

# Basic Mathematical Terms

Here we define some mathematical terms.

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## Number:

Number is a symbol which represents the amount of anything.

Example: 0, 1, 2, 3, etc.

## Quantity:

Quantity is the amount of anything which is measured or counted.

Example: 1 Dozen = 12 things

## Constant:

That quantity whose value always remain same is called constant.

Example: 2, 3, 4, etc

## Variable:

That quantity whose value can be changed, is called variable.

Example:  $x, y, z$ , etc.

## Algebraic Terms:

The terms of the form  $2x, 3x, 4xy$ , etc are called algebraic terms.

## Algebraic Expression:

The sum of two or more algebraic terms is called algebraic expression.

Example:  $2x+3y$  ,  $x+y+z$  , etc.

## Equation:

An algebraic expression including the equality symbol "=" is called an equation.

Example:  $2x+3y=0$  etc

## Conditional Equation:

An equation which is true for particular value of the variable is called conditional equation.

Example:  $2x+1=0$  ,  $2x+y=0$  etc.

## Identity:

An equation which is true for all possible values of the variable, is called identity.

Example:  $(a+b)x = ax+bx$  etc.

## Polynomial:

An algebraic expression in which the power of each variable involved is positive integer, called polynomial.

Example:  $x^2+3x$

$2x^2 - 5x^2 + x + 3$  etc

## Algebraic Fraction:

The fraction in which both the numerator and denominator are algebraic expression is called algebraic fraction.

## Linear Equation

Def: linear equation is an algebraic expression involving variables where, the highest power of the variable is one.

Simply put, Linear equation

- i) at least one variable
- ii) highest power of the variable is 1.
- iii) an equality sign.

Example:

$$3x - 5 = 4$$

## Formation of Linear Equation

Sum of twice of number and 3.

Let us consider a number =  $x$   
twice of a number =  $2x$

Hence

$$2x + 3$$

Sum: + (Binary operation)

number:  $x, y$ , (variable)

twice: =

which is called expression.



Twice of a number increased by 3 is 17.

$$2x + 3 = 17$$

number :  $x$   
increased :  $+$

## Solution of L.E in One Variable

One Variable = ?

E.g:-

$$2x + 5x + 11 = 0$$

$$2x + 7 = 0$$

$$9y + 3y + 11 = 0$$

$$\underbrace{2x + 5x + 11}_{\text{L.H.S}} = \underbrace{0}_{\text{R.H.S}}$$

The fixed values of variable for which  
 $\text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S}$

is called solution of equation.

How to find solution:

For Example

We assumed that two sides of eqn are balanced. We then performed the same mathematical operations on both sides of equation, so, that balance is not disturbed.

Sol  $2x + 3 = 7$   
Subtract 3 from both sides.

$$2x + 3 - 3 = 7 - 3$$

$$2x = 4$$

Divide both sides by 2

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{4}{2}$$

$$x = 2$$

Q#1

$$2x - 3 = 7$$

Sol

$$2x = 7 + 3$$

$$2x = 10$$

$$x = 10/2$$

$$x = 5$$

Q#2

$$2y + 9 = 4$$

Sol

$$2y = 4 - 9$$

$$2y = -5$$

$$y = -5/2$$

Q#3

$$\frac{x}{3} + \frac{5}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Sol

$$\frac{x}{3} = -\frac{3}{2} - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-3-5}{2}$$

$$\frac{x}{3} = -\frac{8}{2}$$

$$\frac{x}{3} = -4$$

$$x = -4 \times 3$$

$$x = -12$$

Q#4

$$\frac{15}{4} - 7x = 9$$

Sol

$$-7x = 9 - \frac{15}{4}$$

$$= \frac{36-15}{4}$$

$$-7x = \frac{21}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{21}{4 \times (-7)} = -\frac{21}{28} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

Sign

$$+ = -$$

$$- = +$$

$$\times = \div$$

$$\div = \times$$

Q#5

$$x - 6 = 4$$

$$x - 6 + 6 = 4 + 6 \text{ (Add 6 on both sides)}$$

Sol

$$x = 10$$

Q#6

$$2x + 3 = 5/2$$

$$2x + 3 - 3 = \frac{5}{2} - 3$$

Sol (Subtract 3 on both sides)

$$2x = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{1}$$

$$2x = \frac{5-6}{2}$$

$$2x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

(Divide 2 on both sides)

$$x = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Q#7

$$\frac{2}{3}(x-1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

Sol

$$\frac{2}{3} \times 3(x-1) = \frac{1}{3} \times 3 \text{ (x 3 on b.s)}$$

$$2(x-1) = 1$$

$$\frac{2}{2}(x-1) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (} \div 2 \text{ on b.s)}$$

$$x - 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x - 1 + 1 = \frac{1}{2} + 1 \quad (\text{Adding '1' on b.s.})$$

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

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

## Linear Equation When Variable on Both sides

Q#1

$$3x - 1 = 4x + 7$$

$$3x - 4x - 1 = 4x - 4x + 7$$

We subtracted  $4x$  on both sides

$$-x - 1 = 7$$

$$-x - 1 + 1 = 7 + 1 \quad (\text{Adding 1 on b.s.})$$

$$-x = 8$$

$$-(-x) = -(8) \quad (\times \text{ by } (-) \text{ on b.s.})$$

$$x = -8$$

Q#2

Method-I

$$5x + 4 = x - 2$$

$$5x - x = -2 - 4$$

$$4x = -6$$

$$x = -\frac{6}{4}$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Sol

Method-II

$$5x + 4 = x - 2$$

$$5x - x + 4 = x - x - 2 \quad (\div x \text{ on b.s.})$$

$$4x + 4 = -2$$

$$4x + 4 - 4 = -2 - 4$$

- '4' on b.s.

$$4x = -6$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{-6}{4}$$

$\div 4$  b.s.

$$x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

## Question

If you subtract  $\frac{1}{2}$  from a number and multiply the result by  $\frac{1}{2}$ , you get  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

What is the number.

Let the number =  $x$

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

$$\frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\frac{2x - 1}{4} = \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow 2x - 1 = \frac{1}{8} \times 4$$

$$2x - 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$2x = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2 \times 2} = \frac{3}{4}$$

## Question

Sum of two numbers is 95. If one exceeds the other by 15, Find the numbers.

Let the first number =  $x$

Sol " " Second =  $x + 15$

$$\text{Sum} = x + x + 15$$

$$95 = x + x + 15$$

$$2x + 15 = 95$$

$$2x = 95 - 15 \Rightarrow 2x = 80$$

$$2x = 80 \Rightarrow x = \frac{80}{2} = 40$$

$$x = 40$$

## Question

Solve and check the result.

$$3x = 2x + 18$$

$$3x - 2x = 18 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 18$$

Sol

$$L.H.S = 3x$$

$$= 3(18)$$

$$= 54$$

$$\text{Put } x = 18$$

$$R.H.S = 2x + 18$$

$$= 2(18) + 18$$

$$= 36 + 18$$

$$= 54$$

$$\text{Put } x = 18$$

## Question

Amina thought of a number and subtracted  $\frac{5}{2}$  from it. She multiplied the result by 8. The result now obtained is 3 times the same number she thought of what is the number.

Sol

Let the no be  $x$

$$8\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right) = 3x$$

$$8x - \frac{40}{2} = 3x$$

$$8x - 20 = 3x$$

$$8x - 3x = 20$$

$$5x = 20$$

$$x = \frac{20}{5}$$

$$x = 4$$