

*Solution:*

$$-(l+m) - lx^2 + (2l+m)x = 0, l \neq 0$$

$$-lx^2 + (2l+m)x - (l+m) = 0$$

$$-[lx^2 - (2l+m)x + (l+m)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow lx^2 - (2l+m)x + (l+m) = 0$$

Compare it with, we have

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Here  $a = l$ ,  $b = -(2l+m)$ ,  $c = (l+m)$

$$\text{Now } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-[-(2l+m) \pm \sqrt{[-(2l+m)]^2 - 4(l)(l+m)}]}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{(2l+m) \pm \sqrt{(2l+m)^2 - 4l(l+m)}}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{(2l+m) \pm \sqrt{4l^2 + 4lm + m^2 - 4l^2 - 4lm}}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{(2l+m) \pm \sqrt{m^2}}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{(2l+m) \pm m}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{2l+2m}{2l}, \quad x = \frac{2l+2m-m}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{2l+2m}{2l} = \frac{2l}{2l}$$

$$= \frac{2(l+m)}{2l} = l$$

$$= \frac{l+m}{l}$$

Thus, solution set =  $\left\{l, \frac{l+m}{l}\right\}$

## SOLVED EXERCISE 1.3

**Q1.** Solve the following equations.

(1)  $2x^4 - 11x^2 - 5 = 0$

**Solution:**

$$2x^4 - 11x^2 - 5 = 0$$

Let  $x^2 = y$ . then  $x^4 = y^2$  ————— (i)

So eq. (i) becomes

$$2y^2 - 11y + 5 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 10y - y + 5 = 0$$

$$2y(y - 5) - 1(y - 5) = 0$$

$$(2y - 1)(y - 5) = 0$$

Either  $2y - 1 = 0$  or  $y - 5 = 0$   
 $2y = 1$   $y = 5$

Put  $y = \frac{1}{2}$  in  $x^2 = y$ , we get

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

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

Thus, solution set =  $\left\{ \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm \sqrt{5} \right\}$

(2)  $2x^4 = 9x^2 - 4$

**Solution:**

$$2x^4 = 9x^2 - 4$$

$$2x^4 - 9x^2 + 4 = 0 \text{ ————— (i)}$$

Let  $x^2 = y$ . then  $x^4 = y^2$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$2y^2 - 9y + 4 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 8y - y + 4 = 0$$

$$2y(y - 4) - 1(y - 4) = 0$$

$$(2y - 1)(y - 4) = 0$$

Either  $2y - 1 = 0$  or  $y - 4 = 0$   
 $2y = 1$   $y = 4$

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

Put  $y = \frac{1}{2}$  in  $x^2 = y$ , we get

Put  $y = 5$  in  $x^2 = y$ , we get

$$x^2 = 5$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{5}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{5}$$

Put  $y = 4$  in  $x^2 = y$ , we get

$$x^2 = y$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

$$\text{Thus, solution set} = \left\{ \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm 2 \right\}$$

$$(3) 5x^{1/2} = 7x^{1/4} - 2$$

Solution:

$$5x^{1/2} = 7x^{1/4} - 2$$

$$5x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 7x^{\frac{1}{4}} + 2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{Let } x^{\frac{1}{4}} = y, \text{ then } x^{\frac{1}{2}} = y^2$$

So eq. (1) becomes

$$5y^2 - 7y + 2 = 0$$

$$5y^2 - 5y - 2y + 2 = 0$$

$$5y(y-1) - 2(y-1) = 0$$

$$(5y-2)(y-1) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Either } 5y-2 &= 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 5y = 2 \\ &\Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } y = \frac{2}{5} \text{ in } x^{\frac{1}{4}} = y, \text{ we get}$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{4}} = y$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{2}{5}$$

Taking power '4' on both sides, we get

$$\left(x^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4$$

$$x = \frac{2^4}{5^4}$$

$$x = \frac{16}{625}$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{4}$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } y-1 &= 0 \\ &\Rightarrow y = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } y = 1 \text{ in } x^{\frac{1}{2}} = y, \text{ we get}$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{2}} = y$$

