

Section 12 Solution

1) Let x be Liz's speed in still water, therefore her speed going downstream is $(x + 2)$ mph while Paul's speed going upstream is $(x - 2)$ mph as Liz travels downstream. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Upstream/Paul	$x - 2$	t	15
Downstream/Liz	$x + 2$	t	27

$$t_{\text{Upstream}} = \frac{15}{x - 2}$$

$$t_{\text{Downstream}} = \frac{27}{x + 2}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction we solve the proportion $\frac{15}{x - 2} = \frac{27}{x + 2}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 7$. Therefore Paul's speed is $(7 - 2) = 5$ mph as she travels downstream.

2) Let x be the speed of the cruise ship in still water, therefore its speed with the current is $(x + 10)$ mph while its speed against the current is $(x - 10)$ mph. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
With Current	$x + 10$	t	275
Against Current	$x - 10$	t	175

$$t_{\text{With Current}} = \frac{275}{x + 10}$$

$$t_{\text{Against Current}} = \frac{175}{x - 10}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction we solve the proportion $\frac{275}{x + 10} = \frac{175}{x - 10}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 45$. Therefore the speed of the cruise ship is $(45 + 10) = 55$ mph as it travels with the current.

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3) Let x mph be the speed for Terry, therefore $(x + 2)$ mph is the speed for Mark.

Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Terry	x	t	15
Mark	$x + 2$	t	21

$$t_{\text{Terry}} = \frac{15}{x},$$
$$t_{\text{Mark}} = \frac{21}{x + 2}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both, we solve the proportion

$\frac{15}{x} = \frac{21}{x + 2}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 5$. Therefore the speed for Mark runs at $(5 + 2) = 7$ mph.

4) Let x mph be the speed for Doni going to work, therefore $(x - 20)$ mph is her

speed going to see her friend. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Work	x	t	100
See friend	$x - 20$	t	60

$$t_{\text{Work}} = \frac{100}{x},$$
$$t_{\text{See friend}} = \frac{60}{x - 20}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction, we solve the

proportion $\frac{100}{x} = \frac{60}{x - 20}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 50$. Therefore Doni is driving to work at 50 mph.

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5) Let x be the speed of the boat in still water, therefore its speed going downstream is $(x + 5)$ mph while its speed going upstream is $(x - 5)$ mph. Since

$t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Upstream	$x - 5$	t	135
Downstream	$x + 5$	t	165

$$t_{\text{Upstream}} = \frac{135}{x - 5}$$
$$t_{\text{Downstream}} = \frac{165}{x + 5}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction we solve the

proportion $\frac{135}{x - 5} = \frac{165}{x + 5}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 50$. Therefore

boat's speed in still water is 50 mph.

6) Let x be the speed of the steamboat in still water, therefore its speed going downstream is $(x + 4)$ mph while its speed going upstream is $(x - 4)$ mph. Since

$t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Upstream	$x - 4$	t	246
Downstream	$x + 4$	t	294

$$t_{\text{Upstream}} = \frac{246}{x - 4}$$
$$t_{\text{Downstream}} = \frac{294}{x + 4}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction we solve the

proportion $\frac{246}{x - 4} = \frac{294}{x + 4}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 45$. Therefore

steamboat's speed in still water is 45 mph.

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7) Let x mph be the speed of the blimp with no wind, therefore its speed with a tailwind is $(x + 16)$ mph while its speed with a headwind is $(x - 16)$ mph. Since

$t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
With tailwind	$x + 16$	t	153
With headwind	$x - 16$	t	57

$$t_{\text{Tailwind}} = \frac{153}{x + 16}$$
$$t_{\text{Headwind}} = \frac{57}{x - 16}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction we solve the

proportion $\frac{153}{x + 16} = \frac{57}{x - 16}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 35$. Therefore

blimp's speed in with no wind is 35 mph.

8) Let x mph be the speed of the plane with no wind, therefore its speed with the wind is $(x + 40)$ mph while its speed against the wind is $(x - 40)$ mph. Since

$t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
With wind	$x + 40$	t	960
Against wind	$x - 40$	t	640

$$t_{\text{With wind}} = \frac{960}{x + 40}$$
$$t_{\text{Against wind}} = \frac{640}{x - 40}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction we solve the

proportion $\frac{960}{x + 40} = \frac{640}{x - 40}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 200$. Therefore

the plane's speed in with no wind is 200 mph.

