

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

$$\frac{3(x+2)}{x(x+2)} + \frac{1(x)}{x(x+2)} = 1$$

get common denominator

$$\frac{3(x+2) + x}{x(x+2)} = 1$$

combine the fractions over the common denominator

$$\frac{4x+6}{x(x+2)} = 1$$

simplify the numerator

$$(x(x+2)) \frac{4x+6}{x(x+2)} = 1(x(x+2))$$

multiply both sides by the denominator

$$4x+6 = 1(x(x+2))$$

the denominator cancels on the left.

$$4x+6 = x^2 + 2x$$

simplify the right side

$$6 = x^2 - 2x$$

combine x terms on one side of the equation

$$0 = x^2 - 2x - 6$$

move the 6 over and set the whole equation equal to zero so that you now have a quadratic equation that you can solve with the Quadratic formula.

Quadratic Formula:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$a = 1$$
$$b = -1$$
$$c = -6$$

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-6)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 24}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{7}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{7}$$

$$x = 3.65 \text{ and } -1.65$$