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Algebra – A Universal Tool

Many mathematical problems are like the many shapes of different bolts and fasteners on a vehicle. They look similar, but they differ slightly in certain ways -- some may be larger or smaller than others, some may have more sides or be differently shaped.

Usually we use a specific wrench or tool to tighten and adjust a specific type of fastener. As the types of these fasteners grow, so do our tools. Soon we have so many different tools for each individual fastener that it is both difficult to select the right one as well as taking up so much room in our toolbox we have no room for anything else. And we will always be finding some fastener that does not fit our toolset and we will waste time trying out all the different ones we have in order to find something that will work.

If there was a tool that could adjust automatically with tempered steel rods to any size or shape of fastener, it would be a universal tool that could replace all or most of the others we had. Algebra is a universal arithmetic tool. It gives us a common procedure that we only need to learn once and then apply to solve any problem regardless of the field.

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