

Ratio and Proportion

Q1. Using Componendo and Dividendo solve for x: [2023]

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

Solution: $x = 1$

Step-by-step Explanation:

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

using componendo and dividendo,

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

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

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

squaring both sides, we get

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

$$8x - 4 = 2x + 2$$

$$8x - 2x = 2 + 4$$

$$6x = 6$$

$$x = 1$$

Q2. What number must be added to each of the numbers 4, 6, 8, 11 in order to get the four numbers in proportion? [2023]

Solution: 4

Step-by-step Explanation:

Let x be added to each of the numbers.

According to the problem,

$$\frac{4+x}{6+x} = \frac{8+x}{11+x}$$

$$(4+x)(11+x) = (8+x)(6+x)$$

$$44 + 11x + 4x + x^2 = 48 + 6x + 8x + x^2$$

$$15x + 44 = 14x + 48$$

$$15x - 14x = 48 - 44$$

$$x = 4$$

Q3. The mean proportional between 4 and 9 is

(a) 4

(b) 6

(c) 9

(d) 36 [2023]

Solution: (b)

Step-by-step Explanation:

Let the mean proportional be x .

Therefore, $4/x = x/9$

$$x^2 = 36$$

$$x = 6$$

Q4. If x, y, z are in continued proportion then $(y^2 + z^2) : (x^2 + y^2)$ is equal to: [2]

- (a) $z : x$
- (b) $x : z$
- (c) zx
- (d) $(y + z) : (x + y)$ [2021 Semester-1]

Solution: (a)

Step-by-step Explanation:

Given, x, y, z are in continued proportion.

$$\text{Therefore, } y^2 = zx$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } \frac{y^2 + z^2}{x^2 + y^2} &= \frac{zx + z^2}{x^2 + zx} \\ &= \frac{z(x + z)}{x(x + z)} \\ &= \frac{z}{x}\end{aligned}$$

Q5. If a, b, c , and d are proportional then $(a+b)/(a-b)$ is equal to:

- (a) c/d
- (b) $(c-d)/(c+d)$
- (c) d/c
- (d) $(c+d)/(c-d)$ [2021 Semester-1]

Solution: (d)

Step-by-step Explanation:

Given, a, b, c, d are in proportion.

Therefore, $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k(\text{say})$

so, $a = bk$ and $c = dk$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } \frac{a+b}{a-b} &= \frac{b\left(\frac{a}{b} + 1\right)}{b\left(\frac{a}{b} - 1\right)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{c}{d} + 1\right)}{\left(\frac{c}{d} - 1\right)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{c+d}{d}\right)}{\left(\frac{c-d}{d}\right)} \\ &= \frac{c+d}{c-d}\end{aligned}$$

Q6. If $x, 5.4, 5, 9$ are in proportion then x is: [1]

(a) 3

(b) 9.72

(c) 25

(d) 25/3 [2021 Semester-1]

Solution: (a)

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$x/5.4 = 5/9$$

$$9x = 27$$

$$x = 3$$

Q7. If $x = \frac{\sqrt{2a+1} + \sqrt{2a-1}}{\sqrt{2a+1} - \sqrt{2a-1}}$, prove that $x^2 - 4ax + 1 = 0$ [2020]

Step-by-step Explanation:

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

using componendo and dividendo,

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

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

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

squaring both sides

$$\frac{(x+1)^2}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{2a+1}{2a-1}$$

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

u sin g componendo and dividendo,

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

$$\frac{2x^2 + 2}{4x} = \frac{4a}{2}$$

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

$$x^2 + 1 = 4ax$$

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

Proved.

Q8. Using properties of proportion find $x : y$, given: [2020]

$$\frac{x^2 + 2x}{2x + 4} = \frac{y^2 + 3y}{3y + 9}$$

Solution: $x : y = 2 : 3$

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\frac{x^2 + 2x}{2x + 4} = \frac{y^2 + 3y}{3y + 9}$$

U sin g componendo and dividendo,

$$\frac{x^2 + 2x + 2x + 4}{x^2 + 2x - 2x - 4} = \frac{y^2 + 3y + 3y + 9}{y^2 + 3y - 3y - 9}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{y^2 + 6y + 9}{y^2 - 9}$$

$$\frac{(x + 2)^2}{(x + 2)(x - 2)} = \frac{(y + 3)^2}{(y + 3)(y - 3)}$$

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

u sin g componendo and dividendo,

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

$$\frac{2x}{4} = \frac{2y}{6}$$

By alternendo,

$$\frac{2x}{2y} = \frac{4}{6}$$

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

Q9. The following numbers, $K + 3$, $K + 2$, $3K - 7$ and $2K - 3$ are in proportion. Find K . [2019]

