frac{5}{91} < \frac{xy}{y(x+y)} < \frac{42}{30}$$

$$\therefore \frac{5}{91} < \frac{y}{x+y} < \frac{42}{30}$$

$$6. \quad 1 < x < 6 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$5 < y < 7 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$1/(2), \quad \frac{1}{7} < \frac{1}{y} < \frac{1}{5} \quad \dots (3)$$

$$(1) \times (3), \quad \frac{1}{7} < \frac{x}{y} < \frac{6}{5} \quad \dots (4)$$

$$\frac{y}{x+y} = \frac{\frac{y}{x+y}}{\frac{x+y}{y}} = \frac{1}{\frac{x}{y}+1} > \frac{1}{\frac{6}{5}+1} = \frac{5}{11}$$

and

$$\frac{y}{x+y} = \frac{1}{\frac{x}{y}+1} < \frac{1}{\frac{1}{7}+1} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$\therefore \frac{5}{11} < \frac{y}{x+y} < \frac{7}{8}$$