

Review Exercise Set 13

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Review Exercise Set 13 Answer Key

Exercise 1: Solve for x.

$$\frac{3x-7}{10} = \frac{2}{x}$$

Find the LCD for both fractions

$$\text{LCD: } 10x$$

Multiply each side of the equation by the LCD

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3x-7}{10} \times 10x &= \frac{2}{x} \times 10x \\ (3x-7) \times x &= 2 \times 10 \\ 3x^2 - 7x &= 20\end{aligned}$$

Solve for x

$$\begin{aligned}3x^2 - 7x - 20 &= 0 \\ (3x+5)(x-4) &= 0 \\ 3x+5=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-4=0 \\ 3x=-5 \quad \text{or} \quad x=4 \\ x=-\frac{5}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x=4\end{aligned}$$

Check:

$$x = -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right) - 7}{10} &= \frac{2}{-\frac{5}{3}} \\ \frac{-5-7}{10} &= 2 \times \left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) \\ \frac{-12}{10} &= -\frac{6}{5} \\ -\frac{6}{5} &= -\frac{6}{5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3(4) - 7}{10} &= \frac{2}{4} \\ \frac{12-7}{10} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{5}{10} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2: Solve for n.

$$\frac{n}{70-n} = 7 + \frac{6}{70-n}$$

Find the LCD for both fractions

$$\text{LCD: } 70 - n$$

Multiply each side of the equation by the LCD

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{n}{70-n} \times (70-n) &= \left(7 + \frac{6}{70-n}\right) \times (70-n) \\ \frac{n}{70-n} \times (70-n) &= (7) \times (70-n) + \left(\frac{6}{70-n}\right) \times (70-n) \\ n &= 490 - 7n + 6\end{aligned}$$

Solve for n

$$\begin{aligned}n &= 490 - 7n + 6 \\ n + 7n &= 490 + 6 \\ 8n &= 496 \\ n &= \frac{496}{8} \\ n &= 62\end{aligned}$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{n}{70-n} &= 7 + \frac{6}{70-n} \\ \frac{62}{70-62} &= 7 + \frac{6}{70-62} \\ \frac{62}{8} &= 7 + \frac{6}{8} \\ 7\frac{3}{4} &= 7 + \frac{3}{4} \\ 7\frac{3}{4} &= 7\frac{3}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3: Solve for x.

$$\frac{x+2}{5} + \frac{x-1}{6} = \frac{3}{5}$$

Find the LCD all three fractions

$$\begin{aligned} 5: & \quad 5 \\ 6: & \quad 2 * 3 \\ \text{LCD:} & \quad 2 * 3 * 5 = \mathbf{30} \end{aligned}$$

Multiply each side of the equation by the LCD

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{x+2}{5} + \frac{x-1}{6}\right) \times 30 &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \times 30 \\ \left(\frac{x+2}{5}\right) \times 30 + \left(\frac{x-1}{6}\right) \times 30 &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \times 30 \\ (x+2) \times 6 + (x-1) \times 5 &= 3 \times 6 \end{aligned}$$

Solve for x

$$\begin{aligned} 6x + 12 + 5x - 5 &= 18 \\ 11x + 7 &= 18 \\ 11x &= 18 - 7 \\ 11x &= 11 \\ x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x+2}{5} + \frac{x-1}{6} &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{1+2}{5} + \frac{1-1}{6} &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} + \frac{0}{6} &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} + 0 &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} &= \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4: Solve for x.

$$\frac{3}{2x-1} = \frac{5}{3x+2}$$

Use the cross multiplication property

$$3 \times (3x+2) = 5 \times (2x-1)$$

Solve for x

$$\begin{aligned}9x + 6 &= 10x - 5 \\9x - 10x &= -5 - 6 \\-x &= -11 \\x &= 11\end{aligned}$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3}{2x-1} &= \frac{5}{3x+2} \\ \frac{3}{2(11)-1} &= \frac{5}{3(11)+2} \\ \frac{3}{22-1} &= \frac{5}{33+2} \\ \frac{3}{21} &= \frac{5}{35} \\ \frac{1}{7} &= \frac{1}{7}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5: Solve for a.

$$\frac{a}{a^2-1} + \frac{a+3}{a-2} = \frac{a^2+4a+3}{a^2-a-2}$$

Factor the denominators $a^2 - 1$ and $a^2 - a - 2$ and the numerator $a^2 + 4a + 3$

$$\begin{aligned}a^2 - 1 &= (a + 1)(a - 1) \\ a^2 - a - 2 &= (a + 1)(a - 2) \\ a^2 + 4a + 3 &= (a + 1)(a + 3)\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5 (Continued):

Rewrite the equation with the factored forms of the polynomials

$$\frac{a}{a^2-1} + \frac{a+3}{a-2} = \frac{a^2+4a+3}{a^2-a-2}$$
$$\frac{a}{(a+1)(a-1)} + \frac{a+3}{a-2} = \frac{(a+1)(a+3)}{(a+1)(a-2)}$$

Reduce the fractions if possible

$$\frac{a}{(a+1)(a-1)} + \frac{a+3}{a-2} = \frac{a+3}{a-2}$$

Solve for a

$$\frac{a}{(a+1)(a-1)} = \frac{a+3}{a-2} - \frac{a+3}{a-2}$$
$$\frac{a}{(a+1)(a-1)} = 0$$
$$\frac{a}{(a+1)(a-1)} \times (a+1)(a-1) = 0 \times (a+1)(a-1)$$
$$a = 0$$

Check:

$$\frac{a}{a^2-1} + \frac{a+3}{a-2} = \frac{a^2+4a+3}{a^2-a-2}$$
$$\frac{(0)}{(0)^2-1} + \frac{(0)+3}{(0)-2} = \frac{(0)^2+4(0)+3}{(0)^2-(0)-2}$$
$$\frac{0}{-1} + \frac{3}{-2} = \frac{3}{-2}$$
$$0 - \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}$$
$$-\frac{3}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}$$