

Complete work in your math notebook.

1. Absolute Value Equations

a. Evaluate or solve each of the following:

- $|4| = ?$
- $|-4| = ?$
- $|x + 3| = ?$ when $x = -10$
- $|x| = 1$, $x = ?$ [2 answers]
- $|x| = -2$, $x = ?$
- $|x - 1| = 0$, $x = ?$

b. What does it mean to take the Absolute Value of a number, for example, $|-32|$.

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. $|x - 4| = 2$
- ii. $|x + 5| - 3 = 10$
- iii. $2|x - 1| + 4 = 10$
- 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. $\frac{x}{3} + 1 = \frac{5}{2}$
- ii. $\frac{2x}{5} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{x}{10}$
- iii. $\frac{(x-4)^2}{2} + 1 = \frac{11}{2}$
- iv. $\frac{2|x-1|}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = 2$
- v. $(\frac{2}{3}x + 1)(\frac{x}{5} - \frac{1}{10}) = 0$

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?

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

3. More Rational Equations:

a. $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{6}{5x} = 1$

b. $\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2x^2}$

c. $x + 1 = \frac{72}{x}$

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

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.