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6. Find the roots of the equation $x^{\left(\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}\log_3 x - 4\right)} = 3^3$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x^{\left(\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}\log_3 x - 4\right)} = 3^3 \\
 \Rightarrow & \log_3 \left(x^{\left(\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}\log_3 x - 4\right)} \right) = \log_3 3^3 \\
 \Rightarrow & \left(\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}\log_3 x - 4 \right) \log_3 x = 3 \log_3 3 \\
 \Rightarrow & \left(\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}\log_3 x - 4 \right) \log_3 x = 3 \\
 \Rightarrow & \left[\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}(\log_3 x) - 4 \right] \log_3 x = 3 \\
 \text{let } & t = \log_3 x \\
 & \left(\frac{3}{4}t^2 + \frac{5}{4}t - 4 \right) t = 3 \\
 \Rightarrow & \frac{3}{4}t^3 + \frac{5}{4}t^2 - 4t = 3 \\
 \Rightarrow & 3t^3 + 5t^2 - 16t - 12 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

In the sixth question we have to find the roots of the equations given like this. So, let us try to solve this. So, $x^{\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}\log_3 x - 4} = 3^3$. So, let us take log 3, log base 3 on both side. So, it will give us $\log_3 x^{\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}\log_3 x - 4} = \log_3 3^3$.

So, this power will come in front, so we will get, $\left[\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}\log_3 x - 4\right] \log_3 x = \log_3 3$ will also come in front. So, we will get $\log_3 3$ which is 1 and we will get 3. So, basically we are getting $\frac{3}{4}(\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4}\log_3 x - 4 \log_3 x = 3$. So, now let us assume $t = \log_3 x$.

So, let us substitute there in $\log_3 x$, so we will get $\left(\frac{3}{4}t^2 + \frac{5}{4}t - 4\right)t = 3$ So, if we simplify this, we will get $\frac{3}{4}t^3 + \frac{5}{4}t^2 - 4t = 3$. So, if we multiply 4 on both side we will get, $3t^3 + 5t^2 - 16t$ and $3 \times 4 = 12$ and if we take 12 on this side we will get - 12 that is equal to 0.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{4} (\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4} \log_3 x - 4 \right) \log_3 x = 3 \log_3 3 \\
 &= 3 \\
 &\Rightarrow \left[\frac{3}{4} (\log_3 x)^2 + \frac{5}{4} (\log_3 x) - 4 \right] \log_3 x = 3 \\
 \text{let } t &= \log_3 x \\
 &\left(\frac{3}{4} t^2 + \frac{5}{4} t - 4 \right) t = 3 \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} t^3 + \frac{5}{4} t^2 - 4t = 3 \\
 &\Rightarrow 3t^3 + 5t^2 - 16t - 12 = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow (t-2)(3t^2 + 11t + 6) = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{verify} \\ \end{array} \right\} \\
 &\Rightarrow (t-2)(t+3)(3t+2) = 0 \\
 &t = 2, -3, -\frac{2}{3} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \log_3 x = 2 \mid x = 3^2 \\ \log_3 x = -3 \mid x = 3^{-3} \\ \log_3 x = -\frac{2}{3} \mid x = 3^{-\frac{2}{3}} \end{array} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now if we use trial and error method I mean hit and trial method you can say. So, if we put t equal to 2 in this polynomial you will get 0. So, $t = 2$ will be a root, so $t - 2$ will be a factor of it. So, if we take $(t - 2)$ out, we will get the other factor to be $3t^2 + 11t + 6 = 0$. And again if you factorize this quadratic you will get $(t + 3) \times (3t + 2)$.

So, I want all of you to verify these two step at your own time. So, we will get three roots t equal to 2, -3 and $-\frac{2}{3}$. Now what is t ? t is $\log_3 x$. So, this is 2, so our $x = 3^2$. So, for the other two cases we will get, $x = 3^{-3}$ and for the last case we will get $x = 3^{-\frac{2}{3}}$. So, the roots are $3^2, 3^{-3}, 3^{-\frac{2}{3}}$. Thank you.