



Exercise 5.3



➤ **Solve and check your solutions (1-7).**

Q1. $\frac{6x}{x-11} + 1 = \frac{3}{x-11}$

Solution:

We are asked to solve the equation:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6x}{x-11} + 1 = \frac{3}{x-11}$$

First, we want to get rid of the fractions.

Multiply both sides of the equation by $(x - 11)$.

$$\Rightarrow (x - 11) \left(\frac{6x}{x-11} + 1 \right) = (x - 11) \left(\frac{3}{x-11} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x + (x - 11) = 3 \Rightarrow 6 + x - 11 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x - 11 = 3 \Rightarrow 7x = 3 + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x = 14 \Rightarrow x = \frac{14}{7} \Rightarrow x = 2$$

Now we check our answer:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6x}{x-11} + 1 = \frac{3}{x-11} \Rightarrow \frac{6(2)}{2-11} + 1 = \frac{3}{2-11}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12}{-9} + 1 = \frac{3}{-9} \Rightarrow -\frac{4}{3} + 1 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{4}{3} + \frac{3}{3} = -\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

∴ The solution $x = 2$ is valid.

⇒ **Solution set = {2}**

Q2. $\frac{2y}{y+3} = \frac{-4}{y-7}$

Solution:

We are asked to solve the equation:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2y}{y+3} = \frac{-4}{y-7}$$

Cross-multiply to get rid of the fractions:

$$\Rightarrow 2y(y - 7) = -4(y + 3) \Rightarrow 2y^2 - 14y = -4y - 12$$

Move all terms to one side to form a quadratic equation:

$$\Rightarrow 2y^2 - 14y + 4y + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow 2y^2 - 10y + 12 = 0$$

Divide the equation by 2.

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 5y + 6 = 0$$

Factor the quadratic equation:

$$\Rightarrow (y - 2)(y - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 2) = 0 ; (y - 3) = 0$$

So the possible solutions are $y = 2$ and $y = 3$.

Now we check the solutions:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2y}{y+3} = \frac{-4}{y-7}$$

• For $y = 2$:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2(2)}{2+3} = \frac{-4}{2-7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{5} = \frac{-4}{-5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

So $y = 2$ is a valid solution.

• For $y = 3$:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2(3)}{3+3} = \frac{-4}{3-7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6}{6} = \frac{-4}{-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

So $y = 3$ is a valid solution.

∴ The solution is valid.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Solution set} = \{2, 3\}$$

Q3. $\frac{x+7}{x+4} - 1 = \frac{x+10}{2x+8}$

Solution:

We are asked to solve the equation:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+7}{x+4} - 1 = \frac{x+10}{2x+8}$$

First, rewrite the equation by subtracting 1.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+7}{x+4} - \frac{x+4}{x+4} = \frac{x+10}{2x+8} \Rightarrow \frac{x+7-(x+4)}{x+4} = \frac{x+10}{2x+8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+7-x-4}{x+4} = \frac{x+10}{2(x+4)} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{x+4} = \frac{x+10}{2(x+4)}$$

Multiply both sides by $2(x+4)$.

$$\Rightarrow 2(x+4) \times \frac{3}{x+4} = 2(x+4) \times \frac{x+10}{2(x+4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 = x + 10 \Rightarrow x = 6 - 10 \Rightarrow x = -4$$

Now we check the solution. Notice that if $x = -4$, then $x + 4 = 0$, so the original equation is undefined because we would be dividing by zero.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+7}{x+4} - 1 = \frac{x+10}{2x+8} \Rightarrow \frac{-4+7}{-4+4} - 1 = \frac{-4+10}{2(-4)+8} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{0} - 1 = \frac{6}{0} = \infty$$

Since we have division by zero, $x = -4$ is not a valid solution.

Therefore, there is no solution to the equation.

