

2 Fractional Cubic Root Elimination

This section addresses an obstacle that will appear shortly. Here we eliminate the fractional roots in this equation:

$$c_1 k^{1/3} + c_2 k^{2/3} = z$$

(I'm not sure if this transformation has a more official name, but I'll refer to it here simply as "Fractional Cubic Root Elimination".)

$c_1 k^{1/3} + c_2 k^{2/3} + c_3 = 0$	(Given.)
$c_1 k^{1/3} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} k^{1/3}) = -c_3$	Factor the left-hand side by $c_1 k^{1/3}$.
$1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} k^{1/3} = \frac{-c_3}{c_1 k^{1/3}}$	Divide both sides by $c_1 k^{1/3}$.
$1 + 3 \frac{c_2}{c_1} k^{1/3} + 3 \frac{c_2^2}{c_1^2} k^{2/3} + \frac{c_2^3}{c_1^3} k = \frac{(-c_3)^3}{c_1^3 k}$	Cube both sides of the equation.
$c_1^3 k + 3 c_1^2 c_2 k^{4/3} + 3 c_1 c_2^2 k^{5/3} + c_2^3 k^2 = -c_3^3$	Multiply both sides by $c_1^3 k$.
$3 c_1^2 c_2 k^{4/3} + 3 c_1 c_2^2 k^{5/3} = -c_3^3 - c_1^3 k - c_2^3 k^2$	Isolate fractional exponents.
$c_1 k^{1/3} + c_2 k^{2/3} = \frac{-c_3^3 - c_1^3 k - c_2^3 k^2}{3 c_1 c_2 k}$	Divide by $3 c_1 c_2 k$.

The left-hand side of the last equation resembles to the left-hand of the first equation, so it follows that:

$$\frac{-c_3^3 - c_1^3 k - c_2^3 k^2}{3 c_1 c_2 k} = -c_3$$

So when we encounter the first equation, we can replace it with this equivalent equation:

$$-c_3^3 - c_1^3 k - c_2^3 k^2 + 3 c_1 c_2 c_3 k = 0$$