

Literal Equations

- Solve $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$ for F

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}C &= \frac{5}{9}(F - 32) && \text{Original Equation} \\9 \cdot C &= 9 \cdot \frac{5}{9}(F - 32) && \text{Multiply both side by } 9 \\9C &= 5(F - 32) && \text{Simplify} \\9C &= 5F - 160 && \text{Use distributive property} \\9C + 160 &= 5F - 160 + 160 && \text{Add } 160 \text{ on both side} \\9C + 160 &= 5F && \text{Simplify} \\\frac{9C + 160}{5} &= \frac{5F}{5} && \text{Divide both side by } 5 \\F &= \frac{9}{5}C + 32\end{aligned}$$

- Solve $R = \frac{kA(T_1 + T_2)}{d}$ for T_1

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}R &= \frac{kA(T_1 + T_2)}{d} && \text{Original Equation} \\d \cdot R &= d \cdot \frac{kA(T_1 + T_2)}{d} && \text{Multiply both sides by } d \\dR &= kA(T_1 + T_2) && \text{Simplify} \\dR &= kAT_1 + kAT_2 && \text{Use distributive property} \\dR - kAT_2 &= kAT_1 + kAT_2 - kAT_2 && \text{Subtract } kAT_2 \text{ from both sides} \\dR - kAT_2 &= kAT_1 && \text{Simplify} \\\frac{dR}{kA} - \frac{kAT_2}{kA} &= \frac{kAT_1}{kA} && \text{Divide both sides by } kA \\\frac{dR}{kA} - T_2 &= T_1\end{aligned}$$

Literal Equations

- Solve $I = \frac{E_a - E_q}{R}$ for E_a

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{E_a - E_q}{R} && \text{Original Equation} \\ R \cdot I &= R \cdot \frac{E_a - E_q}{R} && \text{Multiply both sides by } R \\ RI &= E_a - E_q && \text{Simplify} \\ RI + E_q &= E_a - E_q + E_q && \text{Add } E_q \text{ on both sides} \\ RI + E_q &= E_a && \text{Simplify} \\ E_a &= RI + E_q \end{aligned}$$

- Solve $\frac{1}{a} + b = \frac{c}{a}$ for a

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a} + b &= \frac{c}{a} && \text{Original Equation} \\ a \cdot \frac{1}{a} + a \cdot b &= a \cdot \frac{c}{a} && \text{Multiply both sides by } a \\ 1 + ab &= c && \text{Simplify} \\ 1 + ab - 1 &= c - 1 && \text{Subtract } 1 \text{ on both sides} \\ ab &= c - 1 && \text{Simplify} \\ \frac{ab}{b} &= \frac{c}{b} - \frac{1}{b} && \text{Divide both sides by } b \\ a &= \frac{c}{b} - \frac{1}{b} \end{aligned}$$

- Solve $T = \frac{D - d}{L}$ for D

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{D - d}{L} && \text{Original Equation} \\ L \cdot T &= L \cdot \frac{D - d}{L} && \text{Multiply both sides by } L \\ LT &= D - d && \text{Simplify} \\ LT + d &= D - d + d && \text{Add } d \text{ on both sides} \\ D &= LT + d \end{aligned}$$