Q4. $\frac{3y}{y+1} = \frac{12}{y^2-1} + \frac{y+4}{y+1}$

Solution:

We are asked to solve the equation:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3y}{y+1} = \frac{12}{y^2-1} + \frac{y+4}{y+1}$$

First, we notice that $y^2 - 1 = (y + 1)(y - 1)$.

So we can rewrite the equation as:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3y}{y+1} = \frac{12}{(y+1)(y-1)} + \frac{y+4}{y+1}$$

Multiply both sides by $(y + 1)(y - 1)$ to eliminate the fractions.

$$\Rightarrow (y+1)(y-1) \frac{3y}{y+1} = (y+1)(y-1) \left[\frac{12}{(y+1)(y-1)} + \frac{y+4}{y+1} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y(y-1) = 12 + (y+4)(y-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 3y = 12 + y^2 - y + 4y - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 3y = 12 + y^2 + 3y - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 3y = y^2 + 3y + 8$$

Move all terms to one side;

$$\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 3y - y^2 - 3y - 8 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2y^2 - 6y - 8 = 0$$

Divide the equation by 2.

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 3y - 4 = 0$$

Factor the quadratic equation:

$$\Rightarrow (y - 4)(y + 1) = 0$$

So the possible solutions are $y = 4$ and $y = -1$.

Now we check the solutions:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3y}{y+1} = \frac{12}{y^2-1} + \frac{y+4}{y+1}$$

• **For $y = 4$:**

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3(4)}{4+1} = \frac{12}{4^2-1} + \frac{4+4}{4+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12}{5} = \frac{12}{15} + \frac{8}{5} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{12}{5} = 5 + \frac{8}{5} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{12}{5} = \frac{12}{5}$$

So $y = 4$ is a valid solution.

• **For $y = -1$:**

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3(-1)}{-1+1} = \frac{12}{(-1)^2-1} + \frac{-1+4}{-1+1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{-3}{0} = \frac{12}{0} + \frac{3}{0} = \infty$$

Since we have division by zero, $y = -1$ is not a valid solution.

Therefore, the only solution is $y = 4$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{only } 4 \text{ } (-1 \text{ is not solution})$$

Q5. $x + \frac{5}{x} = -6$

Solution:

We are asked to solve the equation:

$$\Rightarrow x + \frac{5}{x} = -6$$

Multiply both sides of the equation by x to eliminate the fraction:

$$\Rightarrow x \left(x + \frac{5}{x} \right) = x(-6)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 5 = -6x$$

Move all terms to one side to form a quadratic equation:

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$$

Factor the quadratic equation:

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1)(x + 5) = 0$$

So the possible solutions are $x = -1$ and $x = -5$.

Now we check the solutions:

• **For $x = -1$:**

$$\Rightarrow -1 + \frac{5}{-1} = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 - 5 = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 = -6$$

So $x = -1$ is a valid solution.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Solution set} = \{-1, -5\}$$

• **For $x = -5$:**

$$\Rightarrow -5 + \frac{5}{-5} = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 - 1 = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 = -6$$

So $x = -5$ is a valid solution.

Q6. $\frac{y+2}{y^2+6y-7} = \frac{8}{y^2+3y-4}$

Solution:

We are asked to solve the equation:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y+2}{y^2+6y-7} = \frac{8}{y^2+3y-4}$$

First, factor the denominators:

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 6y - 7 = (y + 7)(y - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 3y - 4 = (y + 4)(y - 1)$$

Rewrite the equation with factored denominators:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y+2}{(y+7)(y-1)} = \frac{8}{(y+4)(y-1)}$$

Multiply both sides by $(y+7)(y-1)(y+4)$ to eliminate the fractions.

$$\Rightarrow (y+7)(y-1)(y+4) \frac{y+2}{(y+7)(y-1)} = (y+7)(y-1)(y+4) \frac{8}{(y+4)(y-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+4)(y+2) = 8(y+7)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 2y + 4y + 8 = 8y + 56$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 6y + 8 = 8y + 56$$

Move all terms to one side to form a quadratic equation:

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 6y - 8y + 8 - 56 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 2y - 48 = 0$$

Factor the quadratic equation:

$$\Rightarrow (y - 8)(y + 6) = 0$$

So the possible solutions are $y = 8$ and $y = -6$.

