

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c) } 3(2x - 5a) + 4b &= 4x - 2 && \text{Solve for } x. \\
 6x - 15a + 4b &= 4x - 2 && \text{Distributive property} \\
 6x - 4x &= 15a - 4b - 2 && \text{Isolate the } x\text{-terms on one side.} \\
 2x &= 15a - 4b - 2 && \text{Combine terms.} \\
 x &= \frac{15a - 4b - 2}{2} && \text{Divide by 2.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now try Exercises 39, 43, and 49.

EXAMPLE 5 Applying the Simple Interest Formula

Laquanda Nelson borrowed \$5240 for new furniture. She will pay it off in 11 months at an annual interest rate of 4.5%. How much interest will she pay?

Solution Here, $r = .045$, $P = 5240$, and $t = \frac{11}{12}$ (year). Using the formula,

$$I = Prt = 5240(.045)\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) = \$216.15.$$

She will pay \$216.15 interest on her purchase.

Now try Exercise 59.

1 Exercises

- true 2. true 3. false
 false 7. B 9. $\{-4\}$
 $\{-5\}$ 11. $\{1\}$ 12. $\{-1\}$
 $\left\{-\frac{2}{7}\right\}$ 14. $\left\{\frac{5}{12}\right\}$
 $\left\{-\frac{7}{8}\right\}$ 16. $\left\{-\frac{6}{11}\right\}$

Concept Check In Exercises 1–4, decide whether each statement is true or false.

- The solution set of $2x + 3 = x - 5$ is $\{-8\}$.
- The equation $5(x - 9) = 5x - 45$ is an example of an identity.
- The equations $x^2 = 4$ and $x + 1 = 3$ are equivalent equations.
- It is possible for a linear equation to have exactly two solutions.
- Explain the difference between an identity and a conditional equation.
- Make a complete list of the steps needed to solve a linear equation. (Some equations will not require every step.)
- Concept Check** Which one is not a linear equation?

A. $5x + 7(x - 1) = -3x$	B. $8x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$
C. $7x + 8x = 13x$	D. $.04x - .08x = .40$
- In solving the equation $3(2x - 4) = 6x - 12$, a student obtains the result $0 = 0$ and gives the solution set $\{0\}$. Is this correct? Explain.

Solve each equation. See Examples 1 and 2.

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| 9. $5x + 2 = 3x - 6$ | 10. $9x + 1 = 7x - 9$ |
| 11. $6(3x - 1) = 8 - (10x - 14)$ | 12. $4(-2x + 1) = 6 - (2x - 4)$ |
| 13. $\frac{5}{6}x - 2x + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$ | 14. $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{5}x - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{5}x$ |
| 15. $3x + 2 - 5(x + 1) = 6x + 4$ | 16. $5(x + 3) + 4x - 5 = -(2x - 4)$ |

$$\{-1\} \quad 18. \left\{ -\frac{10}{19} \right\}$$

$$\{10\} \quad 20. \{-5\} \quad 21. \{75\}$$

$$\{3\} \quad 23. \{0\} \quad 24. \{0\}$$

$$\{12\} \quad 26. \{-24\} \quad 27. \{50\}$$

$$\{20\}$$

identity; {all real numbers}

identity; {all real numbers}

conditional equation; {0}

conditional equation; $\left\{ \frac{19}{5} \right\}$

identity; {all real numbers}

identity; {all real numbers}

contradiction; \emptyset

contradiction; \emptyset

$$l = \frac{V}{wh} \quad 40. P = \frac{I}{rt}$$

$$c = P - a - b$$

$$w = \frac{P - 2l}{2} \text{ or } w = \frac{P}{2} - l$$

$$B = \frac{2A - hb}{h} \text{ or } B = \frac{2A}{h} - b$$

$$h = \frac{2A}{B + b}$$

$$h = \frac{S - 2\pi r^2}{2\pi r} \text{ or } h = \frac{S}{2\pi r} - r$$

$$g = \frac{2s}{t^2} \quad 47. h = \frac{S - 2lw}{2w + 2l}$$

Answers in Exercises 49–58 exist in equivalent forms as well.

