

## Lesson 1.3 – Solving Linear &amp; Rational Linear Equations (pages 81-90, 154-156 in Red 9/10 textbook)

**I. Warm-up: Balancing Equations**

*For any equation the left-hand side must always equal the right-hand side. If we add/subtract/multiply/divide the same number of both sides, the equation is still true.*

1. Write down the equation that results when:

a. 5 is added to both sides of  $2x - 5 = 7$

$$2x = 12$$

b. 3 is taken from both sides of  $5x + 3 = 18$

$$5x = 15$$

c. Both sides of  $\frac{3x-2}{4} = -1$  are multiplied by 4.

$$3x - 2 = -4$$

d. Both sides of  $5x = -15$  are divided by 5.

$$x = -3$$

**II. Linear Equations: Solving for x**

2. Solve for x:  $3x + 7 = 22$ . Plug your solution back in for x to check.

$$3x = 15 \quad x = 5$$

3. Solve for x:  $11 - 5x = 26$ . Plug your solution back in for x to check.

$$-5x = 15 \quad x = -3$$

4. Solve for x:  $\frac{x}{3} + 2 = -2$ . Plug your solution back in for x to check.

$$\frac{x}{3} = -4 \quad x = -12$$

5. Solve for x:  $\frac{4x+3}{5} = -2$ . Plug your solution back in for x to check.

$$4x + 3 = -10 \quad 4x = -13 \quad x = -\frac{13}{4}$$

6. Solve for x:  $5(x + 1) - 2x = -7$ . Plug your solution back in for x to check.

$$5x + 5 - 2x = -7 \quad 3x = -12 \quad x = -4$$

7. Solve for x:  $5x + 2 = 3x - 5$ . Plug your solution back in for x to check.

$$5x + 2 = 3x - 5 \quad 2x = -7 \quad x = -\frac{7}{2}$$

8. Solve for x:  $\frac{2x+3}{4} = \frac{x-2}{3}$ . Plug your solution back in for x to check.

$$3(2x + 3) = 4(x - 2) \quad 6x + 9 = 4x - 8 \quad 2x = -17 \quad x = -\frac{17}{2}$$

### III. Practice on Your Own

9. Solve the equation  $-8 + 9r = -5r$

$$-8 = -14r \quad r = 4/7$$

10. Solve the equation  $6x + 5 = 4$

$$6x = -1 \quad x = -1/6$$

11. Solve the equation  $10(x + 4) = 5x + 5$

$$10x + 40 = 5x + 5 \quad 5x = -35 \quad x = -7$$

12. Solve the equation  $6(b + 1) + 5 = -6(b - 4) - 7$

$$6b + 6 + 5 = -6b + 24 - 7 \quad 6b + 11 = -6b + 17 \quad 12b = 6 \quad b = 1/2$$

13. Solve the equation  $\frac{7b+4}{2b-6} = \frac{7}{10}$

$$10(7b + 4) = 7(2b - 6) \quad 70b + 40 = 14b - 42 \quad 56b = -82 \quad b = -41/28$$

14. Solve the equation  $\frac{5}{5-a} = \frac{7}{a-2}$

$$5(a-2) = 7(5-a)$$

$$5a - 10 = 35 - 7a$$

$$12a = 45$$

$$a = 15/4$$

15. Solve the equation  $\frac{2}{x} = \frac{3}{4x} + 5$

$$\frac{8}{4x} = \frac{3}{4x} + \frac{5(4x)}{4x}$$

$$8 = 3 + 20x$$

$$5 = 20x$$

$$x = 1/4$$

16. Solve the equation  $\frac{x}{7x-3} = \frac{3}{5}$

$$5x = 3(7x-3)$$

$$5x = 21x - 9$$

$$-16x = -9$$

$$x = 9/16$$

17. Solve the equation  $4x - \frac{1}{2}(5-x) = -\frac{1}{4}(x+6)$

$$4x - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x = -\frac{1}{4}x - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$4x + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}x = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{16}{4}x + \frac{2}{4}x + \frac{1}{4}x = 1$$