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

Taking power '4' on both sides, we get

$$\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^4 = (1)^4$$

$$\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^4 = 1$$

$$x = 1$$

Thus, solution set =  $\left\{ \frac{16}{625}, 1 \right\}$

$$(1) x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 54 = 15x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

*Solution:*

$$x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 54 = 15x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 15x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 54 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let  $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$ . Then  $x^{\frac{2}{3}} = y^2$

So eq (i) becomes

$$y^2 - 15y + 54 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 9y - 6y + 54 = 0$$

$$y(y - 9) - 6(y - 9) = 0$$

$$(y - 6)(y - 9) = 0$$

Either

$$y - 9 = 0 \text{ or } \\ y = 9$$

$$y - 6 = 0 \\ y = 6$$

Put  $y = 9$  in  $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$ , we get

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 9$$

Taking cube on both

We get

$$\left( x^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^3 = (9)^3$$

$$x = 729$$

Thus, solution set =  $\{729, 216\}$

$$(5) 3x^{-2} + 5 = 8x^{-1}$$

*Solution:*

$$3x^{-2} + 5 = 8x^{-1}$$

$$3x^{-2} - 8x^{-1} + 5 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let  $x^{-1} = y$ . Then  $x^{-2} = y^2$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$3y^2 - 8y + 5 = 0$$

$$3y^2 - 5y - 3y + 5 = 0$$

$$y(3y - 5) - 1(3y - 5) = 0$$

$$(y - 1)(3y - 5) = 0$$

Either  $y - 1 = 0$  or  $3y - 5 = 0$

Put  $y = 6$  in  $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$ , we get

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6$$

Taking cube on both

We get

$$\left( x^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^3 = (6)^3$$

$$x = 216$$

$$y = 1$$

$$3y = 5$$

$$y = \frac{5}{3}$$

Put  $y = 1$  in  $x^{-1} = y$ , we get

$$x^{-1} = y$$

$$x^{-1} = 1$$

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

$$\text{or } x = 1$$

Put  $y = \frac{5}{3}$  in  $x^{-1} = y$ , we get

$$x^{-1} = y$$

$$x^{-1} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{or } x = \frac{3}{5}$$

Thus, solution set =  $\left\{1, \frac{3}{5}\right\}$

$$6. \quad (2x^2 + 1) + \frac{3}{2x^2 + 1} = 4$$

**Solution:**

$$(2x^2 + 1) + \frac{3}{2x^2 + 1} = 4$$

$$(2x^2 + 1) + \frac{3}{2x^2 + 1} = 4 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{Let } 2x^2 + 1 = y$$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$y + \frac{3}{y} = 4$$

Multiplying both sides by 'y', we get

$$y^2 + 3 = 4y$$

$$y^2 - 4y + 3 = 0$$

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

$$y(y - 3) - 1(y - 3) = 0$$

$$(y - 1)(y - 3) = 0$$

Either

$$y - 1 = 0$$

or

$$y - 3 = 0$$

$$y = 1$$

$$y = 3$$

Put  $y = 1$  in  $2x^2 + 1 = y$ , we get

Put  $y = 3$  in  $2x^2 + 1 = y$ , we get

$$2x^2 + 1 = 1$$

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

$$2x^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Thus, solution set =  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$

$$(7) \frac{x}{x-3} + 4\left(\frac{x-3}{x}\right) = 4$$

Solution:

$$\frac{x}{x-3} + 4\left(\frac{x-3}{x}\right) = 4 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let  $\frac{x}{x-3} = y$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$y + 4\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) = 4$$

Multiplying both sides by 'y', we get

$$y^2 + 4 = 4y$$

$$y^2 - 4y + 4 = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow y - 2 = 0$$

Put  $y = 2$  in  $\frac{x}{x-3} = y$ , we get

$$\frac{x}{x-3} = y$$

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

$$2(x-3) = x$$

$$2x - 6 = x$$

$$2x - x = 6$$

$$x = 6$$

Thus, solution set =  $\{6\}$

$$2x^2 + 1 = 3$$

$$2x^2 + 1 = 3 - 1$$

$$2x^2 = 2$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$8. \quad \frac{4x+1}{4x-1} + \frac{4x-1}{4x-1} = 2\frac{1}{6}$$

