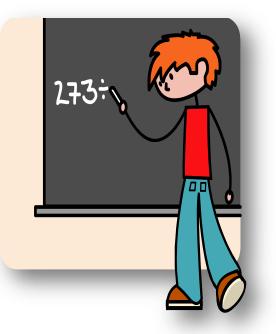
2.1 Linear Equations in One Variable

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Objectives:

- Distinguish between expressions and equations.
- Identify linear equations, and decide whether a number is a solution of a linear equation.
- Solve linear equations by using the addition and multiplication properties of equality.
- Solve linear equations by using the distributive property.
- Solve linear equations with fractions or decimals.
- Identify conditional equations, contradictions, and identities.

Expression

Equation

 Decide whether each of the following is an equation or an expression.

$$9x + 10 = 0$$

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Linear Equations

Linear Equation in One Variable

A linear equation in one variable can be written in the form

where A, B, and C are real numbers, with $A \neq 0$.

Addition Property of Equality

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For all real numbers *A*, *B*, and *C* the equations

are equivalent.

The same number may be added to each side of an equation without changing the solution set.

Multiplication Property of Equality

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For all real numbers A and B, and for $C \neq 0$, the equations

are equivalent.

Each side of the equation may be multiplied by the same nonzero number without changing the solution set.

$$5x - 9x = 19 - 7x - 1$$

Steps for Solving Linear Equations in One Variable

• Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

• Step 4:

• Step 5:

$$6 - (4 + x) = 8x - 2(3x + 5)$$

$$\frac{x-4}{4}+\frac{2x+4}{8}=5$$

$$0.02(60) + 0.04x = 0.03(50 + x)$$

$$5(x+2) - 2(x+1) = 3x + 1$$

$$\frac{x+1}{3} + \frac{2x}{3} = x + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$5(3x+1)=x+5$$

Type of Linear Equation	Number of Solutions	Indication when Solving