

Chapter 2

Solving Linear Equations

Mathematically Speaking

Can you identify what happens in each step?

$$15x + 13y - 4(3x+2y)$$

$$15x + 13y - 12x - 8y$$

$$15x - 12x + 13y - 8y$$

$$(15 - 12)x + (13 - 8)y$$

$$3x + 5y$$

Can you identify what has happened in each step?

$$15x + 13y - 4(3x+2y) \quad \text{- Given}$$

$$15x + 13y - 12x - 8y \quad \text{-Distributive}$$

$$15x - 12x + 13y - 8y \quad \text{-Commutative}$$

$$(15 - 12)x + (13 - 8)y \quad \text{-Factor}$$

$$3x + 5y \quad \text{-Addition}$$

Identify the steps used to solve the equation, $m + 4 = 29$.

$m + 4 = 29$ Given
 $- 4 = -4$ Inverse + \leftrightarrow -
 $m = 25$ Evaluate

Identify the steps used to solve the equation.

$3x + 4 = 19$ Given
 $- 4 = -4$ Inverse + \leftrightarrow -
 $3x = 15$ Evaluate
 $\div 3 = \div 3$ Inverse * \leftrightarrow \div
 $x = 5$ Evaluate

Identify the steps used to solve the equation.

$5x - 4 = 2(x - 4) + 18$
 $5x - 4 = 2x - 8 + 18$
 $5x - 4 = 2x + 10$
 $3x = 14$
 $x = \frac{14}{3}$

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$$5x - 4 = 2x - 8 + 18 \quad \text{Distributive}$$
$$5x - 4 = 2x + 10 \quad \text{Addition}$$
$$3x = 14 \quad \text{Inverse Ops}$$
$$x = \frac{14}{3} \quad \text{Inverse Ops}$$

Identify the steps used to solve the equation.

$$-5x + 3 + 2x = 7x - 8 + 9x$$
$$-3x + 3 = 16x - 8$$
$$11 = 19x$$
$$\frac{11}{19} = x$$
$$x = \frac{11}{19}$$

Identify the steps used to solve the equation.

$$-5x + 3 + 2x = 7x - 8 + 9x \quad \text{Given}$$
$$-3x + 3 = 16x - 8 \quad \text{Like Terms}$$
$$11 = 19x \quad \text{Inverse Ops}$$
$$\frac{11}{19} = x \quad \text{Inverse Ops}$$
$$x = \frac{11}{19} \quad \text{Symmetric property}$$