Solution: $k = -1$ or 5

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\frac{k+3}{k+2} = \frac{3k-7}{2k-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (k+3)(2k-3) = (3k-7)(k+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2k^2 + 6k - 3k - 9 = 3k^2 - 7k + 6k - 14$$

$$\Rightarrow -k^2 + 4k + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 4k - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 5k + k - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k(k-5) + 1(k-5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k+1)(k-5) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } (k+1) = 0 \text{ or } (k-5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -1 \text{ or } k = 5$$

Q10. Using properties of proportion solve for x , given [2019]

$$\frac{\sqrt{5x} + \sqrt{2x-6}}{\sqrt{5x} - \sqrt{2x-6}} = 4$$

Solution: $x = 30$

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\frac{\sqrt{5x} + \sqrt{2x-6}}{\sqrt{5x} - \sqrt{2x-6}} = 4$$

By componendo and dividendo,

$$\frac{\sqrt{5x} + \sqrt{2x-6} + \sqrt{5x} - \sqrt{2x-6}}{\sqrt{5x} + \sqrt{2x-6} - \sqrt{5x} + \sqrt{2x-6}} = \frac{4+1}{4-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\sqrt{5x}}{2\sqrt{2x-6}} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{5x}}{\sqrt{2x-6}} = \frac{5}{3}$$

squaring both sides,

$$\frac{5x}{2x-6} = \frac{25}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 50x - 150 = 45x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x = 150$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 30$$

Q11. Using properties of proportion, solve for x. Given that x is positive : [3] [2018]

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

Solution: $x = 5/8$

Step-by-step Explanation:

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

by componendo and dividendo,

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

$$\frac{4x}{2\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{2x}{\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}} = \frac{5}{3}$$

squaring both sides,

$$\frac{4x^2}{4x^2 - 1} = \frac{25}{9}$$

$$100x^2 - 25 = 36x^2$$

$$64x^2 = 25$$

$$x^2 = \frac{25}{64}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{25}{64}}$$

$$x = \frac{5}{8}$$

Q12. If b is the mean proportion between a and c, show that: [3]
[2017]

$$\frac{a^4 + a^2b^2 + b^4}{b^4 + b^2c^2 + c^4} = \frac{a^2}{c^2}$$

Step-by-step Explanation:

Given, b is the mean proportional between a and c .

Therefore, $b^2 = ac$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S. &= \frac{a^4 + a^2b^2 + b^4}{b^4 + b^2c^2 + c^4} \\ &= \frac{a^4 + a^2 \cdot ac + (ac)^2}{(ac)^2 + ac \cdot c^2 + c^4} \\ &= \frac{a^4 + a^3c + a^2c^2}{a^2c^2 + ac^3 + c^4} \\ &= \frac{a^2(a^2 + ac + c^2)}{c^2(a^2 + ac + c^2)} \\ &= \frac{a^2}{c^2} \\ &= R.H.S. \\ &\text{proved.} \end{aligned}$$

Q13. If $(7m+2n)/(7m-2n)=5/3$, use properties of proportion to find :

(i) $m : n$

(ii) $(m^2 + n^2)/(m^2 - n^2)$ [3] [2017]

Solution: (i) 8:7 (ii) 113/15

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$(i) \frac{7m + 2n}{7m - 2n} = \frac{5}{3}$$

by componendo and dividendo,

$$\frac{7m + 2n + 7m - 2n}{7m + 2n - 7m + 2n} = \frac{5 + 3}{5 - 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{14m}{4n} = \frac{8}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{7m}{2n} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 7m = 8n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{n} = \frac{8}{7}$$

$$(ii) \frac{m}{n} = \frac{8}{7}$$

squaring both sides,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m^2}{n^2} = \frac{64}{49}$$

by componendo and dividendo,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m^2 + n^2}{m - n^2} = \frac{64 + 49}{64 - 49}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m^2 + n^2}{m - n^2} = \frac{113}{15}$$

Q14. If $(3a + 2b) : (5a + 3b) = 18 : 29$. Find $a : b$. [3] [2016]

Solution: $a : b = 4 : 3$

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\frac{3a + 2b}{5a + 3b} = \frac{18}{29}$$

$$\Rightarrow 90a + 54b = 87a + 58b$$

$$\Rightarrow 90a - 87a = 58b - 54b$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = 4b$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Q15. If $x/a = y/b = z/c$ show that $x^3/a^3 + y^3/b^3 + z^3/c^3 = 3xyz/abc$ [3] [2016]

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c} = k \text{ (say)}$$

$$x = ak, y = bk, z = ck$$

L. H. S.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{x^3}{a^3} + \frac{y^3}{b^3} + \frac{z^3}{c^3} \\ &= \frac{a^3k^3}{a^3} + \frac{b^3k^3}{b^3} + \frac{c^3k^3}{c^3} \\ &= k^3 + k^3 + k^3 \\ &= 3k^3 \end{aligned}$$

R. H. S.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3xyz}{abc} \\ &= \frac{3.ak.bk.ck}{abc} \\ &= 3k^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$L. H. S. = R. H. S.$$

Proved.