*Solution:*

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} + \frac{4x-1}{4x-1} = 2\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} + \frac{4x-1}{4x-1} = \frac{13}{6} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let  $\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$y + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{13}{6}$$

Multiplying both sides by '6y', we get

$$6y^2 + 6 = 13y$$

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

$$6y^2 - 9y - 4y + 6 = 0$$

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

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

Either  $3y-2=0$  or

$$3y=2$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}$$

Put  $y = \frac{2}{3}$  in  $\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$ , we get

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$$

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$3(4x+1) = 2(4x-1)$$

$$12x+3 = 8x-2$$

$$12x-8x = -2-3$$

$$4x = -5$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{4}$$

Thus, solution set =  $\left\{ \pm \frac{5}{4} \right\}$

$$9. \quad \frac{x-a}{x+a} - \frac{x+a}{x-a} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$2y-3=0$$

$$2y=3$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2}$$

Put  $y = \frac{3}{2}$  in  $\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$ , we get

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$$

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$3(4x-1) = 2(4x+1)$$

$$12x-3 = 8x+2$$

$$12x-8x = -2+3$$

$$4x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{4}$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{x-a}{x+a} - \frac{x+a}{x-a} = \frac{7}{12} \quad \text{_____ (i)}$$

Let  $\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$

So eq (i) becomes

$$y - \frac{1}{y} = \frac{7}{12}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $12y$ , we get

$$12y^2 - 12 = 7y$$

$$12y^2 - 7y - 12 = 0$$

$$12y^2 - 16y + 9y - 12 = 0$$

$$4y(3y-4) + 3(3y-4) = 0$$

Either  $4y + 3 = 0$  or  $3y - 4 = 0$   
 $4y = -3$   $3y = 4$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4} \quad y = \frac{4}{3}$$

Put  $y = -\frac{3}{4}$  in  $\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$ , we get

$$\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$$

$$\frac{x-a}{x+a} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$4(x-a) = -3(x+a)$$

$$4x - 4a = -3x - 3a$$

$$4x + 3x = 4a - 3a$$

$$7x = a$$

$$x = \frac{a}{7}$$

Thus, solution set =  $\left\{-7a, \frac{a}{7}\right\}$

(10)  $x^4 - 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$

**Solution:**

$$x^4 - 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$$

Dividing each term by  $x^2$ , we get

$$\frac{x^4}{x^2} - 2\frac{x^3}{x^2} - 2\frac{x^2}{x^2} + \frac{2x}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

Put  $y = \frac{4}{3}$  in  $\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$ , we get

$$\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$$

$$\frac{x-a}{x+a} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$4(x+a) = 3(x-a)$$

$$4x + 4a = 3x - 3a$$

$$4x - 3x = -4a - 3a$$

$$x = -7a$$



$$x^2 - 2x - 2 + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} - 2x + \frac{2}{x} - 2 = 0$$

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 2\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right) - 2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let  $x - \frac{1}{x} = y$

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = y^2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} - 2 = y^2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = y^2 + 2$$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$y^2 + 2 - 2y - 2 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 2y = 0$$

$$y(y - 2) = 0$$

Either  $y = 0$  or  $y - 2 = 0, \Rightarrow y = 2$

Put  $y = 0$  in  $x - \frac{1}{x} = y$ , we get

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

$$x - \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

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

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

Put  $y = 2$  in  $x - \frac{1}{x} = y$ , we get

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 1 = 2x$$

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

$$x = \frac{(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4+4}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2}$$

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

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

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

Thus, solution set =  $\{\pm 1, 1 \pm \sqrt{2}\}$

(11)  $2x^4 + x^3 - 6x^2 + x + 2 = 0$

Solution:

$$2x^4 + x^3 - 6x^2 + x + 2 = 0$$

Dividing both sides by  $x^2$ , we get

$$\frac{2x^4}{x^2} + \frac{x^3}{x^2} - \frac{6x^2}{x^2} + \frac{x}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^2} = 0$$

$$2x^2 + x - 6 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} = 0$$

$$2x^2 + \frac{2}{x^2} + x + \frac{1}{x} - 6 = 0$$

$$2\left(x^2 + \frac{2}{x^2}\right) + \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) - 6 = 0 \text{ ——— (i)}$$

