

**Answer on Question #42763 – Math – Algebra**

**Question:**

A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = \{3+x \text{ if } -3 \leq x < 0; 3 - x \text{ if } 0 \leq x < 3; x-3 \text{ if } 3 \leq x < 6\}$

Find  $x$  when  $f(x) = 3$ .

- A) 6
- B) -3
- C) 0
- D) Cannot determined

**Answer:**

$f(x) = 3$  then

$$3+x = 3 \text{ if } -3 \leq x < 0;$$

$$3 - x = 3 \text{ if } 0 \leq x < 3;$$

$$x-3 = 3 \text{ if } 3 \leq x < 6$$

From the first equation we can see that  $x = 0$ , but in the other hand  $-3 \leq x < 0$  that's why is solution isn't correct;

from the second equation we can see that  $x = 0$ , but if  $0 \leq x < 3$  that's why is solution is **correct**;

from the third equation we can see that  $x = 6$ , but in the other hand  $3 \leq x < 6$  that's why is solution isn't correct.

**Answer: C) 0**