

Question 13: The equation $x - \frac{2}{x-1} = 1 - \frac{2}{x-1}$ has

- (a) no root
- (b) one root
- (c) two equal roots
- (d) infinitely many roots

Solution:

Given $x - \frac{2}{x-1} = 1 - \frac{2}{x-1}$

Clearly $x \neq 1$ for the given equation to be defined. If $x-1 \neq 0$, we can cancel the common term $-\frac{2}{x-1}$ on both sides to get $x = 1$, but it is not possible. Thus the given equation has no roots.

Hence option a is the answer.