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Show your work and explain your answers.

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5. Solve the equation: x - 2 = 9

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Complete the following activities to reinforce your understanding of algebra.

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Let x be the number of weeks Tom needs to save money to buy the bike. The equation can be represented as: 120 + 5x = 180 Subtract 120 from both sides: 5x = 60 Divide both sides by 5: x = 12 It will take Tom 12 weeks to have enough money to buy the bike.

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Advanced Concepts

In this section, we will explore advanced concepts in algebra, including quadratic equations, systems of equations, and functions. These concepts are crucial for students to understand as they progress in their mathematical journey.

Example: Quadratic Equations

Solve the quadratic equation: x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0. This equation can be factored as (x + 2)(x + 2) = 0, which gives us the solution x = -2.

Case Study: Systems of Equations

A company produces two products, A and B. The production cost for A is $10 per unit, and for B is $15 per unit. The company has a budget of $1000 for production. If they produce x units of A and y units of B, the cost equation is 10x + 15y = 1000. If they also have a constraint that x + y = 50, how many units of each product should they produce to maximize their profit?

Functions

Functions are a fundamental concept in algebra, and are used to describe relationships between variables. A function is a relation between a set of inputs, called the domain, and a set of possible outputs, called the range. Functions can be represented in various ways, including graphs, tables, and equations.

Example: Function Notation

If we have a function f(x) = 2x + 1, we can evaluate the function at x = 3 by substituting 3 into the equation: f(3) = 2(3) + 1 = 7.

Group Activity: Function Graphing

Work in groups to graph the following functions: f(x) = x^2, g(x) = 2x + 1, h(x) = x - 2. Use graph paper and colored pencils to create a visually appealing graph.

Inequalities

Inequalities are statements that compare two expressions using greater than, less than, greater than or equal to, or less than or equal to. Inequalities can be solved using various methods, including graphing and algebraic manipulation.

Example: Solving Inequalities

Solve the inequality: 2x + 3 > 5. Subtract 3 from both sides: 2x > 2. Divide both sides by 2: x > 1.

Reflection: Real-World Applications

Think about how inequalities are used in real-world applications, such as finance, science, and engineering. How are inequalities used to model and solve problems in these fields?

Polynomials

Polynomials are expressions consisting of variables and coefficients combined using only addition, subtraction, and multiplication. Polynomials can be added, subtracted, and multiplied using various methods, including the distributive property and FOIL method.

Example: Multiplying Polynomials

Multiply the polynomials: (x + 2)(x - 3) = x^2 - 3x + 2x - 6 = x^2 - x - 6.

Case Study: Polynomial Applications

A company produces a product that has a cost function of C(x) = 2x^2 + 5x + 10, where x is the number of units produced. If the revenue function is R(x) = 10x - x^2, what is the profit function P(x) = R(x) - C(x)?

Rational Expressions

Rational expressions are fractions of polynomials, where the numerator and denominator are polynomials. Rational expressions can be simplified, added, subtracted, multiplied, and divided using various methods, including factoring and canceling common factors.

Example: Simplifying Rational Expressions

Simplify the rational expression: (x^2 + 2x + 1) / (x + 1) = ((x + 1)(x + 1)) / (x + 1) = x + 1.

Group Activity: Rational Expression Applications

Work in groups to solve the following problems: (x^2 + 2x + 1) / (x + 1) = ?, (x^2 - 4) / (x - 2) = ?. Use graph paper and colored pencils to create a visually appealing graph.

Conic Sections

Conic sections are curves obtained by intersecting a cone with a plane. Conic sections include circles, ellipses, parabolas, and hyperbolas. Each conic section has its own unique equation and properties.

Example: Circle Equation

The equation of a circle with center (h, k) and radius r is (x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2. For example, the equation of a circle with center (0, 0) and radius 4 is x^2 + y^2 = 16.

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Systems of Inequalities

Systems of inequalities are sets of inequalities that are solved simultaneously. Systems of inequalities can be solved using various methods, including graphing and algebraic manipulation.

Example: Solving Systems of Inequalities

Solve the system of inequalities: x + y > 2, x - y < 1. Graph the inequalities on a coordinate plane and find the intersection of the two regions.

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