Let  $x + \frac{1}{x} = y$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = y^2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = y^2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = y^2 - 2$$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$2(y^2 - 2) + y - 6 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 4 + y - 6 = 0$$

$$2y^2 + y - 10 = 0$$

$$2y^2 + 5y - 4y - 10 = 0$$

$$y(2y + 5) - 2(2y + 5) = 0$$

$$(y - 2)(2y + 5) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } y - 2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2y + 5 = 0$$

$$y = 2$$

$$2y = -5$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{2}$$

Put  $y = 2$  in  $x + \frac{1}{x} = y$ , we get

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = y$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = 2x$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

Put  $y = -\frac{5}{2}$  in  $x + \frac{1}{x} = y$ , we get

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = y$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = 2 = -5x$$

$$2x^2 + 5x + 2 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 4x + x + 2 = 0$$

$$2x(x + 2) + 1(x + 2) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } 2x + 1 = 0 \quad x + 2 = 0$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$x = -2$$

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

Thus, solution set =  $\left\{1, -2, -\frac{1}{2}\right\}$

$$(12) \quad 4 \cdot 2^{2x+1} - 9 \cdot 2^x + 1 = 0$$

*Solution:*

$$4 \cdot 2^{2x+1} - 9 \cdot 2^x + 1 = 0$$

$$4 \cdot 2^{2x} \cdot 2^1 - 9 \cdot 2^x + 1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let  $2^x = y$  Then  $2^{2x} = y^2$

So eq. (i) becomes.

$$4y^2 - 9y + 1 = 0$$

$$8y^2 - 9y + 1 = 0$$

$$8y^2 - 8y - y + 1 = 0$$

$$8y(y-1) - 1(y-1) = 0$$

$$(8y-1)(y-1) = 0$$

Either  $8y-1=0$  or  $y-1=0$

$$8y=1$$

$$y=1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{8}$$

Put  $y = \frac{1}{8}$  in  $2^x = y$ ; we get

$$2^x = y$$

$$2^x = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$2^x = \frac{1}{2^3}$$

$$2^x = 2^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -3$$

Thus, solution set =  $\{-3, 0\}$

13.  $3^{2x+2} = 12 \cdot 3^x - 3$

*Solution:*

$$3^{2x+2} = 12 \cdot 3^x - 3$$

$$3^{2x} \cdot 3^2 - 12 \cdot 3^x + 3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let  $3^x = y$ . Then  $3^{2x} = y^2$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$y^2 \cdot 9 - 12y + 3 = 0$$

$$9y^2 - 12y + 3 = 0$$

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

$$9y(y-1) - 3(y-1) = 0$$

$$(9y-3)(y-1) = 0$$

Either  $9y-3=0$

or

$$y-1=0$$

$$9y=3$$

$$y=1$$

$$y = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}$$

Put  $y = 1$  in  $2^x = y$ , we get

$$2^x = y$$

$$2^x = 1$$

$$2^x = 2^0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Put  $y = \frac{1}{3}$  in  $3^x = y$ , we get

$$3^x = y$$

$$3^x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3^x = 3^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

Thus, solution set =  $\{-1, 0\}$

$$(14) 2^x + 64 \cdot 2^{-x} - 20 = 0$$

*Solution:*

$$2^x + 64 \cdot 2^{-x} - 20 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let  $2^x = y$ . Then  $2^{-x} = \frac{1}{y}$

