

Equations Reducible to Quadratics

Solve:

$$9x^4 - 148x^2 + 64 = 0$$

Technique: $x^2 = y$

$$9(x^2)^2 - 148x^2 + 64 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9y^2 - 148y + 64 = 0$$

$[\alpha, \beta = \text{roots}] \quad \alpha + \beta = \frac{148}{9} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{74}{9} + u; \quad \beta = \frac{74}{9} - u$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{64}{9} = \left(\frac{74}{9}\right)^2 - u^2$$

$$\Rightarrow u^2 = \left(\frac{74}{9}\right)^2 - \frac{64}{9} = \left(\frac{74}{9}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{8}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \sqrt{\frac{98 \times 50}{81}} = \frac{7 \times 10}{9} = \left(\frac{70}{9}\right)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{74}{9} + \frac{70}{9} = \frac{144}{9}$$

$$\beta = \frac{74}{9} - \frac{70}{9} = \frac{4}{9}$$

So, $x^2 = \frac{144}{9}$

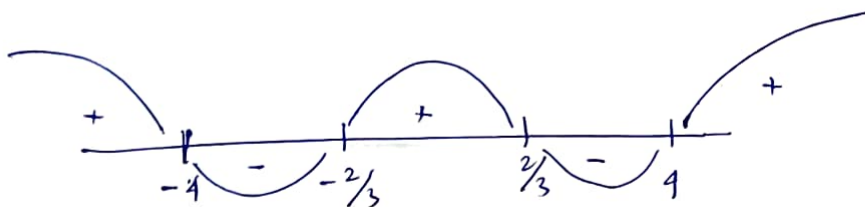
$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{144}{9}} = \pm \frac{12}{3}$$

$$x = \pm 4$$

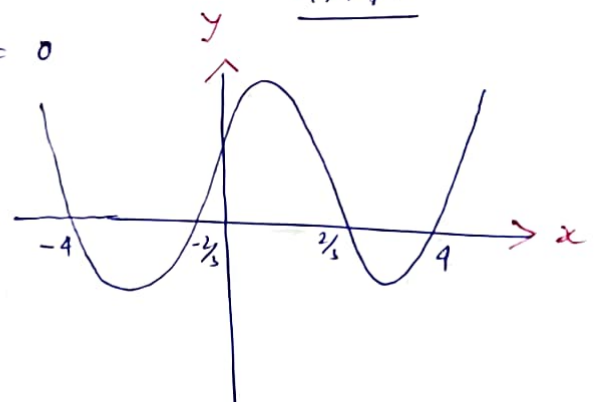
$$x^2 = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{2}{3}$$

$$(x+4)(x-4)\left(x+\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(x-\frac{2}{3}\right) = 0$$



Graph



Q2. Solve. $8x^{3/2} - 8x^{-1/2} = 63$

Consider: $8x^{3/2} - \frac{8}{x^{1/2}} = 63$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^3 - 8 = 63x^{3/2} \quad \text{--- eq. 1}$$

Consider $x^{1/2} = y$,

$$8y^2 - 8 = 63y$$

$$8y^2 - 63y - 8 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ -64 + 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{64}{8} = 8 \\ \beta = -\frac{1}{8} \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ -64 + 1 \end{array}} \right\}$$

$$x^{3/2} = 8$$

$$x = 8^{2/3}$$

$$x = \left(\sqrt[3]{8} \right)^2 = 4$$

$$x^{3/2} = -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$x = \left(-\frac{1}{8} \right)^{2/3} = \left(\sqrt[3]{-\frac{1}{8}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

So, $x = \frac{1}{4} \text{ or } 4$

6.3.

3.

Solve:

$$\sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} + \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} = 2\frac{1}{6}$$

Ans: Consider $y = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}}$

$$y + \frac{1}{y} = 2\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 1 = \frac{13}{6}y$$

$$\Rightarrow 6y^2 - 13y + 6 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ -9 - 4 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\alpha = \frac{9}{6} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\beta = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

So,

$$\sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{x}{1-x} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$4x = 9 - 9x$$

$$13x = 9$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{9}{13}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{1-x} = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x = 4 - 4x$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{4}{13}}$$

84. Solve:

$$(x+2)(x+4)(x+6)(x+8) = 105$$

Technique

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x+2)(x+4)(x+6)(x+8) - 105 = 0 \\ &= \left[(x+2)(x+8) \right] \left[(x+4)(x+6) \right] - 105 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (x^2 + 10x + 16)(x^2 + 10x + 24) - 105 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Consider, $x^2 + 10x = y$,

$$(y+16)(y+24) = 105$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 40y + (320 + 64 - 105) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 40y + 279 = 0$$

31, 9

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha &= -31 \\ \beta &= -9 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 10x + 31 = 0$$

$$\text{roots: } -5 \pm \sqrt{6}i$$

$$x^2 + 10x + 9 = 0$$

9+1

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha' &= -9 \\ \beta' &= -1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\therefore x = -5 \pm i\sqrt{6}, -1, -9$$

Q.5
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S. solve:

$$x^2 - 12x + \sqrt{x^2 - 12x + 81} = 9$$

Ans:

Technique

$$x^2 - 12x + \sqrt{x^2 - 12x + 81} = 9$$

$$\text{Sol: } \Rightarrow (x^2 - 12x + 81) + \sqrt{x^2 - 12x + 81} - 81 - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Let } \sqrt{x^2 - 12x + 81} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + y - 90 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -1 \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{1}{2} + u \quad \beta = -\frac{1}{2} - u$$

$$\alpha\beta = -90$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} - u^2 = -90$$

$$\Rightarrow u^2 = \left(90 + \frac{1}{4}\right) = \left(\frac{361}{4}\right)$$

$$\alpha \neq \beta = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{361}{4}} \Rightarrow \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{361}{4}} - \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{19}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 9$$

$$\beta = -10$$

$$\text{Hence, } x^2 - 12x + 81 = 81 \quad \sim \quad x^2 - 12x + 81 = 100$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x-12) = 0$$

$$x^2 - 12x - 19 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 12 \quad (6+u, 6-u)$$

$$36 - u^2 = -19 \Rightarrow u = \sqrt{55}$$

$$x = 0, 12$$

$$x = 6 \pm \sqrt{55}$$

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solve:

$$x^4 - 3x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0$$

form: $(a)x^4 + (b)x^3 + c \cdot x^2 + (d)x + (e) = 0$

Sol:

$$x^4 - 3x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{3}{x} - 3x + \frac{1}{x^2} = 0 \quad (\text{dividing by } x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 3\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 2 \right\} - 3\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$$

Consider, $x - \frac{1}{x} = y$,

$$(y^2 + 2) - 3y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 3y + 2 = 0$$

$$-2, -1$$

\Rightarrow

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 2 \\ \beta = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

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

So,

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

$$x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 2$$

$$\alpha = 1 + u$$

$$\beta = 1 - u$$

$$1 - u^2 = -1$$

$$u^2 = 2$$

$$u = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}}$$

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 1$$

$$\alpha\beta = -1$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} + u, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2} - u$$

$$\frac{1}{4} - u^2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow u^2 = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}}$$

Q.7.

7. Solve: $2\sqrt{x-3} + \sqrt{2x+1} = \sqrt{10x+1}$

Ans:

Squaring both sides:

$$4(x-3) + (2x+1) + 4\sqrt{(x-3)(2x+1)} = 10x+1$$

$$4x-12 + 2x+1 + 4\sqrt{(x-3)(2x+1)} = 10x+1$$

$$4\sqrt{(x-3)(2x+1)} = 4x+12$$

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

Squaring again,

$$(x-3)(2x+1) = x^2 + 9 + 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 5x - 3 = x^2 + 9 + 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 11x - 12 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ -12, +1 \Rightarrow \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 12 \\ \beta = -1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} x = 12 \\ x = -1 \end{array}}$$

Q. 8 & Solve:

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 4x - 21} + \sqrt{x^2 - x - 6} = \sqrt{6x^2 - 5x - 39}$$

Sol: ~~Technique~~: I see that $x^2 + 4x - 21 = 0$ has 2 factors -7 and 3. Look if other 2 equations also have a factor 3. or -7.

$$x^2 + 4x - 21 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ +7, -3 \end{matrix} \quad \alpha = -7 \Rightarrow (x+7)(x-3) \quad \beta = 3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x^2 - x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ -6, 1 \end{matrix} \quad \alpha = 6 \Rightarrow (x-6)(x+1) \quad \beta = -1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$6x^2 - 5x - 39 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{5}{6} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{5}{12} + \frac{31}{12} \Rightarrow (x-3)\left(x + \frac{13}{6}\right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\alpha\beta = -\frac{39}{6} = \frac{36}{12} = 3$$

$$\alpha = \frac{5}{12} + u \quad \beta = \frac{5}{12} - u$$

$$\beta = \frac{5}{12} - \frac{31}{12}$$

$$\frac{25}{144} - u^2 = -\frac{39}{6}$$

$$= \frac{-26}{12}$$

$$u^2 = \left(\frac{25}{144} + \frac{39}{6} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{13}{6}$$

$$= \frac{25 + 39 \times 24}{144}$$

$$= \frac{961}{144}$$

$$u = \sqrt{\frac{961}{144}} = \frac{31}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \sqrt{x+7} + \sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{6x+13} \right\} \sqrt{x-3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } \boxed{x=3}$$

$$\text{or } \sqrt{x+7} + \sqrt{x+2} = \sqrt{6x+13}$$

$$\text{Squaring, } x+7 + x+2 + 2\sqrt{(x+7)(x+2)} = 6x+13$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x+4 = 2\sqrt{(x+7)(x+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+2 = \sqrt{(x+7)(x+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + 4 + 8x = x^2 + 9x + 14$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - x - 10 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ -6, 5 \end{array} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$\beta = -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{x=2 \text{ or } -\frac{5}{3}}$$

Q. 9 Solve

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 16} - \sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 9} = 1$$

Ans:

$$(x^2 - 3x + 16) - (x^2 - 3x + 9) = 16 - 9 = 7$$

So,

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 16} + \sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 9} = 7$$

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$$\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 16} - \sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 9} = 1$$

$$2\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 9} = 6$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 9 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 0 = 0$$

↑

+3, 0

So,

$$x = 0, x = 3$$