

Objectives

- Solve rational equations in one variable.
- Solve rational inequalities in one variable.

Keywords

- rational equation.
- rational inequality.

Solve rational equations**Example 1** Solve a Rational Equation

Solve $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{2}{4x+1} = \frac{x}{3}$

Step 1) decide what's the LCD that will make the denominators the same

Multiply by LCD:

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

Step 2) simplify

$$5(4x+1) - 6(2) = 2x(4x+1)$$

$$\dots x + \dots - \dots = \dots x^2 + 2x$$

$$20x - \dots = \dots x^2 + 2x$$

Step 3) solve for x (using quadratic formula)

Make it = 0 $0 = \dots x^2 - \dots x + \dots$

$$x = \frac{\dots \pm \sqrt{(\dots)^2 - 4(\dots)(\dots)}}{2(\dots)} = \dots \text{ or } \dots$$

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