

Solve the equation

$$-\frac{\log(-x)}{\log(5)} + \frac{\log(x^2 - 12)}{\log(5)} = 0$$

Rewrite the equation as

$$\frac{1}{\log(5)} (-\log(-x) + \log(x^2 - 12)) = 0$$

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$$\log(x^2 - 12) = \log(-x)$$

Therefore we get

$$x^2 - 12 = -x$$

Solve the equation

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

This equation is quadratic The discriminant is

$$D = 49$$

Use the formulas

$$x = \frac{1}{2} (-1 + \sqrt{49})$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} (-7 - 1)$$

Therefore the roots of this quadratic equation are

$$x = 3$$

$$x = -4$$