

6.2 #7

$$\frac{x+1}{x^2-9} \div \frac{2x+2}{x+3}$$

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

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

6.4: Solving Rational Equations

Ex: Solve.

$$\frac{x}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

Solving by inspection: $x = 3$

Solution set: $\{3\}$

Check:

$$\frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} = \frac{4}{5} \quad \checkmark_{\text{True}}$$

Recall:

To solve an equation means to find all the values of the variable that make it true.

Ex:

Solve.

$$\frac{x}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$$

By inspection: $x = 7$

Sol'n set: $\{7\}$

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Notice: If 2 fractions are equal, and they have the same denominators, then their numerators must be equal.

Ex:

Solve.

$$\frac{x}{5} - \frac{4x}{3} = \frac{1}{15}$$

LCD: 15

$$\frac{x}{5} \left(\frac{3}{3} \right) + \frac{-4x}{3} \left(\frac{5}{5} \right) = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\frac{3x}{15} + \frac{-20x}{15} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\frac{-17x}{15} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\cancel{\frac{15}{1}} \left(\frac{-17x}{\cancel{15}} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{\cancel{15}} \right) \cancel{\frac{15}{1}}$$

$$-17x = 1$$

$$\frac{-17x}{-17} = \frac{1}{-17}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{17}$$

$$\boxed{\left\{ -\frac{1}{17} \right\}}$$

Check it: $\frac{x}{5} - \frac{4x}{3} = \frac{1}{15}$

$$\frac{-\frac{1}{17}}{5} - \frac{4(-\frac{1}{17})}{3} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$-\frac{1}{17} \cdot \frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{17} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$-\frac{1}{17(5)} \left(\frac{3}{3} \right) + \frac{4}{17(3)} \left(\frac{5}{5} \right) = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\frac{-3}{17 \cdot 5 \cdot 3} + \frac{20}{17 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{17}}{17 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{15}$$



Ex. Solve

$$\frac{2x-1}{2} - \frac{4x+3}{3} = \frac{x+5}{6}$$

LCD: 6

$$\frac{2x-1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{3} \right) + \frac{-4x-3}{3} \left(\frac{2}{2} \right) = \frac{x+5}{6}$$

$$\frac{6x-3}{6} + \frac{-8x-6}{6} = \frac{x+5}{6}$$

$$\frac{6x-3-8x-6}{6} = \frac{x+5}{6}$$

$$\frac{-2x-9}{6} = \frac{x+5}{6}$$

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Previous example cont'd:

$$\frac{-2x-9}{6} = \frac{x+5}{6}$$

$$\left(\frac{6}{1}\right)\left(\frac{-2x-9}{6}\right) = \frac{x+5}{6}\left(\frac{6}{1}\right)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} -2x-9 \\ -x \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} x+5 \\ -x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} -3x-9 \\ +9 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ +9 \end{array}$$

$$\left\{-\frac{14}{3}\right\}$$

$$-3x = 14$$

$$\frac{-3x}{-3} = \frac{14}{-3}$$

$$x = -\frac{14}{3}$$

Ex.:

Solve.

$$\frac{1}{3x} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{x}$$

LCD: $6x$

Restrictions
 $x \neq 0$

$$\frac{1}{3x}\left(\frac{2}{2}\right) + \frac{-1}{6}\left(\frac{x}{x}\right) = \frac{5}{x}\left(\frac{6}{6}\right)$$

$$\frac{2}{6x} + \frac{-x}{6x} = \frac{30}{6x}$$

$$2-x = 30$$

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Previous example cont'd

$$\underset{-2}{2} - \underset{-2}{x} = 30$$

Sol'n Set:

$$\boxed{\{-28\}}$$

$$-x = 28$$

$$\frac{-x}{-1} = \frac{28}{-1}$$

$$x = -28$$

Solve.

