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There are different methods to use to solve different algebraic equations. In each case we are looking for the value of x, so the value of the zero(s).

1. x+1=72 In this case we took the denominator (x) and multiplied each side by x to

x get x on one side. Then we are left with easy algebra. We just distribute

X(x+1)=72 x(x+1) to get a quadratic equation that we can factor to get our zeros.

X2+x=72

X2+x-72=0

(x+9)(x-8)

x= 8, -9

2. 10 = 15 In this case we simply cross multiplied. We took the denominator from one

x+4 4(x+1) side of the equal sign and multiplied it with the opposite numerator. We

10 = 15 were then left with two expressions on either side that needed to be

x+4 4x+4 expanded. We then moved everything to one side making it all equal zero,

10(4x+4)=15(x+4) and we then isolated x to get the zeros.

40x+40=15x+60

25x=20

25 = x

20

x= 5

4

3. 10 + 4 = 5 We simply wanted the same denominator for each fraction, so we chose

x(x-2) x x-2 x(x-2) as our denominator and multiplied the fractions appropriately to get

10 + 4(x-2) = 5x that denominator. Since each term in the equation had the same

x(x-2) x(x-2) x(x-2) denominator we were able to discard it, leaving us with a simple

10+4(x-2)=5x equation. We then solved for x by isolating it.

10+4x-8=5x

10+4x-8-5x=0

0= x-2

x=2 NO SOLUTION

4. x + 1 = 2 In this case we multiplied each fraction accordingly so that the

x-2 x-4 x2-6x+8 denominators would be the same. We then got rid of the denominator

x(x-4) + x-2 = 2 because it was all the same and we were left with a simple

x-2(x-4) x-2(x-4) x2-6x+8 equation. We rearranged this equation to make it equal to zero

x2-4x + x-2 = 2 so we could then factor the equation to get our zeros. We

x2-6x x2-6x+8 x2-6x+8 solved for two values of x, although x=4 makes the function

x2-4x+x-2=2 undefined.

x2-3x-4=0

(x-4)(x+1)=0

x= -1

Here is a link that will talk more about what we just did:

<http://www.easymaths.com/Secrets_of_Algebra.htm>

Homework:

* Multiple choice, *Solving Rational Equations* math sheet
* Extra practice textbook questions : pg 61 #6 and pg 63 # 1-4, 6-9
* Rational functions quiz on Monday (Quick multiple choice)
* Unit Test on Friday