

Review: Solve.

$$\frac{1}{5}y + 3 = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$\frac{1}{5}y = \frac{7}{10} - 3 \left(\frac{10}{10}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{5}y = \frac{7}{10} - \frac{30}{10}$$

$$\frac{1}{5}y = -\frac{23}{10}$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{1}\right) \left(\frac{1}{5}y\right) = -\frac{23}{10} \left(\frac{5}{1}\right)$$

$$y = -\frac{23}{2}$$

$$\left\{ -\frac{23}{2} \right\}$$

Reflected:

- 3 things I've learned/remembered about math
- 2 questions/concerns I still have
- 1 positive thought

2.2: Solving Linear Equations (cont'd)

Example: Solve.

$$2(h+6) - 7 = 4h - 2(h+7)$$

$$2h + 12 - 7 = 4h - 2h - 14$$

$$\underset{-2h}{2h} + 5 = \underset{-2h}{2h} - 14 \quad \text{False for every } h$$

$$\underset{-5}{5} = \underset{-5}{-14} \quad \text{False for every value of } h$$

$$0 = -19 \quad \text{False for every } h$$

Sol'n Set:

No Solution

The solution set can also be written as $\emptyset$ (the empty set)

Empty set: set with no values in it. Also called the null set.

(So don't use $\emptyset$ for zero in algebra)

Example: Solve. $2x - (5x+6) = 3(x-5) + 9$

$$2x - (5x+6) = 3(x-5) + 9$$

$$2x - 5x - 6 = 3x - 15 + 9$$

$$\underset{+6}{-3x} - 6 = \underset{+6}{3x} - 6$$

$$\underset{-3x}{-3x} = \underset{-3x}{3x}$$

$$-6x = 0$$

$$\frac{-6x}{-6} = \frac{0}{-6}$$

$$1x = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

Sol'n Set:

$\{0\}$

Example: Solve. $4(2z+3) = 8(z-3) + 36$

$$8z + 12 = 8z - 24 + 36$$

$$8z + 12 = 8z + 12 \quad \leftarrow \text{True for every } z$$

$$\text{---}8z \quad \quad \text{---}8z$$

$$0 + 12 = 12$$

$$12 = 12 \quad \leftarrow \text{true for every } z$$

$$\text{---}12 \quad \quad \text{---}12$$

$$0 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{true for every } z$$

therefore the original equation is true for every z

Solution Set:

All real numbers

Summary

* If the variable disappears and leaves you with a false statement, the solution set is No solution.
(ex: $6=0$ or $5=7$)

A contradiction is an equation that is never true.

* If the variable disappears and leaves you with a true statement, then the solution set is all real numbers.
(e.g. $12=12$ or $0=0$)

An identity is an equation that is always true.

* If the variable doesn't disappear, a linear equation will give you one numerical solution

(ex: $h=0$ or $x=5$... sol'n set $\{0\}$ or $\{5\}$)

A conditional equation is an equation that is true for certain values of the variable but false for other values.

2.3: Clearing Fractions and Decimals

(An alternative approach to handling fractions)

To clear fractions, multiply both sides by the least common denominator (LCD) of all fractions:

Example: $\frac{1}{5}y + 3 = \frac{7}{10}$

(same as an earlier example)

LCD: 10

$$\frac{10}{10} \left(\frac{1}{5}y + 3 \right) = \frac{7}{10} \left(\frac{10}{1} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{10}{1} \right) \frac{1}{5}y + 3 \left(\frac{10}{1} \right) = \frac{7}{10} \left(\frac{10}{1} \right)$$

$$\frac{10}{5}y + 30 = \frac{70}{10}$$

$$2y + 30 = 7$$

$$2y = -23$$

$$\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{-23}{2}$$

$$y = -\frac{23}{2}$$

$$\left\{ -\frac{23}{2} \right\}$$

Ex: Solve. $\frac{1}{4}x - \frac{2}{5}x + 4 - \frac{5}{2} = 6x - \frac{2}{3}$

LCD: 60

$$\left(\frac{60}{1} \right) \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{2}{5}x \left(\frac{60}{1} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{60}{1} \right) - \frac{5}{2} \left(\frac{60}{1} \right) = 6x \left(\frac{60}{1} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{60}{1} \right)$$

$$15x - 24x + 240 - 150 = 360x - 40$$

$$-9x + 90 = 360x - 40$$

$$-9x - 360x = -40 - 90$$

$$-369x = -130$$

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Previous
example
cont'd:

$$-369 \cdot x = -130$$

$$\frac{-369x}{-369} = \frac{-130}{-369}$$

$$x = \frac{130}{369}$$

→ (doesn't reduce)

130 is divisible
by 2, 5, 10, 13
(130 = 10 · 13)

2, 5, 10 don't go into 369

Only option for reducing
is 13

$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ 13 \overline{) 369} \\ \underline{26} \\ 109 \\ \underline{104} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

doesn't work

$$\frac{231}{5}, \frac{230}{10}, \frac{230}{10}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{130}{369} \right\}$$