

4.1.1 or 4.1a Solving & Verifying First  
DEGREE EQUATION

Note Title

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REMEMBER:

AN EQUATION IS A MATH SENTENCE WITH  
AN EQUAL SIGN.

TO KEEP EQUAL VALUES ON EACH SIDE OF THE  
EQUAL SIGN,

"WHATEVER YOU DO TO ONE SIDE OF THE EQUATION,  
YOU MUST DO TO THE OTHER SIDE."

$\Rightarrow$

$$6 + 2 = 5 + 3$$

-2

6

$$= (5 + 1) \cdot 3$$

-2

$\times 3$

18

$$= 5(3) + 1(3)$$

$$18 = 15 + 3$$

TO SOLVE FOR A VARIABLE, you must get  
your variable by itself on ONE SIDE OF  
THE EQUAL SIGN.

STEPS : ① FIND YOUR VARIABLE

BY USING { ② REMOVE ANY CONSTANT FIRST  
INVERSE OPERATIONS } ③ REMOVE ANY COEFFICIENT - NEXT

EXAMPLES :

$$1) \quad \cancel{2x} + \cancel{3} = 9$$
$$\cancel{-3} \quad \cancel{-3}$$
$$= \frac{6}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 3}$$

~~$x = -10$~~   
 ~~$(-1, 0)$~~

3)  $\frac{-x}{1.2} = 10$

$x = 16$

~~$x = 4$~~   
 ~~$(4, 0)$~~

2)  $3 = \frac{x}{4}$

~~$x = -10$~~   
 ~~$(-1, 0)$~~

4)

$$-8 = -\frac{2}{3}n + 5$$

$$x = -12$$

$$-39 = -2n$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -13 = -\frac{2}{3}n \\ -13 = -\frac{2}{3}n \end{array} \right.$$

(3)

$$-13 = -\frac{2}{3}n$$

(3)

$$-8 = -\frac{2}{3}n + 5$$

-5

-5

$$\frac{-2}{3}n$$

$$+5$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -13 = -\frac{2}{3}n \\ -39 = -2n \end{array} \right.$$

-2

-2

=

$$-2n$$

-3

$$-3$$

-2

$$-2$$

-1

$$-1$$

-2

$$-2$$

-1

$$-1$$

-2

$$-2$$

-1

$$-1$$

$$19.5 = r$$

$$\frac{5}{2} + u + e = 1.6$$

$$s = \frac{5}{2} + u + e$$

CHANGE DECIMALS  
TO FRACTIONS  
SHOW

$$\frac{24}{10}n + \frac{5}{10} = \frac{16}{10}$$

$$2.4 + 0.40 = 1.6$$

$$-0.40$$

$$-0.4$$

$$2.4$$

$$u + e$$

$$1.2$$

$$u + e$$

$$\frac{4}{10} - \frac{4}{10} = \frac{4}{10}$$

$$u + e$$

$$n = 0.5 \cdot \frac{24}{10} = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{10}{24} \quad \cancel{\frac{10}{24}} = \frac{10}{16}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2} = \frac{n}{12}}$$

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