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9) Let x mph be the speed of the plane with no wind, therefore its speed with a tailwind of 40mph is $(x + 40)$ mph while its speed with a headwind of 20 mph is $(x - 20)$ mph. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Tailwind	$x + 40$	t	510
Headwind	$x - 20$	t	330

$$t_{\text{Tailwind}} = \frac{510}{x + 40}$$

$$t_{\text{Tailwind}} = \frac{330}{x - 20}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction we solve the proportion $\frac{510}{x + 40} = \frac{330}{x - 20}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 130$. Therefore the plane's speed in with a headwind is $(130 - 20) = 110$ mph.

10) Let x mph be the speed for the train, therefore $(3x)$ mph is the speed for the plane. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Train	x	t	135
Plane	$3x$	t	855

$$t_{\text{Train}} = \frac{135}{x}$$

$$t_{\text{Plane}} = \frac{855}{3x} = \frac{285}{x}$$

Now since the total time was 6 hrs, we solve the equation $\frac{135}{x} + \frac{285}{x} = 6$, multiply by LCD = x to clear all the fractions and solve to get $x = 70$. Therefore the train's speed was 70 mph. **Please refer to the end of this document for more detailed solution.**

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11) Let x mph be Harriet's speed in the city, therefore $(x + 20)$ mph is her speed on the highway. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
City	x	t	90
Highway	$x + 20$	t	130

$$t_{\text{City}} = \frac{90}{x},$$

$$t_{\text{Highway}} = \frac{130}{x + 20}$$

Now since the total time was 4 hrs, we solve the equation $\frac{90}{x} + \frac{130}{x + 20} = 4$,

multiply by LCD = $x(x + 20)$ to clear all the fractions and solve to get $x = 45$.

And $x = -10$, but speed cannot be negative. Therefore her speed on the highway was $(45 + 20) = 65$ mph. **Please refer to the end of this document for more detailed solution.**

12) Let x mph be Frankie's speed in the paved road, therefore $(x - 25)$ mph is his speed on the dirt road. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Paved Road	x	t	135
Dirt Road	$x - 25$	t	40

$$t_{\text{Paved Rd}} = \frac{135}{x},$$

$$t_{\text{Dirt Rd}} = \frac{40}{x - 25}$$

Now since the total time was 5 hrs, we solve the equation $\frac{135}{x} + \frac{40}{x - 25} = 5$,

multiply by LCD = $x(x - 25)$ to clear all the fractions and solve to get $x = 45$.

And $x = 15$, but his speed must be more than 25mph. Therefore his speed on the paved road was 45 mph. **Please refer to the end of this document for more detailed solution.**

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13) Let x mph be eagle's speed, therefore pigeon's speed is $(x - 5)$ mph. Since

$t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Eagle	x	t	100
Pigeon	$x - 5$	t	90

$$t_{\text{Eagle}} = \frac{100}{x}$$

$$t_{\text{Pigeon}} = \frac{90}{x - 5}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both, we solve the proportion

$\frac{100}{x} = \frac{90}{x - 5}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 50$. Therefore an eagle can fly 50 mph while a pigeon can fly 45 mph.

14) Let x mph be Allen's speed walking, therefore $(x + 4)$ mph is his speed

jogging. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Walking	x	t	6
Jogging	$x + 4$	t	35

$$t_{\text{Walking}} = \frac{6}{x},$$

$$t_{\text{Jogging}} = \frac{35}{x + 4}$$

Now since the total time was 7 hrs, we solve the equation $\frac{6}{x} + \frac{35}{x + 4} = 7$,

multiply by LCD = $x(x + 4)$ to clear all the fractions and solve to get $x = 3$, and

$x = -\frac{8}{7}$, but speed cannot be negative. Therefore Allen was jogging at

$(3 + 4) = 7$ mph. **Please refer to the end of this document for more detailed solution.**

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15) Let x mph be the speed of the balloon with no wind, therefore its speed with the wind is $(x + 20)$ mph while its speed against the wind is $(x - 20)$ mph. Since

$t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
With wind	$x + 20$	t	200
Against wind	$x - 20$	t	40

$$t_{\text{With wind}} = \frac{200}{x + 20}$$

$$t_{\text{Against wind}} = \frac{40}{x - 20}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction we solve the

proportion $\frac{200}{x + 20} = \frac{40}{x - 20}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 30$. Therefore

the balloon's speed in against the wind is 10 mph.

