

Handout 4: Not All Equations Are Created Equal- A

1. Solve $\frac{3}{x+1} + \frac{4}{x-1} = 2$.

$$x = \frac{7+\sqrt{73}}{4} \text{ and } x = \frac{7-\sqrt{73}}{4}$$

2. Solve $-x^4 + 4x^2 - 3 = 0$.

$$x = \pm 1 \text{ and } x = \pm\sqrt{3}.$$

3. Solve $x + \frac{1}{2x+1} = 1$.

$$x = 0 \text{ and } x = \frac{1}{2}.$$

4. Solve $x - 2\sqrt{x} + 1 = 0$.

$$x = 1.$$

6. Solve the inequality $x^2 - 3 \geq x$.

$$-\infty < x \leq \frac{1-\sqrt{13}}{2} \text{ and } \frac{1+\sqrt{13}}{2}x < \infty.$$

7. Solve the inequality $-x^2 + 4x > 3$.

$$1 < x < 3.$$

8. Solve the inequality $2x^2 + 7x - 2 \leq 2$.

$$-4 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

9. Solve the inequality $6x < 3x^2 - 9$.

$$-\infty < x < -1 \text{ and } 3 < x < \infty$$

5. Solve the inequality $-2x^2 + 3x + 1 < 0$. 10. Solve the inequality $-x^2 - 2x + 1 > 0$.

$$-\infty < x < \frac{1-\sqrt{17}}{4} \text{ and } \frac{-3-\sqrt{17}}{4} < x < \infty.$$

$$-1 - \sqrt{2} < x < -1 + \sqrt{2}$$