

**An Equation with No Solution**

Class Ex. #4



Show that the equation  $\frac{8x+10}{x-3} - 4 = \frac{10x+4}{x-3}$  has no solution.

**Complete Assignment Questions #1 - #7****Assignment**

In this assignment, a written verification is only required where indicated.  
All solutions must be checked for nonpermissible values.

1. In each case, state the nonpermissible value(s), solve the equation algebraically, and verify the solution(s).

$$\text{a) } \frac{4}{x+2} = 3 \quad (x+2)$$

$x \neq -2$

$$4 = 3x + 6$$

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

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

$$\text{b) } \frac{3(x+7)}{2x-1} = \frac{4}{x+7}$$

$$3x+21 = 8x-4$$

$$25 = 5x$$

$$5 = x$$

Verify

$$\frac{3}{2(5)-1} = \frac{4}{5+7}$$

$$\frac{3}{9} = \frac{4}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \checkmark$$

Verify

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

$$4 \div \frac{4}{3}$$

$$3 = 3 \checkmark$$

$$\boxed{x = 5}$$

2. In each case, state the nonpermissible value(s), solve the equation algebraically, and verify the solution(s).

$$\text{a) } \frac{x+3}{x^2+4x+3} = 1 \quad (x^2+4x+3) \\ x \neq -3, -1 \quad (x+3)(x+1)$$

$$x+3 = x^2+4x+3$$

$$0 = x^2+3x$$

$$x(x+3)$$

$$x=0, -3 \leftarrow \text{NPV}$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{30}{x^2-25} = \frac{3}{x-5} - \frac{2}{x+5} \\ (x-5)(x+5)$$

$$x \neq \pm 5$$

$$30 = 3x+15 - 2x+10$$

$$5 = x$$

**no solution**

Verify

$$x=0$$

$$\frac{0+3}{0^2+4(0)+3} = 1 \quad \boxed{x=0}$$

$$\frac{3}{3} = 1 \checkmark$$

3. Solve the following equations algebraically.

$$\text{a) } \frac{(x-1)}{x+1} = \frac{2x(x+1)}{15} \quad x \neq -1$$

$$15x-15 = 2x^2+2x$$

$$0 = 2x^2+13x+15 \quad \begin{matrix} x+1 \\ +3+1 \cdot 15 \\ -10, -3 \end{matrix}$$

$$= 2x^2+10x-3x+15$$

$$\therefore 2x(x+5)-3(x+5)$$

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

$$\boxed{x = \frac{3}{2}, 5}$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{4x}{3x+4} - \frac{10}{x+6} = 0$$

$$x \neq -\frac{4}{3}, -6$$

$$\frac{4x}{3x+4} = \frac{10}{x+6}$$

$$4x^2+24x = 30x+40$$

$$4x^2-6x-40$$

$$2(2x^2-3x-20)$$

$$2x^2-8x+5x-20$$

$$2(2x(x-4)+5(x-4))$$

$$2(2x+5)(x-4)$$

$$\boxed{x = -\frac{5}{2}, 4}$$

4. Determine the roots of the following equations algebraically.

a)  $\frac{4x+3}{2x-1} - 2 = \frac{6x+2}{2x-1}, x \neq \frac{1}{2}$  b)  $\frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{6-x} = 1 \times (6-x)$   $x \neq 0, b$

$$4x+3 - 4x+2 = 6x+2$$

$$5 = 6x+2$$

$$3 = 6x$$

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

$$12 - 2x + 1x = 6x - x^2$$

$$x^2 - 7x + 12 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-4)$$

$$x = 3, 4$$

no solution

$$b/c x \neq \frac{1}{2}$$

5. Determine the roots of the equation  $\frac{8}{x} - 5 = \frac{x}{2}$  in simplest radical form.

$$2x \left( \frac{8}{x} - 5 = \frac{x}{2} \right) \quad x \neq 0$$

$$16 - 10x = x^2$$

$$= x^2 + 10x - 16$$

$\frac{4+10}{-16}$   
not possible

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{(10)^2 - 4(1)(-16)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{164}}{2} = \frac{-10 \pm 2\sqrt{41}}{2}$$

$$= [-5 \pm \sqrt{41}]$$

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Multiple  
Choice

6. The solution to the equation  $\frac{7(a)}{a+6} - \frac{3(a+b)}{a} = \frac{4(a)}{a+6}$  is

- A.  $a = 18$
- B.  $a = -6$
- C.  $a = 0$
- D. no solution

$$7a - 3a - 18 = 4a$$

$$4a - 18 = 4a$$

$$\frac{-18}{0} = \frac{0a}{0}$$

↑  
not possible so no solution.

Numerical  
Response

7. The roots of the rational equation  $\frac{x+3}{2x+1} = \frac{(5x+1)}{(x+7)(2x+1)}$  are  $x = a$  and  $x = -b$ , where  $a, b > 0$ .

The value of  $\frac{a}{b}$ , to the nearest hundredth, is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Record your answer in the numerical response box from left to right.)

0.115

$$x \neq -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$5x^2 + 16x + 3 = 2x^2 + 15x + 7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \cancel{-16x} \\ 4, -3 \end{array}$$

$$3x^2 + x - 4 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 3x + 4x - 4$$

$$3x(x-1) + 4(3x-1)$$

$$(3x+4)(x-1)$$

$$x = -\frac{4}{3}, 1$$

↑  
b      a

$$1 \div \frac{4}{3} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

**Answer Key**

1. a)  $x = -\frac{2}{3}$

b)  $x = 5$

2. a)  $x = 0$

b) no solution

3. a)  $x = \frac{3}{2}, 5$

b)  $x = -\frac{5}{2}, 4$

4. a) no solution

b)  $x = 3, 4$

5.  $x = -5 \pm \sqrt{41}$

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