Now we check the solutions:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y+2}{y^2+6y-7} = \frac{8}{y^2+3y-4}$$

• **For $y = 8$:**

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8+2}{8^2+6(8)-7} = \frac{8}{8^2+3(8)-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10}{64+48-7} = \frac{8}{64+24-4} \Rightarrow \frac{10}{105} = \frac{8}{84} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{21} = \frac{2}{21}$$

So $y = 8$ is a valid solution.

• **For $y = -6$:**

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-6+2}{(-6)^2+6(-6)-7} = \frac{8}{(-6)^2+3(-6)-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-4}{36-36-7} = \frac{8}{36-18-4} \Rightarrow \frac{-4}{-7} = \frac{8}{14} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{7} = \frac{4}{7}$$

So $y = -6$ is a valid solution.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Solution set} = \{-6, 8\}$$

Q7.
$$\frac{5}{y+1} + \frac{3y+5}{y^2+4y+3} = \frac{2}{y+3}$$

Solution:

We are asked to solve the equation:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{y+1} + \frac{3y+5}{y^2+4y+3} = \frac{2}{y+3}$$

First, factor the denominator $y^2 + 4y + 3 = (y + 1)(y + 3)$.

Rewrite the equation with the factored denominator:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{y+1} + \frac{3y+5}{(y+1)(y+3)} = \frac{2}{y+3}$$

Multiply both sides by $(y + 1)(y + 3)$ to eliminate the fractions.

$$\Rightarrow (y+1)(y+3) \left(\frac{5}{y+1} + \frac{3y+5}{(y+1)(y+3)} \right) = (y+1)(y+3) \frac{2}{y+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5(y+3) + (3y+5) = 2(y+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5y + 15 + 3y + 5 = 2y + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 8y + 20 = 2y + 2$$

Move all terms with y to one side and constants to the other side:

$$\Rightarrow 8y - 2y = 2 - 20 \Rightarrow 6y = -18$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{-18}{6} \Rightarrow y = -3$$

Now we check the solution:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{y+1} + \frac{3y+5}{y^2+4y+3} = \frac{2}{y+3}$$

If $y = -3$, then $y + 3 = 0$, so the original equation is undefined because we would be dividing by zero.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{-3+1} + \frac{3(-3)+5}{(-3)^2+4(-3)+3} = \frac{2}{-3+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{-2} + \frac{-9+5}{9-12+3} = \frac{2}{0} \Rightarrow \frac{-5}{2} + \frac{-4}{0} = \frac{2}{0} = \infty$$

Since we have division by zero, $y = -3$ is not a valid solution.

Also, if $y = -1$, then $y + 1 = 0$, so $\frac{5}{y+1}$ is undefined.

Therefore, there is **no solution**.

Q8. Kaleem can mow a lawn in 4 hours. Moiz can mow the same lawn in 5 hours. How long would it take both of them, working together, to mow the lawn.

Solution:

Let K be the rate at which Kaleem mows the lawn, and M be the rate at which Moiz mows the lawn.

Kaleem can mow a lawn in 4 hours, so $K = \frac{1}{4}$ lawns per hour.

Moiz can mow the same lawn in 5 hours, so $M = \frac{1}{5}$ lawns per hour.

When they work together, their rates add up. So their combined rate is:

$$\Rightarrow K + M = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{5}{20} + \frac{4}{20} = \frac{9}{20}$$

So together they mow $\frac{9}{20}$ lawns per hour. To find the time it takes for them to mow one lawn together, we take the reciprocal of their combined rate:

$$\Rightarrow \text{Time} = \frac{1}{\frac{9}{20}} = \frac{20}{9}$$

To express this as hours and minutes, we have:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{20}{9} = 2 \frac{2}{9} \text{ hours}$$

Now, convert the fraction of an hour to minutes:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{9} \text{ hours} \times 60 \frac{\text{minutes}}{\text{hour}} = \frac{120}{9} \text{ minutes} = \frac{40}{3} \text{ minutes} \approx 13 \text{ minutes}$$

So it would take them 2 hours and $13 \frac{1}{3}$ minutes.

