

Objective: I can solve linear, quadratic, absolute value and radical equations.

**Vocabulary and Review:**

Linear: degree is one

Quadratic: degree is two

Cubic: degree is three

Absolute value: distance from 0, must have 2 ans,  $\pm$

Radicand: what's under radical ( $\sqrt{\quad}$ )

Index: little # in  $\sqrt{\quad}$  tells you root to take

Exponent: little #, tells how many times to mult base

Square root: 1 of 2 same factors

Cube root: 1 of 3 same factors

Extraneous: solution not in domain

**Solving** an equation means finding solutions/numbers that makes the equation true.

**Steps for solving an equation that only has 1 variable:**

1. Isolate the parent function and variable.
2. Do the inverse of the parent function.

\*\*Remember if you take an even root, the answer must have  $\pm$  on it.

3. Solve for the variable.
4. Check. Write if there are any extraneous answers or restrictions.

\*\*even roots— radicand  $\geq 0$

\*\*odd roots— none

never together

**EXAMPLES:** Solve for the variable, include both real and imaginary solutions. State the restrictions (domain). Write your solutions in simplest form.

1.  $\left(\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6}\right)^6$

$4x - 3 = 1$   
 $4x = 4$   
 $x = 1$

2.  $\left(\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{5}{9}\right)^9$

$3x - 6 = 5$   
 $3x = 11$   
 $x = \frac{11}{3}$

3.  $9x^2 - 20 = 5$

$9x^2 = 25$   
 $x^2 = \frac{25}{9}$   
 $x = \pm \frac{5}{3}$

4.  $5x^3 + 2 = 42$

$5x^3 = 40$   
 $x^3 = 8$   
 $x^3 = 2$

5.  $x^4 = 48$

$x = \pm 4\sqrt{2}$

6.  $(x+4)^2 + 5 = 21$

$(x+4)^2 = 16$   
 $x+4 = \pm 4$   
 $x = 8, 0$

7.  $\sqrt{3x+1} - 4 = 0$

$\sqrt{3x+1} = 4$   
 $3x+1 = 16$   
 $3x = 15$   
 $x = 5$   
 $3x+1 \geq 0$   
 $x \geq -\frac{1}{3}$

8.  $5\sqrt{x} + 15 = -10 \quad x \geq 0$

$5\sqrt{x} = -25$   
 $\sqrt{x} = -5$   
 no solution

9.  $3 - 2\sqrt[3]{x+1} = 5$

$-2\sqrt[3]{x+1} = 2$   
 $\sqrt[3]{x+1} = -1$   
 $x+1 = -1$   
 $x = -2$

10.  $4 - 5\sqrt[4]{x+1} = -6$

$-5\sqrt[4]{x+1} = -10$   
 $\sqrt[4]{x+1} = 2$   
 $x+1 = 16$   
 $x = 15$   
 $x \geq 0$

11.  $3\sqrt[5]{10x-7} = 9$

$\sqrt[5]{10x-7} = 3$   
 $10x-7 = 243$   
 $10x = 250$   
 $x = 25$

12.  $\sqrt{x-4} = (x-4)^2$

$x-4 = x^2 - 8x + 16$   
 $x^2 - 9x + 20 = 0$   
 $(x-4)(x-5) = 0$   
 $x = 5, 4$   
 $x \geq 4$

**Steps for solving an equation that only has more than 1 variable:**

1. Set equation equal to 0.
2. Factor or do quadratic formula.
3. Set each factor equal to 0 or simplify the quadratic formula.
4. Check. Write if there are any extraneous answers.

**EXAMPLES:** Solve for the variable, include both real and imaginary solutions. State the restrictions (domain). Write your solutions in simplest form.

1.  $4x^2 = 12x$

$$4x^2 - 12x = 0$$

$$4x(x-3) = 0$$

$$x = 0, 3$$

2.  $x^2 + 8x = 10$

$$x^2 + 8x - 10 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{(8)^2 - 4(1)(-10)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{104}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm 2\sqrt{26}}{2}$$

$$x = -4 \pm \sqrt{26}$$

3.  $3x^2 - 13x - 10 = 0$

$$(3x+2)(x-5) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{2}{3}, 5$$

**Steps for Solving Absolute Value Equations:**

1. Get the absolute value alone on one side of the equation with a number on the other side.
2. Write **2** equations, one for the positive option and one for the negative option that gives you that answer. Solve.
3. If the number opposite the absolute value is negative, there is **no solution**.

1.  $|x| = 8$

$$x = \pm 8$$

2.  $\left|\frac{x}{5}\right| = 4$

$$\frac{x}{5} = 4 \quad \frac{x}{5} = -4$$

$$x = \pm 20$$

3.  $|x-3| = 9$

$$x-3 = \pm 9$$

$$x = 12, -6$$

4.  $\frac{1}{3}|x-7| = 2$

$$|x-7| = 6$$

$$x-7 = 6 \quad x-7 = -6$$

$$x = 13, 1$$

5.  $2|4x| - 8 = 16$

$$2|4x| = 24$$

$$|4x| = 12$$

$$4x = \pm 12$$

$$x = \pm 3$$

6.  $6|5x-1| + 4 = 88$

$$6|5x-1| = 84$$

$$|5x-1| = 14$$

$$5x-1 = 14 \quad 5x-1 = -14$$

$$5x = 15$$

$$x = 3$$

$$5x = -13$$

$$x = -\frac{13}{5}$$