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4(f)

$$ax - 1 = \frac{x + 1}{a}$$

$$(a)ax - 1 = \frac{x + 1}{a}(a)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} a^2x - a = x + 1 \\ +a \quad +a \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} a^2x = x + 1 + a \\ -x \quad -x \end{array}$$

$$a^2x - x = 1 + a$$

$$x(a^2 - 1) = a + 1$$

$$\frac{x(a^2 - 1)}{a^2 - 1} = \frac{a + 1}{a^2 - 1}$$

$$x = \frac{a + 1}{(a + 1)(a - 1)} = \frac{1}{a - 1}$$