Q16. If a, b, c are in continued proportion, prove that $(a + b + c)(a - b + c) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$. [2015]

Step-by-step Explanation:

a, b, c are in continued proportion.

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{c} = k \text{ (say)}$$

$$a = bk = ck. k = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$b = ck$$

L. H. S.

$$\begin{aligned} & (a + b + c)(a - b + c) \\ &= (ck^2 + ck + c)(ck^2 - ck + c) \\ &= c(k^2 + k + 1)c(k^2 - k + 1) \\ &= c^2[(k^2 + 1)^2 - k^2] \\ &= c^2(k^4 + 2k^2 + 1 - k^2) \\ &= c^2(k^4 + k^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

R. H. S.

$$\begin{aligned} & a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \\ &= c^2k^4 + c^2k^2 + c^2 \\ &= c^2(k^4 + k^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$L. H. S. = R. H. S.$$

Proved.

Q17. Given $(x^3 + 12x)/(6x^2 + 8) = (y^3 + 27y)/(9y^2 + 27)$. Using Componendo and Dividendo find $x : y$. [2015]

Solution: $x : y = 2 : 3$

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\frac{x^3 + 12x}{6x^2 + 8} = \frac{y^3 + 27y}{9y^2 + 27}$$

By componendo and dividendo,

$$\frac{x^3 + 12x + 6x^2 + 8}{x^3 + 12x - 6x^2 - 8} = \frac{y^3 + 27y + 9y^2 + 27}{y^3 + 27y - 9y^2 - 27}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x+2)^3}{(x-2)^3} = \frac{(y+3)^3}{(y-3)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+2}{x-2} = \frac{y+3}{y-3}$$

by componendo and dividendo,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+2+x-2}{x+2-x+2} = \frac{y+3+y-3}{y+3-y+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{4} = \frac{2y}{6}$$

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

by alternendo

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

Q18. If $(x^2+y^2)/(x^2-y^2)=17/8$, then find the value of: [3]

(i) $x:y$

(ii) $(x^3 + y^3)/(x^3 - y^3)$ [2014]

Solution: (i) $5:3$ (ii) $76/49$

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$(i) \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2 - y^2} = \frac{17}{8}$$

by componendo and dividendo,

$$\frac{x^2 + y^2 + x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2 - x^2 + y^2} = \frac{17 + 8}{17 - 8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x^2}{2y^2} = \frac{25}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{y^2} = \frac{25}{9}$$

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

$$(ii) \frac{x}{y} = \frac{5}{3}$$

cubing both sides,

$$\frac{x^3}{y^3} = \frac{125}{27}$$

by componendo and dividendo

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^3 - y^3} = \frac{125 + 27}{125 - 27}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^3 - y^3} = \frac{152}{98}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^3 - y^3} = \frac{76}{49}$$

Q19. If $(x - 9) : (3x + 6)$ is the duplicate ratio of $4 : 9$, find the value of x . [3] [2014]

Solution: $x = 25$

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x-9}{3x+6} &= \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{x-9}{3x+6} &= \frac{16}{81} \\ \Rightarrow 81x - 729 &= 48x + 96 \\ \Rightarrow 33x &= 825 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{825}{33} \\ \Rightarrow x &= 25\end{aligned}$$

Q20. What number must be added to each of the number 6, 15, 20 and 43 to make them proportional? [3] [2013]

Solution: 3

Step-by-step Explanation:

let x be added to the numbers.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{6+x}{15+x} &= \frac{20+x}{43+x} \\ \Rightarrow 258 + 43x + 6x + x^2 &= 300 + 15x + 20x + x^2 \\ \Rightarrow 49x - 35x &= 300 - 258 \\ \Rightarrow 14x &= 42 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Q21. Using the properties of proportion, solve for x, given [3]

$$(x^4+1)/(2x^2)=17/8 \text{ [2013]}$$

Solution: $x = \pm 2$

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\frac{x^4 + 1}{2x^2} = \frac{17}{8}$$

by componendo and dividendo,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^4 + 1 + 2x^2}{x^4 + 1 - 2x^2} = \frac{17 + 8}{17 - 8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x^2 + 1)^2}{(x^2 - 1)^2} = \frac{25}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{5}{3}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 2$$

Q22. The monthly pocket money of Ravi and Sanjeev are in the ratio 5 : 7. Their expenditures are in the ratio 3 : 5. If each saves Rs.80 every month, find their monthly pocket money. [2012]

Solution: Ravi- Rs 200, Sanjeev- Rs 280

Step-by-step Explanation:

Let monthly pocket money of Ravi and Sanjeev be $5x$ and $7x$ respectively.