$$\frac{19}{4}x = 1$$

$$x = 4/19$$

18. Solve the equation  $0.4(g-9) = 0.9(g-2)$

$$0.4g - 3.6 = 0.9g - 1.8$$

$$-1.8 = 0.5g$$

$$g = -3.6$$

19. Solve the equation  $-\frac{1}{3}k + \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right) = 1 - \left(-\frac{5}{6}k\right)$

$$-\frac{1}{3}k - \frac{2}{5} = 1 + \frac{5}{6}k$$

$$-\frac{2}{6}k - \frac{5}{6}k = 1 + \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\frac{-7}{6}k = \frac{7}{5}$$

$$k = -\frac{6}{5}$$

20. Solve the equation  $7(x+3) = 4(x+3) + 2$

$$7x + 21 = 4x + 12 + 2$$

$$7x + 21 = 4x + 14$$

$$3x = -7$$

$$x = -7/3$$

21. Solve the equation  $9(x - 38778869) + 2 = -3(x - 38778869) - 22$

$$9x - 9(38778869) + 2 = -3x + 3(38778869) - 22$$

$$12x = 12(38778869) - 24$$

$$x = 38778869 - 2 = 38778867$$

#### IV. Rational Equations

For rational equations, write all fractions with the same lowest common denominator, then equate the numerators.

22. Solve for x:  $\frac{6}{x} = \frac{2}{3}$ . Plug your solution back in for x to check.

$$18 = 2x \quad x = 9$$

23. Solve for x:  $\frac{5}{x+2} = \frac{2}{x-1}$ . Plug your solution back in for x to check.

$$5(x-1) = 2(x+2) \quad 5x-5 = 2x+4 \quad 3x = 9 \quad x = 3$$

24. Solve for x:  $\frac{-4x}{x-8} - \frac{11}{x-8} = \frac{25}{x-8}$ .

$$-4x - 11 = 25 \quad -4x = 36 \quad x = -9$$

25. Solve for x:  $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2x}{4x-24} = \frac{8}{x-6}$ .

$$\frac{3(x-6)}{4(x-6)} - \frac{2x}{4x-24} = \frac{4(8)}{4(x-6)} \quad 3x - 18 - 2x = 32 \quad x = 50$$

26. Solve for x:  $\frac{3}{6x} - \frac{9}{12} = \frac{11}{4x}$ .

$$\frac{2(3)}{2(6x)} - \frac{9x}{12x} = \frac{3(11)}{3(4x)} \quad 6 - 9x = 33 \quad -9x = 27 \quad x = -3$$

27. Solve for x:  $\frac{18}{5x-10} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{-6}{x-2}$ .

$$\frac{18}{5x-10} + \frac{4(x-2)}{5(x-2)} = \frac{5(-6)}{5(x-2)} \quad 18 + 4(x-2) = -30 \quad 18 + 4x - 8 = -30 \quad 4x = -40$$
$$x = -10$$

28. Solve for x:  $\frac{12}{x^2+5x+6} + \frac{7}{x+3} = \frac{2}{x+2}$ .

$$\frac{12}{x^2+5x+6} + \frac{7(x+2)}{(x+3)(x+2)} = \frac{2(x+3)}{(x+2)(x+3)} \quad 12 + 7x + 14 = 2x + 6 \quad 5x = -20$$
$$x = -4$$

29. Solve for x:  $\frac{1}{10} + \frac{4x}{5x} = \frac{-9}{2x}$ .

$$\frac{1(x)}{10(x)} + \frac{2(4x)}{2(5x)} = \frac{5(-9)}{5(2x)} \quad x + 8x = -45 \quad 9x = -45 \quad x = -5$$

30. Solve for x:  $\frac{2}{x-6} + \frac{7}{x+2} = \frac{4x+2}{x^2-4x-12}$ .

$$\frac{2(x+2)}{(x-6)(x+2)} + \frac{7(x-6)}{(x+2)(x-6)} = \frac{4x+2}{x^2-4x-12} \quad 2x + 4 + 7x - 42 = 4x + 2 \quad 9x - 38 = 4x + 2$$
$$5x = 40 \quad x = 8$$