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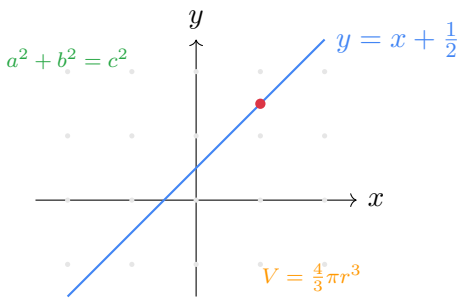
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A1.NR.1.1	Rewrite numerical and algebraic expressions of irrational and rational numbers involving radicals, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Limit to square and cube roots.
A1.NR.2.1	Translate between rational exponents and radical expressions of irrational and rational numbers. Use properties of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to simplify radical and rational expressions. Limit to square and cube roots.
A1.PAFR.2	Create, solve, and transform equations and inequalities in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities and graph the equations on coordinate axes using appropriate labels, units, and scales.
A1.PAFR.1.1	Transform an equation in one variable to create new equations that have the same solution as the original and justify the steps taken.
A1.PAFR.1.2	Solve literal equations and formulas for a specified variable including equations and formulas that arise in a variety of disciplines.
A1.PAFR.1.3	Solve mathematical and real-world situations using linear, quadratic, exponential (same bases), and linear absolute value equations in one variable.
A1.PAFR.1.4	Add, subtract, and multiply polynomials with initial terms up to a degree of 2.
A1.PAFR.2.2	Solve quadratic equations by completing the square, factoring, and the quadratic formula, explaining the connection between the zeros of the function derived from the equation, its linear factors (if it factors), the x-intercepts of its graph (if they exist), and the solutions (if any) to the corresponding quadratic equation.
A1.PAFR.2.5	Write arithmetic and geometric sequences both recursively and with an explicit formula, use them to model situations, and translate between the two forms.
A1.PAFR.2.6	Create symbolic representations of linear and exponential functions, including arithmetic and geometric sequences, given graphs, verbal descriptions, and tables.
A1.PAFR.2.7	Use graphs to obtain exact and/or approximate solutions of equations, inequalities, and systems of linear equations in two variables (given or obtained by using technology).
A1.PAFR.2.8	Solve an equation of the form $f(x) = g(x)$ graphically by identifying the x-coordinate(s) of the point(s) of intersection of the graphs of $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$.
A1.PAFR.2.9	Solve systems of linear equations algebraically and graphically.

A1.PAFR.3.1 Recognize that f(x) denotes the output of function f that corresponds to the input x and this corresponds to the set of all the ordered pairs (x, y) that satisfy the equation y = f(x) both tabularly and graphically.

A1.PAFR.3.4 Interpret how lead coefficients impact the shape of a function's graph.

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1.4 Introduction to Equations and Solutions

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An equation is a mathematical sentence that says two expressions are equal, and your job is to find the value that makes it true. In this section you will learn what it means for a number to be a solution of an equation, how to check a solution by plugging it back in, and how to translate everyday word problems into algebraic equations. This is where algebra starts to feel like detective work — you are finding the unknown!

Key Concepts & Quick Review

What Is an Equation? An **equation** is a mathematical sentence that uses an equals sign ($=$) to show that two expressions have the same value. For example, $2x + 3 = 11$ says "two times some number plus three equals eleven."

Solution of an Equation: A value that makes the equation **true** when substituted for the variable. To check, replace the variable with the value and simplify both sides. If both sides are equal, the value is a solution.

Equivalent Equations: Two equations are **equivalent** when they have exactly the same solution(s). You can produce an equivalent equation by adding or subtracting the same number on both sides, or by multiplying or dividing both sides by the same nonzero number. For example, $x + 3 = 10$ and $x = 7$ are equivalent — both are true only when $x = 7$.

Translating Words to Equations: Key phrases signal operations: "sum" or "more than" $\rightarrow +$, "difference" or "less than" $\rightarrow -$, "product" or "times" $\rightarrow \times$, "quotient" or "divided by" $\rightarrow \div$, "is" or "equals" $\rightarrow =$.

Examples

① Is $x = 5$ a solution of $3x - 7 = 8$?

Substitute 5 for x: $3(5) - 7 = 15 - 7 = 8$. The left side equals the right side ($8 = 8$), so $x = 5$ is a solution.

Answer: *Yes*

② Translate into an equation and check if $n = 4$: "Six more than twice a number is 14."

"Twice a number" is $2n$; "six more than" means $+6$; "is" means $=$. Equation: $2n + 6 = 14$. Substitute $n = 4$: $2(4) + 6 = 8 + 6 = 14$. ✓Since $14 = 14$, the value $n = 4$ is a solution.

Answer: *$2n + 6 = 14$; Yes, $n = 4$ is a solution*

Practice Problems

Determine whether the given value is a solution (Yes/No), or translate the sentence into an equation. Write your answer on the line.

1. $x + 9 = 14;\ x = 5$? _____

2. $2x - 3 = 7;\ x = 5$? _____

3. $4a + 1 = 17;\ a = 3$? _____

4. $5n - 10 = 0;\ n = 2$? _____

5. $\frac{x}{3} = 6;\ x = 18$? _____

6. $3(y - 2) = 12;\ y = 6$? _____

7. "A number plus 8 is 15" → _____

8. "Three times a number is 21" → _____

9. "A number minus 4 equals 10" → _____

10. $7 - x = 3;\ x = 4$? _____

11. $2(x + 3) = 14;\ x = 4$? _____

12. "Half a number is 9" → _____

Study Tips

- To check a solution, always **substitute** the value back into the original equation and simplify both sides.
- When translating words, underline the key phrase that tells you the operation, and circle the word that means "=."
- An equation can have one solution, no solution, or many solutions. At this stage, focus on deciding whether a specific value works.

Word Problems

13. A gym membership costs a one-time sign-up fee of \$25 plus \$10 per month. After m months, the total cost is $10m + 25$. Carlos has paid \$75 so far. Write an equation and determine the number of months. _____

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14. Priya says that $x = 3$ is a solution of $2x + 4 = 12$. Check whether $x = 3$ makes the equation true.

1.5 Personal Financial Literacy

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Algebra is not just for the classroom — it helps you make smart money decisions in real life. In this section you will learn how to calculate simple and compound interest, compare savings and loan options, and solve problems involving tax, commission, markup, and discount. You will also see how compounding works over time and why even small interest rates can make a big difference.

Key Concepts & Quick Review

Simple Interest: $I = Prt$, where P is the principal (starting amount), r is the annual interest rate (as a decimal), and t is the time in years. Total amount after t years: $A = P + Prt = P(1 + rt)$.

Compound Interest: $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$, where n is the number of times interest is compounded per year. When compounded annually, $n = 1$.

Percent Applications: Discount: Sale Price = Original − Original × discount rate. Tax: Total = Price + Price × tax rate. Commission: Earnings = sales × commission rate.

Examples

① You deposit \$500 in an account that earns 4% simple interest per year. How much interest do you earn in 3 years? What is the total amount?

Use $I = Prt$: $I = 500 \times 0.04 \times 3 = 60$. Total amount $A = 500 + 60 = 560$.

Answer: *Interest* = \$60; *Total* = \$560

② You invest \$1,000 at 5% interest compounded annually. What is the balance after 2 years?

Use $A = P(1 + r)^t$ with $P = 1000$, $r = 0.05$, $t = 2$: $A = 1000(1.05)^2 = 1000(1.1025) = 1102.50$.

Answer: \$1,102.50

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