

# mathWithPython\_algebra1\_solve4x

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## 1 COURSE: Master math by coding in Python

## 2 SECTION: Algebra 1

## 3 VIDEO: Solving for x

**3.0.1** <https://www.udemy.com/course/math-with-python/?couponCode=202312>

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[1]: # It's generally good practice to import all required modules at the top of the script!
import sympy as sym
import numpy as np
from IPython.display import display, Math
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[2]: x = sym.symbols('x')

# the expression we want to solve is 2x+4=9
expr = 2*x + 4 -9

sym.solve(expr,x)
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[2]: [5/2]
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[3]: # make it look a bit nicer

sol = sym.solve(expr,x)

display('The solution to %s is %g'%(expr,sol[0]))

# or
display(Math('\\text{The solution to %s}\\text{ is x=%g}' %(sym.
    latex(expr),sol[0])))
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'The solution to  $2x - 5$  is 2.5'

The solution to  $2x - 5$  is  $x=2.5$

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[4]: # can input the equation directly into the solve function
sym.solve(x**2 - 4,x)
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[4]: [-2, 2]
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[5]: # notice the solution is stored as a list, with one solution per element
sol = sym.solve(x**2 - 4,x)

print( type(sol) )
print( len(sol) )
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<class 'list'>
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[6]: # we can print them all out:
for i in range(0,len(sol)):
    print('Solution #' + str(i+1) + ' is ' + str(sol[i]))
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Solution #1 is -2
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Solution #2 is 2
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[7]: y = sym.symbols('y')

expr = x/4 - x*y + 5

print( "Solved for x: " + str(sym.solve(expr,x)[0]) )
print( "Solved for y: " + str(sym.solve(expr,y)) )
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Solved for x:  $20/(4*y - 1)$ 
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Solved for y:  $[(x + 20)/(4*x)]$ 
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## 4 Exercises

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[8]: # 1)
# simplify and solve for q
q = sym.symbols('q')
eq = 3*q + 4/q + 3 - 5*q - 1/q - 1

display(Math(sym.latex(eq.simplify()))))
display(Math('q='+sym.latex(sym.solve(eq,q)))))
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$$-2q + 2 + \frac{3}{q}$$

$$q = \left[ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \right]$$

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[9]: # 2)
eq = 2*q + 3*q**2 - 5/q - 4/q**3

display(Math(sym.latex(eq)))
display(Math(sym.latex(sym.simplify(eq))))
display(Math(sym.latex(sym.cancel(eq)))) # puts into p/q form with integer
↪ coefficients
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$$3q^2 + 2q - \frac{5}{q} - \frac{4}{q^3}$$

$$3q^2 + 2q - \frac{5}{q} - \frac{4}{q^3}$$

$$\frac{3q^5 + 2q^4 - 5q^2 - 4}{q^3}$$

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[10]: # 3)
# simplify this expression. confirm on your own using paper-and-pencil
expr = (sym.sqrt(3) + sym.sqrt(15)*q) / (sym.sqrt(2) + sym.sqrt(10)*q)
display(Math(sym.latex(expr)))
display(Math(sym.latex(sym.simplify(expr))))
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$$\frac{\sqrt{15}q + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}q + \sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

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[11]: sym.simplify( expr.subs(q,10) )
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$$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

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[12]: expr.subs(q,10).evalf()
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$$1.22474487139159$$

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