So eq (i) becomes

$$y - 64 \cdot \frac{1}{y} = 20 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 64 - 20y = 0$$

$$y^2 - 20y - 64 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 16y - 4y - 64 = 0$$

$$y(y - 16) - 4(y - 16) = 0$$

$$(y - 4)(y - 16) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } y - 4 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y - 16 = 0$$

$$y = 4$$

$$y = 16$$

Put  $y = 4$  in  $2^x = y$ , we get

$$2^x = y$$

$$2^x = 4$$

$$2^x = 2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2$$

Thus, solution set =  $\{2, 4\}$

$$(15) (x + 1)(x + 3)(x - 5)(x - 7) = 192$$

*Solution:*

$$(x + 1)(x + 3)(x - 5)(x - 7) = 192$$

$$\text{As } 1 - 5 = 3 - 7$$

$$\text{So } [(x + 1)(x - 5)][(x + 3)(x - 7)] = 192$$

$$[x^2 - 5x + x - 5][x^2 - 7x + 3x - 21] = 192$$

$$(x^2 - 4x - 5)(x^2 - 4x - 21) = 192 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Put  $y = 1$  in  $3^x = y$ , we get

$$3^x = y$$

$$3^x = 1$$

$$3^x = 3^0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Put  $y = 16$  in  $2^x = y$ , we get

$$2^x = y$$

$$2^x = 16$$

$$2^x = 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$(y-5)(y-21)=192$$

$$y^2 - 21y - 5y + 105 = 192$$

$$y^2 - 26y + 105 - 192 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 26y - 87 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 29y + 3y - 87 = 0$$

$$(y+3)(y-29)=0$$

$$\text{Either } y+3=0 \quad \text{or} \quad y-29=0$$

$$y = -3$$

$$y = 29$$

Put  $y = -3$  in  $x^2 - 4x = y$ , we get

$$x^2 - 4x = y$$

$$x^2 - 4x = -3$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$$

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

$$x(x-3) - 1(x-3) = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x-3) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } x-1=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-3=0$$

$$x = 1$$

$$x = 3$$

Put  $y = 29$  in  $x^2 - 4x = y$ , we get

$$x^2 - 4x = y$$

$$x^2 - 4x = 29$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 29 = 0$$

$$\text{Here } a = 1, b = -4, c = -29$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(-29)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 116}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{132}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{33}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2(2 \pm \sqrt{33})}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{33}$$

Thus, solution set =  $\{1, 3, 2 \pm \sqrt{33}\}$

$$(16) (x-1)(x-2)(x-8)(x+5)360 = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$(x-1)(x-2)(x-8)(x+5)360 = 0$$

$$\text{As } -1-2 = -8+5$$

$$-3 = -3$$

$$\text{So } [(x-1)(x-2)][(x-8)(x+5)] + 360 = 0$$

$$[x^2 - 2x - x + 2][x^2 + 5x - 8x - 40] + 360 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 3x + 2)(x^2 - 3x - 40) + 360 = 0 \text{ _____ (i)}$$

$$\text{Let } x^2 - 3x = y$$

So eq (i) become

$$(y+2)(y-40) + 360 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 40y + 2y - 80 + 360 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 38y + 280 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 28y - 10y + 280 = 0$$

$$y(y-28) - 10(y-28) = 0$$

$$(y-10)(y-28) = 0$$

$$(y-10)(y-28) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } y-10=0 \quad \text{or} \quad y-28=0$$

$$y = 10$$

$$y = 28$$

Put  $y = 10$  in  $x^2 - 3x = y$ , we get

$$x^2 - 3x = y$$

$$x^2 - 3x = 10$$

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

$$x^2 - 5x + 2x - 10 = 0$$

$$x(x-5) + 2(x-5) = 0$$

$$(x+2)(x-5) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } x+2=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-5=0$$

$$x = -2$$

$$x = 5$$

Put  $y = 28$  in  $x^2 - 3x = y$ , we get

$$x^2 - 3x = y$$

$$x^2 - 3x = 28$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 28 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 7x + 4x - 28 = 0$$

$$x(x-7) + 4(x-7) = 0$$

$$(x+4)(x-7) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } x+4=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-7=0$$

$$x = -4$$

$$x = 7$$

Thus, solution set =  $\{-4, -2, 5, 7\}$

### Radical equations:

An equation involving expression under the radical sign is called a radical equation.

$$\text{e.g., } \sqrt{x+3} = x+1$$

$$\text{and } \sqrt{x-1} = \sqrt{x-2} + 1$$