

THREE TYPES OF RESULTS FROM A LINEAR EQUATION.

- (1) ONE (UNIQUE) SOLUTION
 - (2) NO SOLUTION
- } CONDITIONAL EQUATION

(3) ALL REAL NUMBERS ARE SOLUTIONS - IDENTITY EQUATION

EQUATIONS W/ FRACTIONS

step 1: cross multiply if a fraction = a fraction.

step 2: proceed as usual to solve the linear equation.

(step 3: plug in your answer to original expression to check)

e.g. $\frac{100-4x}{3} = \frac{5x+6}{4} + 6$

LCM = 3 · 4 = 12

$$\frac{100-4x}{3} \cdot \frac{12}{1} = \frac{5x+6}{4} \cdot \frac{12}{1} + 6 \cdot 12$$

this step → shouldn't have fractions any more

$$4(100-4x) = 3(5x+6) + 72$$

$$400-16x = 15x+18+72$$

$$400-16x = 15x+90$$

$$400 = 15x+16x+90$$

$$400-90 = 31x$$

$$310 = 31x$$

$$\boxed{10 = x}$$

e.g. $10 - \frac{13}{x} = 4 + \frac{5}{x}$

LCM = x

$$10x - \frac{x}{1} \cdot \frac{13}{x} = 4x + \frac{5}{x} \cdot \frac{x}{1}$$

$$10x - 13 = 4x + 5$$

$$10x - 4x - 13 = 5$$

$$6x = 5 + 13 \Rightarrow 6x = 18 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 3}$$

step 1: Find the least common

multiple (common denominator) of the denominators

★ if you struggle to find the least common multiple, just multiply all the denominators and use the "common multiple", it works just fine

step 2: Multiply each term

by the (least) common multiple

$$(1) 7x - 3 = 12 + 2x.$$

$$7x - 2x - 3 = 12$$

$$5x = 12 + 3$$

$$5x = 15$$

$$\boxed{x = 3}$$

$$(2) 5x - 7 = 2x + 3(x - 3) + 2.$$

$$5x - 7 = 2x + 3x - 9 + 2.$$

$$5x - 7 = 5x - 7.$$

(0 = 0) identical.

Solutions can be any real numbers

$$(3) 3x + 2x + 6 = 5(x + 2)$$

$$5x + 6 = 5x + 10.$$

$$6 = 10.$$

There's no solution.

$$(4) \frac{x}{3} + 5 = \frac{x}{2} + 4$$

$$\frac{x}{3} \cdot \frac{6}{1} + 5 \cdot 6 = \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{6}{1} + 4 \cdot 6.$$

$$2x + 30 = 3x + 24$$

$$2x - 3x + 30 = 24$$

$$-x + 30 = 24$$

$$-x = 24 - 30$$

$$-x = -6$$

$$\boxed{x = 6}$$

→ when you get to one side being the same as the other side, you have an identity, and you may conclude directly from there that everything works.

→ false statement

$$\text{LCM} = 6.$$

$$| 30 = 3x - 2x + 24$$

$$| 30 = x + 24$$

$$| 30 - 24 = x$$

$$| \boxed{6 = x} \quad \checkmark$$