

7.3 I can solve equations with radical expressions and expressions with rational exponents.

Level 1:

Solve and check your solutions.

1. $5 = -3x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1$

$$x = -8$$

$$5 = -3x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1 \quad (-2)(x^{\frac{1}{3}})^3$$

$$+1 \quad +1 \quad \boxed{-8 = x}$$

$$\frac{6}{-3} = \frac{-3x^{\frac{1}{3}}}{-3}$$

3. $\frac{81}{-3} = \frac{-3(2x-1)^{\frac{3}{4}}}{-3}$

$$\frac{3}{4} \quad (-27) = (2x-1)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

~~$$-81 = 2x - 1$$

$$-80 = 2x$$

$$-40 = x$$~~

$$81 = 2x - 1$$

$$82 = 2x$$

$$41 = x$$

No solution

5. $-2 = -6 + (3a-7)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

~~$$4 = (3a-7)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$12 = 3a-7$$

$$19 = 3a$$

$$6.33 = a$$~~

$$\boxed{-33}$$

$$5$$

2. $(\sqrt[3]{2x+1})^3 = (\sqrt[3]{5x+7})^3$

$$2x+1 = 5x+7$$

$$-2x \quad -2x$$

$$1 = 3x+7$$

$$-7 \quad -7$$

$$-6 = 3x$$

$$\boxed{-2 = x}$$

4. $\sqrt{3x-5} + 7 = 2$

$$-7 \quad -7$$

$$(\sqrt{3x-5})^2 = (-5)^2$$

$$3x-5 = 25$$

$$+5 \quad +5$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{30}{3}$$

$$\boxed{x = 10}$$

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Level 2/3:

4. Solve and check your solutions.

$$\sqrt{2x+7} = x+2$$

$$2x+7 = (x+2)^2$$

$$2x+7 = (x+2)(x+2)$$

$$2x+7 = x^2+4x+4$$

$$0 = x^2+2x-3$$

$$0 = (x+3)(x-1)$$

$$x = -3 \quad x = 1$$

4. $x = 1$

5. Explain the two methods that you could use to tell if $x = 1$ a solution to the equation

$$\sqrt{2x-1} + 5 = 4?$$

Graph + Plug in into the equation

6. Solve $x-3 = \sqrt{4x}$

$$(x-3)^2 = (\sqrt{4x})^2$$

$$x = 9 \quad x = 1$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 4x$$

$$x^2 - 10x + 9 = 0$$

$$(x-9)(x-1) = 0$$

Is either solution extraneous?

Explain:

Yeah

$$x = 1$$

$$1-3 = \sqrt{4(1)}$$

$$-2 = \sqrt{4}$$

$$-2 = 2$$