Ex.: $\frac{2x}{x-3} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{x-3}$

LCD:
 $2(x-3)$

$$\frac{2x}{x-3} \left(\frac{2}{2}\right) + \frac{-1}{2} \left(\frac{x-3}{x-3}\right) = \frac{6}{x-3} \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)$$

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

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

$$\frac{3x+3}{2(x-3)} = \frac{12}{2(x-3)}$$

$$3x+3 = 12$$

$$3x = 9$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{9}{3}$$

$$x = 3$$

Note:
Restrictions
 $x \neq 3$

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Previous example cont'd

Check our answer is
the original problem:

$$\frac{2x}{x-3} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{x-3}$$

$$x=3 \implies \frac{2(3)}{3-3} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{3-3}$$

$$\frac{6}{0} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{0}$$

Division by 0 is undefined!

We cannot have a 0 denominator!

$x=3$ does not check in the original eqn.

(it doesn't give a true statement)

(it doesn't make the original eqn true)

Throw out $x=3$.

No Solution

~~★~~ Important: when you solve an equation with variables in the denominator, you must check your solutions!

(at least, check that they do not result in 0 denominators when substituted into the original eqn)

Extraneous Solution: (really not a solution at all)
It's a ~~solution~~ ^{value} generated by a correct solution process, that does not check in the original equation.

Ex: $\frac{1}{x-4} = \frac{3}{x+6}$

$$\frac{1}{x-4} \left(\frac{x+6}{x+6} \right) = \frac{3}{x+6} \left(\frac{x-4}{x-4} \right)$$

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

$$x+6 = 3x-12$$

$$6 = 2x-12$$

$$18 = 2x$$

Restrictions:

$$x \neq 4$$

$$x \neq -6$$

$$\text{LCD: } (x-4)(x+6)$$

$$\frac{18}{2} = \frac{2x}{2}$$

$$9 = x$$

$$\boxed{\{9\}}$$

Ex: Solve.

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

$$\text{LCD: } (x-3)(x-2)$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x-3} \left(\frac{x-2}{x-2} \right) = \frac{x-4}{x-2} \left(\frac{x-3}{x-3} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} x \neq 3 \\ x \neq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 2x + 2x - 4}{(x-3)(x-2)} = \frac{x^2 - 3x - 4x + 12}{(x-2)(x-3)}$$

$$\overset{-x^2}{x^2} - 4 = \overset{-x^2}{x^2} - 7x + 12$$

$$\overset{-12}{-4} = -7x + \overset{-12}{12}$$

$$-16 = -7x$$

$$\frac{-16}{-7} = \frac{-7x}{-7}$$

$$\frac{16}{7} = x$$

$$\left\{ \frac{16}{7} \right\}$$

Does this result in 0 denominators in the original eqn? No.

Ex: Solve.

$$\frac{x}{x+16} = \frac{2}{x-2}$$

Restrictions

$$x \neq -16$$

$$x \neq 2$$

$$\frac{x}{x+16} \left(\frac{x-2}{x-2} \right) = \frac{2}{x-2} \left(\frac{x+16}{x+16} \right)$$

$$\text{LCD: } (x+16)(x-2)$$

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Previous example cont'd

$$\frac{x^2 - 2x}{(x+16)(x-2)} = \frac{2x+32}{(x+16)(x-2)}$$

$$x^2 - 2x = 2x + 32$$

-2x-32 -2x -32

$$x^2 - 4x - 32 = 0$$

$$(x-8)(x+4) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x-8=0 & x+4=0 \\ x=8 & x=-4 \end{array}$$

Do these result in 0 denominators when substituted into the original eqn? No.

Solution Set: $\{8, -4\}$

Chapter 7: Solving Linear Systems

7.1 Solving by Graphing (omit this section)

Definitions:

