

Complete work in your math notebook.

1. Absolute Value Equations

a. Evaluate or solve each of the following:

- $|4| = ?$  4
- $|-4| = ?$  4
- $|x+3| = ?$  when  $x = -10$   $|-10+3| = |-7| = 7$
- $|x| = 1, x = ?$  [2 answers]  $x=1, x=-1$
- $|x| = -2, x = ?$  No solution
- $|x-1| = 0, x = ?$   $x=1$

2 #s are 1 step from zero  
 No #s are negative distance from zero  
 1 # is zero distance from zero

What does it mean to take the Absolute Value of a number, for example,  $|-32| = 32$   
 Find distance from zero

c. To solve equations with Absolute Value, you need to understand that  $|5| = |-5| = 5$ . Watch the screencast on Solving Absolute Value Equations. Then practice on the problems below.

i. $ x-4  = 2$	1. $ x-4  = 2$ $x-4=2$ $x=6$ $x-4=-2$ $x=2$	ii. $ x+5 -3=10$	$ x+5 =13$ $x+5=13$ $x=8$ $x+5=-13$ $x=-18$	iii. $2 x-1 +4=10$	$2 x-1 =6$ $ x-1 =3$ $x-1=3$ $x=4$ $x-1=-3$ $x=-2$
ii. $ x+5 -3=10$		iv. $-4 x+1 +7=-13$	v. $-4 x+1 +7=7$	vi. $-4 x+1 +7=27$	

2. Rational Equations (Equations involving fractions)

a. Solve each equation below by first removing the fractions.

i. $\frac{x}{3} + 1 = \frac{5}{2}$	1. $3(\frac{x}{3} + 1 = \frac{5}{2}) \cdot 3$ $x+3 = \frac{15}{2}$ $2x+6=15$ $2x=9$ $x = 9/2$	ii. $\frac{2x}{5} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{x}{10}$	$20(\frac{2x}{5} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{x}{10}) \cdot 20$ $8x+1 = 2x$ $1 = -6x$ $-\frac{1}{6} = x$	iii. $\frac{(x-4)^2}{2} + 1 = \frac{11}{2}$	$2(\frac{(x-4)^2}{2} + 1 = \frac{11}{2}) \cdot 2$ $(x-4)^2 + 2 = 11$ $(x-4)^2 = 9$ $x-4 = 3$ $x = 7$ $x-4 = -3$ $x = 1$
------------------------------------	---	--	---	---	---

b. Rational Equations can also have the variables in the denominator of the fraction. Consider the equation  $\frac{5}{x} + 3 = \frac{2}{x}$ . What operation would remove the fractions in this problem?

Multiply by  $x^1$

c. Simplify the equation  $\frac{5}{x} + 3 = \frac{2}{x}$  by removing the fractions and then solve.

$$x \cdot (\frac{5}{x} + 3 = \frac{2}{x}) \cdot x \rightarrow 5 + 3x = \frac{2}{x} \rightarrow \frac{3x}{3} = \frac{-3}{3} \rightarrow x = -1$$

3. More Rational Equations:

a.  $5x \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{6}{5x} = 1 \right) \cdot 5x$

$$5 + 6 = 5x$$

$$11 = 5x$$

$$\frac{11}{5} = x$$

c.  $x \left( x + 1 = \frac{72}{x} \right) \cdot x$

$$x^2 + x = 72$$

$$(-9)^2 + (-9) = 72 \quad \begin{matrix} x=9 \\ x=8 \end{matrix}$$

$$8^2 + 8 = 72$$

b.  $2x^2 \left( \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2x^2} \right) \cdot 2x^2$

$$2 + 2x = 1$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

d.  $x-3 \left( x + \frac{x-1}{x-3} = \frac{2}{x-3} \right) \cdot x-3$

$$x^2 - 3x + x - 1 = 2$$

$$x^2 - 2x = 3$$

$$3^2 - 2(3) = 3$$

$$(-1)^2 - 2(-1) = 3$$

$$x=3, x=-1$$

4. Consider the equation  $\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{-1}{x(x-1)}$ .

- What would you need to multiply the equation by to remove the fractions?
- Explain, based on your answer to part (a), why the equation above can be changed to  $x + x - 1 = -1$ .
- Solve this equation for  $x$ .
- Check your solution by plugging the value of  $x$  into the original equation. What happened? This is called an extraneous solution.
- Show that  $\frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{4}{(x-2)(x+2)}$  has an extraneous solution.
- Use desmos.com or the TI-84 to check the solutions in parts (c) and (e). What is it about the graphs that creates an extraneous solution? Explain fully.

a) By  $x(x-1)$

b)  $\left( \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{-1}{x(x-1)} \right) \cdot x(x-1) \rightarrow x + x - 1 = -1$  Denominators cancel

c)  $x + x - 1 = -1$   
 $2x - 1 = -1$   
 $2x = 0$   
 $x = 0$

d)  $\frac{1}{0-1} + \frac{1}{0} = \frac{-1}{0(0-1)}$  Error, Can't  $\div$  by 0.

e)  $\left( \frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{4}{(x-2)(x+2)} \right) \cdot (x-2)(x+2) \rightarrow x+2 + x-2 = 4$   
 $2x = 4$   
 $x = 2$  Makes denominator = 0