$$x = -3a + b$$

$$x = \frac{3a + c}{5 - a}$$

$$x = \frac{3a + b}{3 - a}$$

$$x = \frac{4a - 3b}{b + a}$$

$$x = \frac{3 - 3a}{a^2 - a - 1}$$

$$x = \frac{3a - b}{a - b}$$

$$x = \frac{2a^2}{a^2 + 3}$$

$$x = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b - a}$$

$$x = \frac{m + 4}{2m + 5}$$

$$x = \frac{9k + 3}{-6 - 15k}$$

$$17. 2[x - (4 + 2x) + 3] = 2x + 2$$

$$19. \frac{1}{7}(3x - 2) = \frac{x + 10}{5}$$

$$21. .2x - .5 = .1x + 7$$

$$23. -4(2x - 6) + 7x = 5x + 24$$

$$25. .5x + \frac{4}{3}x = x + 10$$

$$27. .08x + .06(x + 12) = 7.72$$

$$18. 4[2x - (3 - x) + 5] = -7x - 2$$

$$20. \frac{1}{5}(2x + 5) = \frac{x + 2}{3}$$

$$22. .01x + 3.1 = 2.03x - 2.96$$

$$24. -8(3x + 4) + 2x = 4(x - 8)$$

$$26. \frac{2}{3}x + .25x = x + 2$$

$$28. .04(x - 12) + .06x = 1.52$$

Decide whether each equation is an identity, a conditional equation, or a contradiction. Give the solution set. See Example 3.

$$29. 4(2x + 7) = 2x + 25 + 3(2x + 1)$$

$$30. \frac{1}{2}(6x + 14) = x + 1 + 2(x + 3)$$

$$31. 2(x - 7) = 3x - 14$$

$$32. -8(x + 3) = -8x - 5(x + 1)$$

$$33. .3(x + 2) - .5(x + 2) = -.2x - .4$$

$$34. -.3(x - 5) + .4(x - 6) = .1x - .9$$

$$35. 8(x + 7) = 4(x + 12) + 4(x + 1)$$

$$36. -6(2x + 1) - 3(x - 4) = -15x + 1$$

37. A student claims that the equation $5x = 4x$ is a contradiction, since dividing both sides by x leads to $5 = 4$, a false statement. Explain why the student is incorrect.

38. If $k \neq 0$, is the equation $x + k = x$ a contradiction, a conditional equation, or an identity? Explain.

Solve each formula for the indicated variable. Assume that the denominator is not 0 if variables appear in the denominator. See Examples 4(a) and (b).

$$39. V = lwh \text{ for } l \text{ (volume of a rectangular box)}$$

$$40. I = Prt \text{ for } P \text{ (simple interest)}$$

$$41. P = a + b + c \text{ for } c \text{ (perimeter of a triangle)}$$

$$42. P = 2l + 2w \text{ for } w \text{ (perimeter of a rectangle)}$$

$$43. A = \frac{1}{2}(B + b)h \text{ for } B \text{ (area of a trapezoid)}$$

$$44. A = \frac{1}{2}(B + b)h \text{ for } h \text{ (area of a trapezoid)}$$

$$45. S = 2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2 \text{ for } h \text{ (surface area of a right circular cylinder)}$$

$$46. s = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \text{ for } g \text{ (distance traveled by a falling object)}$$

$$47. S = 2lw + 2wh + 2hl \text{ for } h \text{ (surface area of a rectangular box)}$$

48. Refer to Exercise 45. Why is it not possible to solve this formula for r using the methods of this section?

Solve each equation for x . See Example 4(c).

$$49. 2(x - a) + b = 3x + a$$

$$50. 5x - (2a + c) = a(x + 1)$$

$$51. ax + b = 3(x - a)$$

$$52. 4a - ax = 3b + bx$$

$$53. \frac{x}{a - 1} = ax + 3$$

$$54. \frac{2a}{x - 1} = a - b$$

$$55. a^2x + 3x = 2a^2$$

$$56. ax + b^2 = bx - a^2$$

$$57. 3x = (2x - 1)(m + 4)$$

$$58. -x = (5x + 3)(3k + 1)$$