

Math 5e, Fall 2025 Homework 4

Homework #4 is due October 19

Instructions: Some of the problems were solved in class, and some are new. Please try to solve all problems, do your best, and show your work. **Write on separate sheets of paper, not between the lines of this handout!**

1. Simplify the following expressions:

(a) $3(2x - 1)$

(b) $2 - (1 - x)$

(c) $7x - (3x + 15)$

(d) $\frac{3}{5}(x - 5 + 6)$

(e) $3(2x - 1) + x$

(f) $2a(a - 2) - a(a - 1)$

(g) $(2x - 1)(x - 1)$

(h) $x - \frac{2}{5}x - (5 + \frac{2}{7}x - 8)$

2. Solve the equations:

(a) $14x + 8 = 12 - 10x$

(b) $\frac{3}{4}x = \frac{3}{5}x + 3$

(c) $3(3x - 1) = 2(2x + 11)$

(d) $5(x - 2) = 3x + 20$

3. A father is twice as old as his son. The sum of their ages is 48 years. How old is each of them?

4. (a) Show that $(a + 1)(a - 1) = a^2 - 1$ Hint: use $(a + 1) = y$, open the parentheses of $y(a - 1)$, and then substitute back y with $(a + 1)$

(b) Without a calculator, calculate 199999×200001 . How can you use part a) here?

5. An orange costs 2 cents more than an apple. A grapefruit costs as much as 3 oranges. A fruit basket contains 10 apples, 5 oranges, and 1 grapefruit.

(a) If the price of an apple is a , what is the price of an orange? A grapefruit? Simplify your expressions

(b) If the fruit basket costs \$1.96, how much does each fruit cost?

6. The list below shows some dates written in Swahili:

tarehe tatu Disemba jumamosi

tarehe pili Aprili jumanne

tarehe nne Aprili jumanne

tarehe tano Octoba jumapili

tarehe tano Octoba jumatatu

tarehe tano Octoba jumatano

Here are their English translations (in a different order!):

October 5, Monday

April 2, Tuesday

October 5, Wednesday

October 5, Sunday

December 3, Saturday

April 4, Tuesday

Write the following dates in Swahili:

April 3, Wednesday; December 2, Sunday; December 5, Monday.

7. Fill in the missing numbers in the square when you know that the sum of the numbers in each row, column, and diagonal is 30.

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