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Solving Equation with Fractions

3.6 Part 1

Distributive Property with Fractions:

$2\left(5 + \frac{x}{4}\right)$ $= 10 + \frac{2x}{4}$ $= 10 + \frac{x}{2}$	$-\left(\frac{x}{7} - 3\right)$ $= -\frac{x}{7} + 3$
$6\left(9x + \frac{2}{5}\right)$ $= 54x + \frac{12}{5}$	$-4\left(3y + \frac{9}{11}\right)$ $= -12y - \frac{36}{11}$

Removing Fractions from Equations

1. Equations with one fraction or with fractions that all have the same denominator.

- Put each side in brackets.
- Multiply each side by the denominator.
- Reduce and multiply.
- Solve

Examples: Remove fractions. Do not solve.

$\frac{4}{1} \left(2x + \frac{1}{4} = 5 \right) \cdot 4$ $8x + \frac{4}{4} = 20$ $\underline{8x + 1 = 20}$	$\frac{10}{1} \left(6x - \frac{3}{10} = \frac{13}{10} \right) \cdot 10$ $\underline{60x - 3 = 13}$
$\frac{7}{1} \left(6x + 5 = \frac{4}{7} \right) \cdot 7$ $\underline{42x + 35 = 4}$	$\frac{3}{1} \left(\frac{2x}{3} - 9 = -\frac{8}{3} \right) \cdot 3$ $\underline{2x - 27 = -8}$

Examples: Solve Equations. Start with removing fractions from both sides.

$$\frac{0}{1} \left(-x + \frac{3}{10} \right) = (2)(10)$$

$$-10x + 3 = 20$$

$$\frac{-10x}{-10} = \frac{17}{-10}$$

$$x = -\frac{17}{10}$$

$$x = -1.7$$

$$\frac{7}{1} \left(4x - \frac{2}{7} \right) = \left(\frac{5}{7} \right) \frac{7}{1}$$

$$28x - 2 = -5$$

$$\frac{28x}{28} = \frac{-3}{28}$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{28}$$

$$3 \left(3x - 12 \right) = \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \frac{3}{1}$$

$$9x - 36 = 2$$

$$\frac{9x}{9} = \frac{38}{9}$$

$$x = \frac{38}{9}$$

OR

$$x = 4\frac{2}{9}$$

$$\frac{15}{1} \left(\frac{4x}{15} - 2 \right) = \left(\frac{8}{15} \right) \frac{15}{1}$$

$$4x - 30 = -8$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{22}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{11}{2}$$

$$x = 5.5$$

$$x = 5\frac{1}{2}$$

