

MAC1105 College Algebra
1.1 Practice Problems

Solve the linear equations in questions 1-6.

Linear 1. $4x - 5 = 23$
 $\quad +5 \quad +5$
 $\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{28}{4}$
 $x = 7$

Solution
 $x = 7$

check $x = 7$
 $4(7) - 5 = 23$
 $28 - 5 = 23$
 $23 = 23$
 True

Linear 2. $2x - 4(5x + 1) = 3x + 17$
 $2x - 20x - 4 = 3x + 17$
 $-18x - 4 = 3x + 17$
 $\quad -3x \quad -3x$
 $-21x - 4 = 17$
 $\quad +4 \quad +4$
 $-21x = 21$
 $\frac{-21x}{-21} = \frac{21}{-21}$
 $x = -1$

check $x = -1$
 $2(-1) - 4(5(-1) + 1) = 3(-1)$
 $-2 - 4(-5 + 1) = -3 + 17$
 $-2 - 4(-4) = 14$
 $-2 + 16 = 14$
 $14 = 14$
 True

Solution
 $x = -1$

Linear 3. $\frac{x}{4} = 2 - \frac{x-3}{3}$

use clearing fractions

LCM of 4 & 3 = 12

$12 \cdot \frac{x}{4} = 12 \cdot 2 - 12 \left(\frac{x-3}{3} \right)$
 $3x = 24 - 4(x-3)$
 $3x = 24 - 4x + 12$
 $3x = 36 - 4x$
 $\quad +4x \quad +4x$
 $7x = 36$
 $\frac{7x}{7} = \frac{36}{7}$
 $x = \frac{36}{7}$

Solution
 $x = \frac{36}{7}$

Linear 4. $\frac{1}{3}(2x-3) = \frac{4}{3}x - \frac{x+3}{6}$

LCM = 6

$6 \cdot \frac{1}{3}(2x-3) = 6 \cdot \frac{4}{3}x - 6 \left(\frac{x+3}{6} \right)$
 $2(2x-3) = 2 \cdot (4x) - (x+3)$
 $4x - 6 = 8x - x - 3$
 $4x - 6 = 7x - 3$
 $\quad -7x \quad -7x$
 $-3x - 6 = -3$
 $\quad +6 \quad +6$
 $-3x = 3$
 $\frac{-3x}{-3} = \frac{3}{-3} \quad x = -1$

Solution
 $x = -1$

Linear 5. $0.5x - 0.3 = 1.7$

clear decimal x10

$10 \cdot 0.5x - 10 \cdot 0.3 = 10 \cdot 1.7$
 $5x - 3 = 17$
 $\quad +3 \quad +3$
 $5x = 20$
 $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{20}{5}$
 $x = 4$

Solution
 $x = 4$

Linear 6. $0.05(x+2) + 0.22 = 0.03(x+6)$

clear decimal x100

$100 \cdot 0.05(x+2) + 100 \cdot 0.22 = 100 \cdot 0.03(x+6)$
 $5(x+2) + 22 = 3(x+6)$
 $5x + 10 + 22 = 3x + 18$
 $5x + 32 = 3x + 18$
 $\quad -3x \quad -3x$
 $2x + 32 = 18$
 $\quad -32 \quad -32$
 $2x = -14$
 $\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{-14}{2}$
 $x = -7$

Solution
 $x = -7$

Solve the rational or quadratic equations. For the rational equations write the value of the variable that makes the denominator zero.

Rational
 $x \neq 0$
 LCM
 $2x$

$$7. \frac{4}{x} + 2 = \frac{3}{2x}$$

$$2x \cdot \frac{4}{x} + 2x \cdot 2 = 2x \cdot \frac{3}{2x}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 + 4x = 3 \\ -8 \quad -8 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{-5}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-5}{4}$$

Solution $x = \frac{-5}{4}$

Rational
 $x \neq 5$
 LCM
 $x-5$

$$8. \frac{7}{x-5} + 2 = \frac{x+2}{x-5}$$

$$\cancel{(x-5)} \left(\frac{7}{\cancel{x-5}} \right) + 2(x-5) = \cancel{(x-5)} \left(\frac{x+2}{\cancel{x-5}} \right)$$

$$7 + 2x - 10 = x + 2$$

$$2x - 3 = x + 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x \quad -x \\ x - 3 = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +3 \quad +3 \\ x = 5 \end{array}$$

This value makes the denominator zero. Thus

No Solution

Rational
 $x \neq 1$
 $x \neq -1$
 LCM
 $(x+1)(x-1)$

$$9. \frac{2}{x+1} + \frac{3}{x^2-1} = \frac{5}{x-1}$$

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

$$\cancel{(x+1)}(x-1) \cdot \frac{2}{\cancel{x+1}} + \cancel{(x+1)}(x-1) \cdot \frac{3}{\cancel{(x+1)}(x-1)} = \cancel{(x+1)}(x-1) \cdot \frac{5}{\cancel{x-1}}$$

$$2(x-1) + 3 = 5(x+1)$$

$$2x - 2 + 3 = 5x + 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 1 = 5x + 5 \\ -2x \quad -2x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 = 3x + 5 \\ -5 \quad -5 \end{array}$$

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

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

Solution
 $x = \frac{-4}{3}$

Quadratic

$$10. x(x+5) + x(x+1) = (2x+3)(x-4)$$

$$x^2 + 5x + x^2 + x = 2x^2 - 8x + 3x - 12$$

$$2x^2 + 6x = 2x^2 - 5x - 12$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x^2 \quad -2x^2 \\ 6x = -5x - 12 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +5x \quad +5x \\ 11x = -12 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{11x}{11} = \frac{-12}{11}$$

$$x = \frac{-12}{11}$$

Solution
 $x = \frac{-12}{11}$

Solve the following equations. Indicate what the solutions is or if it is one of the special cases. (No Solution or All Real Numbers)

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

$$3x + 2x + 8 = 5x - 7$$

$$5x + 8 = 5x - 7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5x \quad -5x \end{array}$$

$$8 = -7 \leftarrow \text{variables cancelled}$$

False Statement

No Solution

8. $2x + 3x = 7x$

$$5x = 7x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -7x \quad -7x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x = 0 \\ -2 \quad -2 \end{array}$$

$$x = 0$$

9. $5x - 3(x+1) = 2x - 3$

$$5x - 3x - 3 = 2x - 3$$

$$2x - 3 = 2x - 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x \quad -2x \end{array}$$

$$-3 = -3 \leftarrow \text{variables cancelled}$$

True Statement

Solution
 All Real Numbers