They save Rs. 80 per month.

Therefore, by the problem

$$\frac{5x - 80}{7x - 80} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 25x - 400 = 21x - 240$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 160$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 40$$

Therefore, Ravi's pocket money = $5 \times 40 = \text{Rs. } 200$

and Sanjeev's pocket money = $7 \times 40 = \text{Rs. } 280$

Q23. If $x = \frac{\sqrt{a+1} + \sqrt{a-1}}{\sqrt{a+1} - \sqrt{a-1}}$, using properties of proportion show that $x^2 - 2ax + 1 = 0$ [2012]

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{a+1} + \sqrt{a-1}}{\sqrt{a+1} - \sqrt{a-1}}$$

By componendo and dividendo,

$$\frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{\sqrt{a+1} + \sqrt{a-1} + \sqrt{a+1} - \sqrt{a-1}}{\sqrt{a+1} + \sqrt{a-1} - \sqrt{a+1} + \sqrt{a-1}}$$

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

squaring both sides,

$$\frac{(x+1)^2}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{a+1}{a-1}$$

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

By componendo and dividendo,

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x^2 + 2}{4x} = \frac{2a}{2}$$

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

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

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

Proved.

Q24. Using componendo and dividendo, find the value of x.
[3] [2011]

$$\frac{\sqrt{3x+4} + \sqrt{3x-5}}{\sqrt{3x+4} - \sqrt{3x-5}} = 9$$

Solution: $x = 7$

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\frac{\sqrt{3x+4} + \sqrt{3x-5}}{\sqrt{3x+4} - \sqrt{3x-5}} = 9$$

using componendo and dividendo,

$$\frac{\sqrt{3x+4} + \sqrt{3x-5} + \sqrt{3x+4} - \sqrt{3x-5}}{\sqrt{3x+4} + \sqrt{3x-5} - \sqrt{3x+4} + \sqrt{3x-5}} = \frac{9+1}{9-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\sqrt{3x+4}}{2\sqrt{3x-5}} = \frac{10}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3x+4}}{\sqrt{3x-5}} = \frac{5}{4}$$

squaring both sides

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x+4}{3x-5} = \frac{25}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow 75x - 125 = 48x + 64$$

$$\Rightarrow 27x = 189$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{189}{27}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 7$$

Q25. 6 is the mean proportion between two numbers x and y and 48 is the third proportional of x and y. Find the numbers. [3] [2011]

Solution: $x = 3, y = 12$

Step-by-step Explanation:

6 is the mean proportional between x and y .

$$\text{Therefore, } xy = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{36}{y}$$

48 is the third proportional of x and y .

$$\text{Therefore, } y^2 = 48x$$

putting the value of x , we get

$$y^2 = \frac{48 \times 36}{y}$$

$$y^3 = 48 \times 36$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{48 \times 36}$$

$$y = 2 \times 6$$

$$y = 12$$

$$\text{Hence, } x = \frac{36}{12} = 3$$

Q26. If x, y, z are in continued proportion, prove that

$$\frac{(x+y)^2}{(y+z)^2} = \frac{x}{z} \text{ . [2010]}$$

Step-by-step Explanation:

x, y, z are in continued proportion.

Therefore, $y^2 = xz$

L. H. S.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(x + y)^2}{(y + z)^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2 + 2xy + y^2}{y^2 + 2yz + z^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2 + 2xy + xz}{xz + 2yz + z^2} \\ &= \frac{x(x + 2y + z)}{z(x + 2y + z)} \\ &= \frac{x}{z} \end{aligned}$$

= R. H. S.

Proved.

Q27. Given, $x = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}$, use componendo

and dividendo to prove that $b^2 = \frac{2a^2x}{x^2 + 1}$. [2010]

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}$$

Using componendo and dividendo,

$$\frac{x + 1}{x - 1} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} - \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}$$

$$\frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{2\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{2\sqrt{a^2-b^2}}$$

$$\frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{\sqrt{a^2-b^2}}$$

squaring both sides,

$$\frac{(x+1)^2}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{a^2+b^2}{a^2-b^2}$$

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

using componendo and dividendo,

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

$$\frac{2x^2+2}{4x} = \frac{2a^2}{2b^2}$$

$$\frac{x^2+1}{2x} = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$b^2(x^2+1) = 2a^2x$$

$$b^2 = \frac{2a^2x}{x^2+1}$$

Proved.