

Objective - Solving Rational Equations

Solve rational equations that lead to linear and quadratic equations.

Link to section in online textbook.

First, watch [this video](#) to learn how solving rational functions. Since our domain can be restricted, we need to check these values!

Question 1 Solve the rational equation below. Remember to check your solutions to make sure they are valid! If there is no solution, answer “NA”.

$$?? = \frac{??}{??}$$

Solution: $x =$

Question 2 Solve the rational equation below. Remember to check your solutions to make sure they are valid! If there is no solution, answer “NA”.

$$?? = \frac{??}{??}$$

Solution: $x =$

Question 3 Solve the rational equation below. Remember to check your solutions to make sure they are valid! If there are more boxes than solutions, answer “NA”.

$$?? = ??$$

Solutions: $x =$ and $x =$

Question 4 Solve the rational equation below. Remember to check your solutions to make sure they are valid! If there are more boxes than solutions, answer “NA”.

$$?? = ??$$

Solutions: $x =$ and $x =$

Learning outcomes:
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Question 5 Solve the rational equation below. Remember to check your solutions to make sure they are valid! If there are more boxes than solutions, answer “NA”.

$$?? = ??$$

Solutions: $x =$ and $x =$

Question 6 Main takeaway: Before looking, you should work through the previous problems. Have you finished working through the examples?

Feedback(correct): To solve rational equations, we want to multiply to remove the denominators. When in doubt, multiply by the denominator of each one at a time. This may not always be the most efficient way (multiplying by the GCD would be) it will eventually get the equation into a more manageable form. Like with radical functions, we also need to check our solutions to make sure they are valid – that we are not dividing by 0.
