

1.2 Extension: Algebra with fractional coefficients

A check is required for all algebra solutions

1. Solve each equation for x .

(a) $\frac{1}{2}x = 8$

$\times 2$

$$x = 16$$

(b) $\frac{1}{2}(x + 5) = 8$

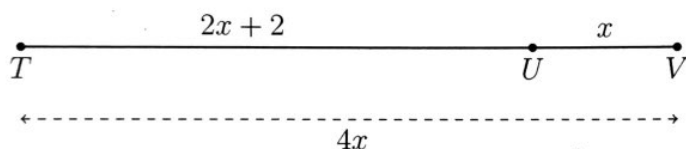
$\times 2$

$$x + 5 = 16$$

$- 5$

$$x = 11$$

2. As shown, three collinear points with $TU = 2x + 2$, $UV = x$, $TV = 4x$. Find TV .



$$(2x + 2) + x = 4x$$

$$3x + 2 = 4x$$

$$2 = x$$

$$TV = 4(2) = 8$$

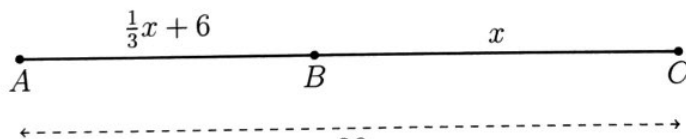
combine terms
 $- 3x$

$$TV = 2(2) + 2 = 6$$

$$UV = 2$$

$$6 + 2 = 8 \checkmark$$

3. As shown, three collinear points with $AB = \frac{1}{3}x + 6$, $BC = x$, $AC = 26$. Find x .



$$\left(\frac{1}{3}x + 6\right) + x = 26$$

$$x + 18 + 3x = 78$$

$$4x = 60$$

$$x = 15$$

$\times 3$

$$AB = \frac{1}{3}(15) + 6 = 11$$

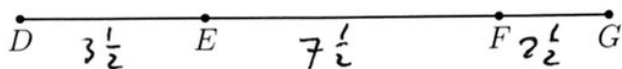
$$BC = 15$$

$$11 + 15 = 26 \checkmark$$

4. Given \overline{DEFG} , $DE = 3\frac{1}{2}$, $EF = 7\frac{1}{2}$, and $FG = 2\frac{1}{2}$.

Find DG , expressed as a fraction, not a decimal.

diagram not to scale



$$DG = 3\frac{1}{2} + 7\frac{1}{2} + 2\frac{1}{2} = 13\frac{1}{2}$$

5. Find the value of each expression. (learn more by *not* using a calculator)

(a) $|2 - 13| = 11$

(c) $|4 - (-2)| = 6$

(b) $|10 + (-3)| = 7$

(d) $|-5 - (-7)| = 2$

6. Circle true or false for each statement.

☒ F There are two solutions for the equation $|x| = 9$, $x = 9$ and $x = -9$.

☒ F If x is negative, then $|x|$ must be positive.

T ☒ F If x is positive, then $|-x|$ is negative.

☒ F The value of $|x| + |3|$ is always positive.

7. Rewrite the equation $|x + 4| = 7$ two ways (positive and negative 7). Then solve both equations to find all values of x that satisfy $|x + 4| = 7$. (show the check for each solution)

(a) positive

$$x + 4 = 7$$

$$x = 3$$

$$|(3) + 4| \stackrel{?}{=} 7$$

$$7 = 7 \checkmark$$

(b) negative

$$-(x + 4) = 7$$

$$x + 4 = -7$$

$$x = -11$$

$$|(-11) + 4| \stackrel{?}{=} 7$$

$$|-7| = 7 \checkmark$$