

**Exponents** 

Problem 1.  $(2\star)$ 

Find all values of x given that  $(x-2)^{x^2-4}=1$ .

Problem 2.  $(2\star)$ 

Given that x and y are integers and  $5^{x-y+5} = 7^{x+y+3}$ , find the value of  $\frac{x-y}{x+y}$ .

**Problem 3.** (3★)

Given that

$$\begin{cases} 4^a \cdot 3^b = 108 \\ 2^b \cdot 9^a = 72 \end{cases}$$

Find 2a + b.

Problem 4.  $(5\star)$ 

Given that n is an integer that is not equal to 0, and

$$(-2x+1)^{2n} = (9x^2 + 6x + 1)^n$$

Find the sum of the possible values of x.

Problem 5.  $(3\star)$ 

Given that

$$\begin{cases} (x+y) \cdot 2^{y-x} = 1\\ (x+y)^{x-y} = 2 \end{cases}$$

Find the sum of possible values of x.

Problem 6.  $(3\star)$ 

x and y are integers such that  $2^{x+y} + 2^x = 3^{y+2} - 3^y$ . Find x.

Problem 7.  $(7\star)$ 

Assume that a, b, c, and d are positive integers such that  $a^5 = b^4$ ,  $c^3 = d^2$ , and c - a = 19. Determine d - b.

Problem 8. (7\*)

It is given that  $y = x^2 - 5x + 5$ ,  $z = x^2 - 12x + 35$  and  $y^2 = 1$ . Find the sum of all possible values of x.



Problem 9.  $(5\star)$ 

Find all possible real values of

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

**Problem 10.** (3★)

Find the value of

$$\sqrt{|40\sqrt{2} - 57|} - \sqrt{40\sqrt{2} + 57}.$$

Problem 11.  $(5\star)$ 

Find the value of

$$\sqrt{\sqrt{6}+1}+\sqrt{\sqrt{6}-1}.$$

In terms of b, where  $\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} = b^2$ .

Problem 12.  $(5\star)$ 

If x, y, k are real numbers not equal to 0, and we know

$$x^{y^k} = k^{x^y}, k = x^y, y = x^{2y}$$

Then find the value of y.

Problem 13.  $(2\star)$ 

If  $\sqrt{x+9} + \sqrt{x} = 1$ , find the value of  $\sqrt{x+9} - \sqrt{x}$ .

Problem 14.  $(3\star)$ 

If  $x - \sqrt{\frac{2}{x}} = 3$ , what is the value of  $x - \sqrt{2x}$ ?

Problem 15.  $(3\star)$ 

Find the value of

$$\frac{\sqrt[4]{17+12\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2}-1}-2\sqrt{2}$$

Problem 16.  $(5\star)$ 

Compute

$$\sqrt[3]{5 + 2\sqrt{13}} - \sqrt[3]{5 - 2\sqrt{13}}.$$

## Algebra



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Problem 17.  $(5\star)$ 

Find the value of

$$\frac{\sqrt{\sqrt{13}-3}+\sqrt{\sqrt{13}+3}}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{11}+\sqrt{7-\sqrt{9}}}}.$$

Problem 18.  $(7\star)$ 

Find x, if we are given

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

Problem 19.  $(7\star)$ 

Given that

$$A = \frac{1}{10 - 3\sqrt{11}} - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{11} - 7\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{7\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{97}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{97} - 4\sqrt{6}}.$$

Find the value of

$$\frac{A}{5 - 2\sqrt{6}}.$$

Problem 20.  $(7\star)$ 

Find all possible real values of x such that

$$\sqrt{\frac{x-7}{1990}} + \sqrt{\frac{x-6}{1991}} + \sqrt{\frac{x-5}{1992}} = \sqrt{\frac{x-1990}{7}} + \sqrt{\frac{x-1991}{6}} + \sqrt{\frac{x-1992}{5}}.$$

**Problem 21.** (11★)

Given that

$$A = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}$$

$$B = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}$$

$$C = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}}}$$

$$D = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}}$$

Find the value of  $A \cdot B \cdot C \cdot D$ .