

Solving Equations Using Ratio and Proportion

Quick Review	
A <i>ratio</i> is a fraction	$\frac{a}{b}$
A <i>proportion</i> is an equation that sets two ratios equal to each other.	$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$
Solve a proportion by multiplying both sides of the equation by the common denominator of b and d .	<p>Example: Solve $\frac{3x}{5} = \frac{x+16}{7}$.</p> <p>solution:</p> $\cancel{35}^7 \left(\frac{3x}{\cancel{5}} \right) = \left(\frac{x+16}{\cancel{7}} \right) \cancel{35}^5$ $21x = 5x + 80$ $16x = 80 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 5$

Problems

Solve each of the following proportions

1. $\frac{x}{12} = \frac{3}{4}$

2. $\frac{2}{16} = \frac{x+3}{8}$

3. $\frac{5}{x} = \frac{15}{8}$

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

5. $\frac{4x-7}{13} = \frac{3-2x}{-7}$

6. $\frac{14}{3x} = \frac{3}{x+1}$

7. $\frac{5x}{-12} = \frac{1-x}{4}$

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

9. Solve for p : $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{r+p}{2p}$

10. Solve for a : $\frac{a+b}{b} = \frac{a-b}{2b}$