

D2L

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Grades and Coursepack

Lecture Notes

1.1 Linear Equations

Ex: Solve $\frac{1}{4}(x+2) = \frac{1}{3}(x+3) + 6$

LCM = $4 \cdot 3 = 12$

$$\frac{12}{4}(x+2) = \frac{12}{3}(x+3) + 12 \cdot 6$$

$$3(x+2) = 4(x+3) + 72$$

$$3x + 6 = 4x + 12 + 72$$

$$6 - 12 - 72 = x$$

$$-78 = x$$

$$x = -78$$

Check $x = -78$: $LS = -19$ $RS = -19$ ✓

$$\{-78\}$$

Ex: Solve $0.9x - 7.7 = 0.2x$

$\times 10$:

$$10(0.9x - 7.7) = 10(0.2x)$$

$$9x - 77 = 2x$$

$$7x = 77$$

$$x = 11$$

✓

$$x = 11$$

Check: $x = 11$ ✓ $\{11\}$

Ex: Solve $\frac{5}{x-3} + \frac{4}{x-2} = \frac{7}{(x-3)(x-2)}$

$$\text{LCM} = (x-3)(x-2)$$

$$(x-3)(x-2) \left[\frac{5}{x-3} + \frac{4}{x-2} \right] = \cancel{(x-3)(x-2)} \cdot \frac{7}{\cancel{(x-3)(x-2)}}$$

$$\frac{5 \cancel{(x-3)}(x-2)}{\cancel{x-3}} + \frac{4(x-3)\cancel{(x-2)}}{\cancel{x-2}} = 7$$

$$5(x-2) + 4(x-3) = 7$$

$$5x - 10 + 4x - 12 = 7$$

$$9x = 7 + 10 + 12$$

$$9x = 29$$

$$x = 29/9$$

Check: $x = 29/9$ ✓

(No division by zero ✓
No $\sqrt{\text{negative}}$ ✓)

Ex: Solve $\frac{3x}{x+2} + 7 = \frac{-6}{x+2}$

$$\text{LCM} = x+2$$

Multiply by $x+2$:

$$3x + 7(x+2) = -6$$

$$3x + 7x + 14 = -6$$

$$10x = -20$$

$$x = -2$$

Check $x = -2$:

LS = undefined RS = undefined

$x = -2$ is not a solution

Final Answer: No Solution

ASIDE $x = -2$ is called an "extraneous solution"

Ex: Solve for R

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$\text{LCM} = R R_1 R_2$$

$$\frac{\cancel{R R_1 R_2}}{\cancel{R}} = \frac{\cancel{R R_1 R_2}}{R_1} + \frac{\cancel{R R_1 R_2}}{R_2}$$

$$R_1 R_2 = R R_2 + R R_1$$

$$R_1 R_2 = R (R_2 + R_1)$$

$$\frac{R_1 R_2}{R_2 + R_1} = R$$

$$R = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

1.2 Quadratic Equations

$$\text{Solve } ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

4 Methods

I. Factoring

Ex: Solve

a) $x^2 + 7x = 0$

$$x(x+7) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \swarrow & \downarrow \\ x=0 & x+7=0 \\ & x=-7 \end{array}$$

$$\{0, -7\}$$

b) $x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$

$$(x+2)^2 = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

$$\{-2\}$$

c) $2x^2 - 3 = -5x$

$$2x^2 + \underline{5x} - 3 = 0$$

ac method

Mult to $2(-3) = -6$
Add to 5

(6, -1)

$$\boxed{2x^2 + 6x - x - 3 = 0}$$

$$2x(x+3) - 1(x+3) = 0$$

$$(2x-1)(x+3) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2x-1=0 & x+3=0 \\ 2x=1 & x=-3 \\ x=\frac{1}{2} & \end{array}$$

$$\{\frac{1}{2}, -3\}$$