

MATHS LINEAR EQUATIONS IN ONE VARIABLE

Linear Equations in One Variable

- 1. An equation is a statement of equality of two algebraic expressions involving one or more unknown quantities.
- 2. An equation involving only a linear polynomial is called a linear equation.

For example:
$$\frac{2x}{5} - 4 = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3t}{2} + \frac{t-7}{3} = 11.$$

3. Any value of the variable which makes the equation a true statement is called the solution or root of the equation.

For example: -2 is root of the equation 3x - 2 = -8.

- 4. Any term of an equation may be taken to the other side with its sign changed, without affecting the equality. This process is called transposition.
- 5. Without changing the equality, we may
 - i. add the same quantity to both sides of the equation.
 - ii. subtract the same quantity from both sides of the equation.
 - iii. multiply both sides of the equation by the same non-zero quantity.
 - iv. divide both sides of the equation by the same non-zero quantity.

6. If
$$\frac{ax + b}{cx + d} = \frac{p}{q}$$
, then q (ax + b) = p (cx + d)

This process is called cross multiplication.



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