In decimal form, $\frac{20}{9} \approx 2$ hours.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Approximately } 2 \frac{2}{9} \text{ or about 2 hours and 13 minutes}$$

Q9. You have an 8-pint mixture of paint that is made up of equal amounts of yellow paint and blue paint. To create a certain shade of green, you need a paint mixture that is 80% yellow. How many pints of yellow paint do you need to add to the mixture?

Solution:

Let y be the amount of yellow paint to add to the mixture.

The mixture is 8 pints and is made up of equal amounts of yellow and blue paint, so there are 4 pints of yellow paint and 4 pints of blue paint.

When we add y pints of yellow paint, the amount of yellow paint becomes $4 + y$ pints.

The total volume of the mixture becomes $8 + y$ pints.

We want the new mixture to be 80% yellow, so we set up the equation:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4 + y}{8 + y} = 0.8$$

Multiply both sides by $8 + y$.

$$\Rightarrow 4 + y = 0.8(8 + y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + y = 6.4 + 0.8y$$

Subtract $0.8y$ from both sides.

$$\Rightarrow 4 + 0.2y = 6.4$$

Subtract 4 from both sides.

$$\Rightarrow 0.2y = 2.4$$

$$\text{Divide by } 0.2. \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \frac{2.4}{0.2} = \frac{24}{2} = 12$$

So, we need to add 12 pints of yellow paint.

• **Check:**

New amount of yellow paint: $4 + 12 = 16$ pints

Total volume of mixture: $8 + 12 = 20$ pints

Percentage of yellow paint: $\frac{16}{20} = \frac{4}{5} = 0.8 = 80\%$

\Rightarrow Add 12 pints of yellow paint to the mixture to achieve a paint mixture that is 80% yellow.

Q10. Waqar takes 9 hours longer to build a wall than it takes Wasi. If they work together, they can build the wall in 20 hours. How long would it take each, working alone, to build the wall?

Solution:

Let w be the time it takes Wasi to build the wall alone.

Then Waqar takes $w + 9$ hours to build the wall alone.

- Wasi's rate of work is $\frac{1}{w}$ walls per hour.
- Waqar's rate of work is $\frac{1}{w+9}$ walls per hour.

When they work together, their combined rate is $\frac{1}{w} + \frac{1}{w+9}$ walls per hour.

They can build the wall in 20 hours working together, so their combined rate is $\frac{1}{20}$ walls per hour.

Therefore, we have the equation: $\frac{1}{w} + \frac{1}{w+9} = \frac{1}{20}$

Multiply both sides by $20w(w+9)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 20(w+9) + 20w &= w(w+9) \\ \Rightarrow 20w + 180 + 20w &= w^2 + 9w \\ \Rightarrow 40w + 180 &= w^2 + 9w \\ \Rightarrow w^2 - 31w - 180 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We are looking for two numbers that multiply to -180 and add to -31 .

These are -36 and 5 .

$$\Rightarrow (w - 36)(w + 5) = 0$$

So, $w = 36$ or $w = -5$. Since time cannot be negative, we have $w = 36$.

\Rightarrow Wasi takes 36 hours to build the wall alone.

\Rightarrow Waqar takes $36 + 9 = 45$ hours to build the wall alone.

• **Check:**

$$\text{Wasi's rate: } \frac{1}{36} \quad ; \quad \text{Waqar's rate: } \frac{1}{45}$$

$$\text{Combined rate: } \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{45} = \frac{5}{180} + \frac{4}{180} = \frac{9}{180} = \frac{1}{20}$$

So together they take 20 hours.

\Rightarrow Wasi takes 36 hours and Waqar takes 45.

