

# Homework #3-5 Solving Square Root Equations

1. Solve each of the following square root equations. Check your answers.

(a)  $(\sqrt{x})^2 = 5^2$   
 $x = 25$

check:  
 $\sqrt{25} = 5$   
 $5 = 5 \checkmark$

(b)  $(\sqrt{3x+4})^2 = 8^2$   
 $3x+4 = 64$   
 $3x = 60$   
 $x = 20$

check:  
 $\sqrt{3(20)+4} = 8$   
 $8 = 8 \checkmark$

(c)  $(\sqrt{\frac{2x}{3}})^2 = 6^2$   
 $\frac{2x}{3} = 36$   
 $108 = 2x$   
 $54 = x$

check:  
 $\sqrt{\frac{2(54)}{3}} = 6$   
 $6 = 6 \checkmark$

(d)  $4\sqrt{x} = 24$   
 $\frac{4\sqrt{x}}{4} = \frac{24}{4}$   
 $(\sqrt{x})^2 = (6)^2$   
 $x = 36$

check:  
 $4\sqrt{36} = 24$   
 $24 = 24 \checkmark$

(e)  $5\sqrt{1-5x} - 3 = 27$   
 $\begin{array}{r} +3 \\ +3 \end{array}$   
 $\frac{5\sqrt{1-5x}}{5} = \frac{30}{5}$   
 $(\sqrt{1-5x})^2 = (6)^2$   
 $1-5x = 36$   
 $-5x = 35$   
 $x = -7$

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check:  
 $5\sqrt{1-5(-7)} - 3 = 27$   
 $27 = 27 \checkmark$

(f)  $(\sqrt{2x^2+17x})^2 = (3)^2$   
 $2x^2+17x = 9$   
 $\begin{array}{c} M:18 \\ A \end{array}$   
 $2x^2+17x-9 = 0$   
 $2x^2+18x-1x-9 = 0$   
 $2x(x+9)-1(x+9) = 0$   
 $(x+9)(2x-1) = 0$   
 $x = -9 \quad | \quad x = 1/2$

check:  
 $\sqrt{2(-9)^2+17(-9)} = 3$   
 $3 = 3 \checkmark$

$\sqrt{2(1/2)^2+17(1/2)} = 3$   
 $3 = 3 \checkmark$

2. Which of the following values solves the equation  $\frac{\sqrt{4x+19}}{2} = 2$ ?

(1)  $-\frac{9}{2}$

(3)  $\frac{4}{3}$

(2)  $-\frac{3}{4}$

(4)  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$(\sqrt{4x+19})^2 = (4)^2$$

$$4x+19 = 16$$

$$4x = -3$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{4}$$

3. Solve each of the following equations for all values of  $x$ . Check your possible solutions in the original equation. Reject any extraneous roots.

(a)  $(x-1) = \sqrt{x+11}$

$$(x-1)(x-1) = x+11$$

$$x^2 - 1x - 1x + 1 = x+11$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$$

$$(x+2)(x-5) = 0$$

$$x = -2 \quad | \quad x = 5$$

Reject

check:

$$(-2) - 1 = \sqrt{(-2) + 11}$$

$$-3 \neq 3$$

$$(5) - 1 = \sqrt{5 + 11}$$

$$4 = 4 \checkmark$$

(b)  $\frac{\sqrt{6x+4}-1}{4} = x$

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

$$(4x+1)^2 = (\sqrt{6x+4})^2$$

$$(4x+1)(4x+1) = 6x+4$$

$$16x^2 + 4x + 4x + 1 = 6x + 4$$

$$16x^2 + 8x + 1 = 6x + 4$$

$$16x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$$

$$16x^2 + 8x - 6x - 3 = 0$$

$$8x(2x+1) - 3(2x+1) = 0$$

$$(2x+1)(8x-3) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad | \quad x = \frac{3}{8}$$

Reject

check:

$$\frac{\sqrt{6(-1/2)+4}-1}{4} = -1/2$$

$$0 \neq -1/2$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6(3/8)+4}-1}{4} = 3/8$$

$$3/8 = 3/8 \checkmark$$