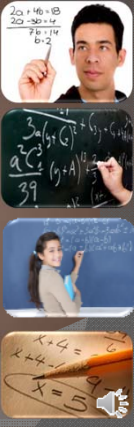
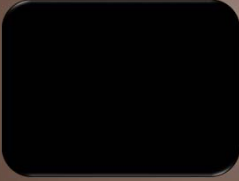


Algebra 1

Solving Rational Equations



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Rational Equation

Cross Products

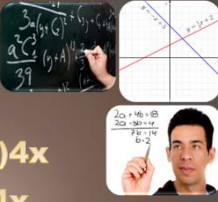
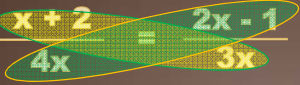


Extraneous Solutions

LCD



[Overview](#)


$$(x + 2)3x = (2x - 1)4x$$
$$3x^2 + 6x = 8x^2 - 4x$$

Cross Products

$$0 = x - 2$$
$$2 = x$$

[Solving Rational Equations: Cross Products](#)

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

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

$$\frac{4}{8} = \frac{3}{6}$$

Check Your Solution

2 = x

Solving Rational Equations: Cross Products

Solve for z; check your solutions:

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

You Try It

Solve for z; check your solutions:

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

$$2z(z - 1) = 3(z + 4)$$

$$2z^2 - 2z = 3z + 12$$

$$2z^2 - 5z - 12 = 0$$

You Try It

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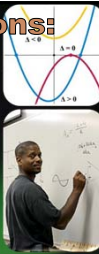
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$$(2z+3)(z-4) = 0$$

$$z = 4, -1\frac{1}{2}$$


You Try it


Solve for z; check your solutions:

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

Check Your Solution

Extraneous Solution

$$\frac{8}{8} = \frac{3}{3} \quad \frac{0}{2\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{0}{-2\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$z = 4, -1\frac{1}{2}$$


You Try it

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

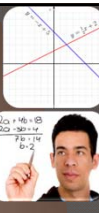
$$8x + 2 = 9$$

$$8x = 7$$

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

Multiply by LCD

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

$$1 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$


Solving Rational Equations: Multiply by LCD

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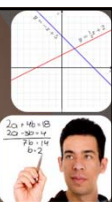
$$\frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{7}{8}\right) + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{14}{24} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{7}{12} + \frac{2}{12} = \frac{9}{12}$$

Check Your Solution

Solving Rational Equations Multiply by LCD



$$\frac{1}{b+3} + 2 = \frac{b^2 - 3}{b^2 + 12b + 27}$$

$$(b+3) \quad (b+3)(b+9)$$

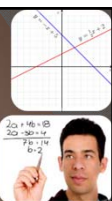
$$\frac{1}{b+3} (b+3)(b+9) + 2 (b+3)(b+9) = \frac{b^2 - 3}{b^2 + 12b + 27} (b+3)(b+9)$$

$$b+9 + 2b^2 + 24b + 54 = b^2 - 3$$

$$b^2 + 25b + 66 = 0 \quad (b+3)(b+22) = 0$$

b = -22, -3

Solving Rational Equations Multiply by LCD



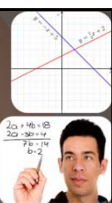
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Extraneous Solution

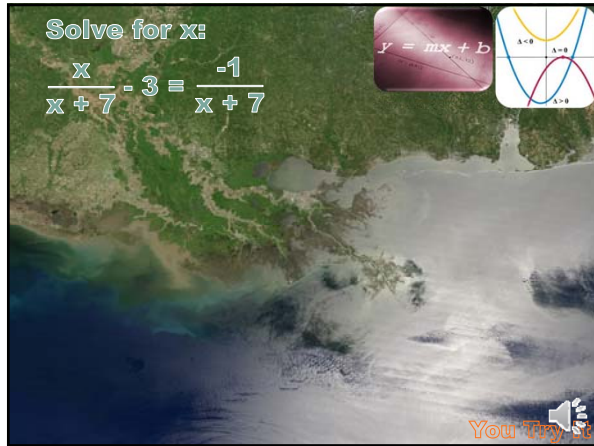
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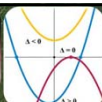
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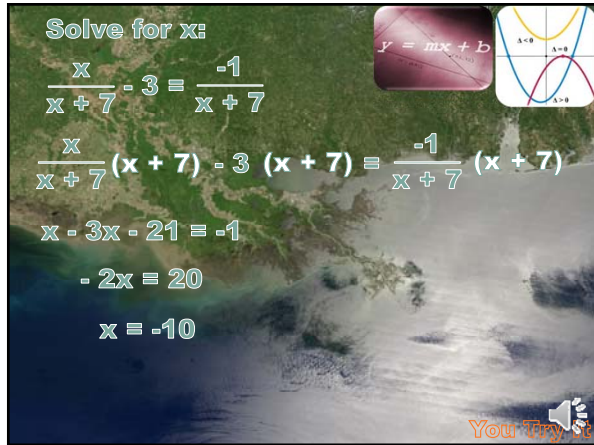
Solve for x:

$$\frac{x}{x+7} - 3 = \frac{-1}{x+7}$$


$y = mx + b$



Solve for x:

$$\frac{x}{x+7} - 3 = \frac{-1}{x+7}$$
$$\frac{x}{x+7} (x+7) - 3(x+7) = \frac{-1}{x+7} (x+7)$$
$$x - 3x - 21 = -1$$
$$-2x = 20$$
$$x = -10$$


$y = mx + b$



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



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