16) Let x be the speed of the raft in still water, therefore its speed going downstream is $(x + 7)$ mph while its speed going upstream is $(x - 7)$ mph. Since

$t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Upstream	$x - 7$	t	15
Downstream	$x + 7$	t	85

$$t_{\text{Upstream}} = \frac{15}{x - 7}$$

$$t_{\text{Downstream}} = \frac{85}{x + 7}$$

Now since the amount of time is the same for both direction we solve the

proportion $\frac{15}{x - 7} = \frac{85}{x + 7}$, cross-multiply and solve to get $x = 10$. Therefore the

speed of the raft going upstream was $(10 - 7) = 3$ mph.

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17) Let x mph be Trevor's speed when riding his bicycle, therefore $(x + 40)$ mph is his speed riding a motorcycle. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Motorcycle	$x + 40$	t	165
Bicycle	x	t	45

$$t_{\text{Motorcycle}} = \frac{165}{x + 40},$$
$$t_{\text{Bicycle}} = \frac{45}{x}$$

Now since it took the same amount of time, then we solve the equation

$\frac{165}{x + 40} = \frac{45}{x}$, we can cross multiply and solve to get $x = 15$. Therefore Trevor's speed riding his motorcycle is $(15 + 40) = 55$ mph.

18) Let x mph be freight train's speed, therefore $(x + 35)$ mph is the speed for the passenger train. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Passenger	$x + 35$	t	280
Freight	x	t	140

$$t_{\text{Passenger}} = \frac{280}{x + 35},$$
$$t_{\text{Freight}} = \frac{140}{x}$$

Now since it took the same amount of time, then we solve the equation

$\frac{280}{x + 35} = \frac{140}{x}$, we can cross multiply and solve to get $x = 35$. Therefore the passenger train travels at $(35 + 35) = 70$ mph.

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19) Let x mph be the speed for hiking, therefore $(x + 3)$ mph is the speed for walking. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
Walking	$x + 3$	t	7
Hiking	x	t	12

$$t_{\text{Walking}} = \frac{7}{x + 3},$$

$$t_{\text{Jogging}} = \frac{12}{x}$$

Now since the total time was 4 hrs, we solve the equation $\frac{7}{x + 3} + \frac{12}{x} = 4$, multiply by LCD = $x(x + 3)$ to clear all the fractions and solve to get $x = 4$, and $x = -\frac{9}{4}$, but speed cannot be negative. Therefore tourists were hiking at 4 mph.

Please refer to the end of this document for more detailed solution.

20) Let x mph be Karl's speed with no current, therefore his speed with the current is $(x + 5)$ mph while his speed against the current is $(x - 5)$ mph. Since $t = \frac{d}{r}$, we are now ready to set up our chart.

Categories	Rate	Time	Diatance
With Current	$x + 5$	t	33
Against Current	$x - 5$	t	3

$$t_{\text{With Current}} = \frac{33}{x + 5}$$

$$t_{\text{Against Current}} = \frac{3}{x - 5}$$

Now since the total time was 6 hrs, we solve the equation $\frac{33}{x + 5} + \frac{3}{x - 5} = 6$,

multiply by LCD = $(x + 5)(x - 5)$ to clear all the fractions and solve to get $x = 6$, and $x = 0$, but speed of zero does not work. So Karl was swimming at $(6 + 5) = 11$ mph with the current. **Please refer to the end of this document for more detailed solution.**

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Detailed solutions for problems 10, 11, 12, 14, 19, and 20:

10)

$$\frac{135}{x} + \frac{285}{x} = 6, \text{ Multiply by LCD} = x \text{ to clear fractions}$$

$$135 + 285 = 6x, \text{ Simplify}$$

$$420 = 6x, \text{ Solve for } x \text{ by dividing both sides by 6}$$

$$\frac{420}{6} = x,$$

$$70 = x$$

11)

$$\frac{90}{x} + \frac{130}{x+20} = 4, \text{ Multiply by LCD} = x(x+20) \text{ to clear fractions}$$

$$90(x+20) + 130x = 4x(x+20), \text{ Simplify}$$

$$90x + 1800 + 130x = 4x^2 + 80x, \text{ Collect like terms,}$$

$$220x + 1800 = 4x^2 + 80x, \text{ Since this a quadratic equation we make one side zero,}$$

$$0 = 4x^2 + 80x - 220x - 1800, \text{ Simplify again}$$

$$4x^2 - 140x - 1800 = 0, \text{ Divide by 4 since all the numbers are divisible by 4}$$

$$x^2 - 35x - 450 = 0, \text{ Factor the left hand side}$$

$$(x - 45)(x + 10) = 0, \text{ Use the zero-product principle and solve each factor}$$

$$x - 45 = 0 \text{ or } x + 10 = 0$$

$$x = 45 \text{ or } x = -10$$

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12)

$$\frac{135}{x} + \frac{40}{x-25} = 5, \text{ Multiply by LCD} = x(x-25) \text{ to clear fractions}$$

$$135(x-25) + 40x = 5x(x-25), \text{ Simplify}$$

$$135x - 3375 + 40x = 5x^2 - 125x, \text{ Collect like terms,}$$

$$175x - 3375 = 5x^2 - 125x, \text{ Since this a quadratic equation we make one side zero,}$$

$$0 = 5x^2 - 125x - 175x + 3375, \text{ Simplify again}$$

$$5x^2 - 300x + 3375 = 0, \text{ Divide by 5 to simplify again}$$

$$x^2 - 60x + 675 = 0, \text{ Factor the left hand side}$$

$$(x-15)(x-45) = 0, \text{ Use the zero-product principle and solve each factor}$$

$$x-15 = 0 \text{ or } x-45 = 0$$

$$x = 15 \text{ or } x = 45$$

14)

$$\frac{6}{x} + \frac{35}{x+4} = 7, \text{ Multiply by LCD} = x(x+4) \text{ to clear fractions}$$

$$6(x+4) + 35x = 7x(x+4), \text{ Simplify}$$

$$6x + 24 + 35x = 7x^2 + 28x, \text{ Collect like terms,}$$

$$41x + 24 = 7x^2 + 28x, \text{ Since this a quadratic equation we make one side zero,}$$

$$0 = 7x^2 + 28x - 41x - 24, \text{ Simplify again}$$

$$7x^2 - 13x - 24 = 0, \text{ Factor the left hand side}$$

$$(7x+8)(x-3) = 0, \text{ Use the zero-product principle and solve each factor}$$

$$7x+8 = 0 \text{ or } x-3 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-8}{7} \text{ or } x = 3$$

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$$\frac{7}{x+3} + \frac{12}{x} = 4, \text{ Multiply by LCD} = x(x+3) \text{ to clear fractions}$$

$$7x + 12(x+3) = 4x(x+3), \text{ Simplify}$$

$$7x + 12x + 36 = 4x^2 + 12x, \text{ Collect like terms,}$$

$$19x + 36 = 4x^2 + 12x, \text{ Since this a quadratic equation we make one side zero,}$$

$$0 = 4x^2 + 12x - 19x - 36, \text{ Simplify again}$$

$$4x^2 - 7x - 36 = 0, \text{ Factor the left hand side}$$

$$(4x+9)(x-4) = 0, \text{ Use the zero-product principle and solve each factor}$$

$$4x+9 = 0 \text{ or } x-4 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-9}{4} \text{ or } x = 4$$

20)

$$\frac{33}{x+5} + \frac{3}{x-5} = 6, \text{ Multiply by LCD} = (x+5)(x-5) \text{ to clear fractions}$$

$$33(x-5) + 3(x+5) = 6(x+5)(x-5), \text{ Simplify}$$

$$33x - 165 + 3x + 15 = 6x^2 - 150, \text{ Collect like terms,}$$

$$36x - 150 = 6x^2 - 150, \text{ Since this a quadratic equation we make one side zero,}$$

$$0 = 6x^2 - 150 - 36x + 150, \text{ Simplify again}$$

$$6x^2 - 36x = 0, \text{ Divide by 6 to simplify again}$$

$$x^2 - 6x = 0, \text{ Factor the left hand side}$$

$$x(x-6) = 0, \text{ Use the zero-product principle and solve each factor}$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x - 6 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 6$$