## Solving Algebraic Equations

## via Double Number Lines



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## What does this visual tell you?

## How do we get where we are going?



## Go back in time...

## Multiplication

## Scaling Factor x Multiplicative Unit = Rescaled Result



## Multiplicative Comparisons

4.NR.2.2

Interpret, model, and solve problems involving multiplicative comparison.

Mara has four pencils. Josh has three times as many

Moving beyond "groups of" pencils as Mara. How many pencils does Josh have?

## Multiplication as Scaling (Resizing): 5.NR.3.5

Explain why...
Multiplying a whole number by a fraction greater than one results in a product greater than the whole number;
Multiplying a whole number by a fraction less than one results in a product less than the whole number;
Multiplying a whole number by a fraction equal to one results in a product equal to the whole number.

## Predict the size of the product, relative

 to the multiplicative unit, without solving.
## $1 \times 12=$

$\frac{3}{4} \times 12=$
$1 \frac{1}{4} \times 12=$

## counts

splits


## POLYPAD Fraction Bars

## This is $1 x$.



I have this much of "x". How do I get a whole " $x$ "?


I have this much of " $x$ ". How do I get a whole " $x$ "?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 1(x+5) \\
& 2(x+5) \\
& 3(x+5)
\end{aligned}
$$


$1 \quad-1$
*Fractional part assigned a value

## Before we start...a couple of things

## Your language matters.

-X


## Inspirational Material

## Pam Weber Harris

## Algebra Problem Strings



## $x=3$



Where is $0 ?$

$$
x=-2
$$



Where is 0 ?
$-x=5$


- Language -- the OPPOSITE of x
- Where is 0 ?
- Where is $x$ ?


## $-x=-4$


-Where is zero?

- How does this relate to inequalities?
$x-4=6$
(5) Think: What is happening to "x"?

- Where was " $x$ " before 4 was subtracted from it? Where is 0 ?

$$
x+4=-6
$$

## 5 Think: What is happening to "x"?


$x-4=-10$
$\xrightarrow[-10]{x-4}$
-Where is 0 ?

## $2 x=12$

Think: Predict the magnitude of "x" compared to 12.


$$
2 x=-12
$$

Think: Predict the magnitude of "x" compared to -12.


- Where is 0 ? $1 x$ ?
$-2 x=12$
(5) Think: Predict the magnitude of "x" compared to 12.

- If the opposite of $2 x$ is equal to 12 , what is $2 x$ equal to?
$-2 x=-8$


Rewrite the equation to reflect your understanding of "the opposite of"

## $\frac{1}{2} x=3$

O. Think: Predict the magnitude of "x" compared to 3.


## 1 <br> $\frac{1}{3} x=-2$

1
$\overline{3}^{x}$

-2

## Predict the magnitude of "x" compared to -2

$$
-\frac{1}{4} x=-5
$$

$$
-\frac{1}{4} x
$$


-5

Predict the magnitude of "x" compared to -5

## 7 <br> $-x=14$

| $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\frac{1}{6}$ |  |  |  |  |


| $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\frac{1}{6}$ |  |  |  |  |


$3 x+7=22$
5 Think: What is happening to "x"?

$$
3 x+7
$$

22

What does $3 x$ mean?
$2 x+3=-17$


What does $2 x$ mean?
$2 x-3=-17$


Where is 0 ?
$3(x-5)+7=-14$

Think: What does $3(x-5)$ mean?

$$
\begin{gathered}
3(x-5)+7 \\
\hline-14
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{l|l} 
& \\
\hline &
\end{array}
$$

- No need to distribute...as most students would do!

$$
\frac{x}{6}-20=-18
$$

$\square$
$\xrightarrow{\frac{\frac{x}{6}-20}{-18}}$

## - What is an equivalent expression to $\frac{x}{6}$ ?

$\frac{3}{5} x+5=-7$


- How much of "x" do we have initially?
$\frac{2}{3} x+4=10$ $\square$
$\square$

2
$\frac{2}{3} x+4$


10

- How much of "x" do we have initially?
$x+9$
$\frac{x+9}{3}-1=4$

$$
\frac{x+9}{3}-1
$$



4

What is an equivalent way to write the algebraic fraction?

## $2+4 x=x+8$


-Which expression goes where? -Where to begin? Does it matter?

## $2 x+4=3 x-5$


. Try placement both ways. Which is better? Is there a better way?


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