

Topic 4.1 Practice Problems

1. Consider the following equations:

$$\text{A: } \frac{12}{x} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{B: } 12x = 24 \quad \text{C: } 13 - 12x = 1 \quad \text{D: } 1.5x = 6$$

For the given values

$$x = 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16,$$

determine which values, if any, are solutions to each equation.

2. There are three gyms in a town with the following pricing structures:

Gym	Upfront Fee (\$)	Monthly Fee (\$)
A	50	10
B	0	25
C	30	15

- (a) What is the total cost of each gym after 10 months?
- (b) Suppose the budget for Gym A is \$120. Paul says this covers 5 months, Sally says 6 months, and Omer says 7 months. Who is correct? Justify your answer.
- (c) Omer and Ali start in the same month. Omer goes to Gym B and spends \$400 total. How much does Ali spend if he goes to Gym C?
- (d) A new Gym D has an upfront fee of \$5. Determine the monthly fee so that after 10 months, the total cost equals that of Gym C.
3. Write four equations using the variable x such that the solution is $x = 9$. Each equation must use a different operation: addition (+), subtraction (−), multiplication (×), and division (÷). Verify that $x = 9$ satisfies each equation.
4. There are four amusement park rides. Let n represent the number of normal riders and c represent the number of children. Ride costs are given below:

Ride	Cost
The Cyclone	$4n + 2c$
Thunder Run	$7n + 3c$
Sky Screamer	$6n$
Wild Rush	$8n + 4c$

If a variable is missing, that group is not allowed on the ride. If there are 4 normal riders and 4 children and the total budget is exactly \$24, determine which ride(s), if any, they can take.

5. You have \$50.00 to spend at a bookstore. You purchase:

SAT book: \$29.99 Comic book: \$13.67

You would also like to buy:

6 book covers at \$2.99 each, a stapler for \$6.34, and a bookmark for \$4.50.

Determine the most expensive additional item you can afford without exceeding your budget.