System of equations: group of equations

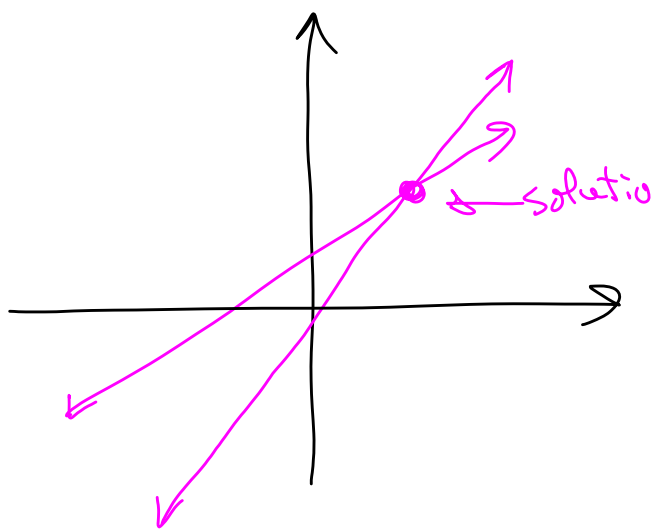
Solution to a system: A set of values for the variables that make all the equations true.

For us: we will solve systems of
2 linear equations in 2 variables
(generally be x and y)

Ex:
$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 4 \\ x + 0y = -12 \end{cases}$$
 $\rightarrow$ graphs of these are lines

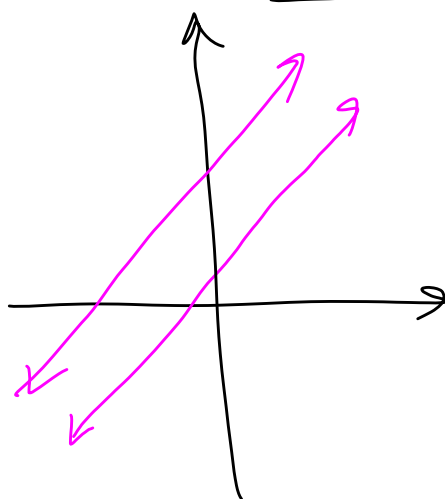
A solution is an ordered pair (x, y)
that lies on both lines.

3 scenarios for a system of 2 eqns in 2 variables.



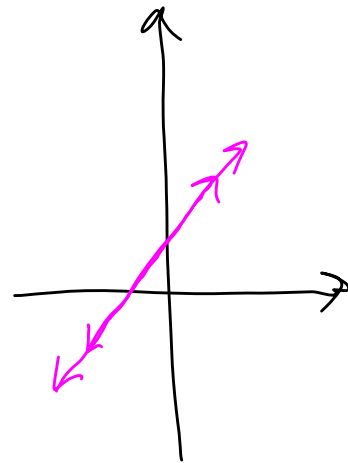
Independent System

lines intersect at a
single point
(One solution)



Inconsistent System

lines are parallel
(No solution)



Dependent System

lines are
the same
(infinitely
many
solutions)

Test #4 questions

For independent, inconsistent, and dependent systems.

Describe the graph

State the # of solutions

Illustrate with an example graph.

7.2: The substitution method (for solving linear systems)

Solving by substitution (steps)

- 1) Solve one equation for one variable (your choice)
- 2) Substitute this result into the other equation.
- 3) Solve for the remaining variable.
- 4) Substitute this value into either equation and solve.
- 5) Check your answer!

Ex.: Solve the system

$$\begin{cases} x - y = 9 \\ 2x - 11y = -18 \end{cases}$$

1) Solve $x - y = 9$ for x .

$$x = 9 + y$$

2) Substitute $x = 9 + y$ into $2x - 11y = -18$:

$$2(9 + y) - 11y = -18$$

3) Solve for y :

$$18 + 2y - 11y = -18$$

$$18 - 9y = -18$$

$$-9y = -36$$

$$\frac{-9y}{-9} = \frac{-36}{-9}$$

$$y = 4$$

4) Put $y = 4$ into $x - y = 9$

$$x - 4 = 9$$

$$x = 13$$

Solution:

$(13, 4)$

xyz will ask you to write $x=13, y=4$

5) Check it!

1st eqn

$$x - y = 9$$

$$x=13, y=4 \Rightarrow 13-4=9$$
$$9=9 \checkmark \text{True}$$

2nd eqn

$$2x - 11y = -18$$

$$\begin{aligned} x=13 \} &\Rightarrow 2(13) - 11(4) = -18 \\ y=4 \} &26 - 44 = -18 \\ &-18 = -18 \\ &\checkmark \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 44 \\ -26 \\ \hline 18 \end{array}$$