

EXAM 1_3 (Algebra - Equations)

1. Solve the following:

(1.5 points)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y^2 - 2y + 1 = x \\ \sqrt{x} + y = 5 \end{array} \right\}$$

2. Solve the following:

(4 points)

a) $\frac{1}{x^2 - x} - \frac{1}{x - 1} = 0$

b) $x - \sqrt{3x - 5} = 3$

c) $2x^3 + 5x^2 + x - 2 = 0$

d) $\frac{2}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{x^2 - 16}{72}$

3. Mr. B. has \$20,000 to invest. He invests part at 6%, the rest at 7%, and he earns \$1,280 interest. How much did he invest at each rate? (1.5 p)

4. The Lakers scored a total of 80 points in a basketball game against the Bulls. The Lakers made a total of 37 two-points and three-points baskets. How many three-points shots did the Lakers make? How many two-points shots did the Lakers make? (1.5 p)

5. The length of a rectangle is 7 metres less than twice the width. Find the dimensions if the area is 60 square metres. (1.5 p)

SOLUTION

$$1. \left. \begin{array}{l} y^2 - 2y + 1 = x \\ \sqrt{x} + y = 5 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow y = 5 - \sqrt{x} \rightarrow (5 - \sqrt{x})^2 - 2(5 - \sqrt{x}) + 1 = x$$

$$25 - 2 \cdot 5\sqrt{x} + x - 10 + 2\sqrt{x} + 1 = x \rightarrow 25 - 10\sqrt{x} + 2\sqrt{x} - 10 + 1 = 0$$

$$16 = 8\sqrt{x} \rightarrow 2 = \sqrt{x} \rightarrow x = 4 \Rightarrow y = 5 - \sqrt{x} = 5 - 2 = 3 \text{ Solution: } x = 4, y = 3$$

2. Solve the following:

$$a) \frac{1}{x^2 - x} - \frac{1}{x - 1} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{x(x-1)} - \frac{x}{x(x-1)} = \frac{0}{x(x-1)} \rightarrow 1 - x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

But $x = 1$ is not a solution. Denominator cancels $\frac{1}{0} - \frac{1}{-1} = 0$

So, it doesn't have any solution

$$b) x - \sqrt{3x - 5} = 3 \rightarrow x - 3 = \sqrt{3x - 5} \rightarrow (x - 3)^2 = (\sqrt{3x - 5})^2$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 3x - 5 \Rightarrow x^2 - 9x + 14 = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 56}}{2} = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} 7 \\ 2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Checking: } \left\langle \begin{array}{l} 7 - \sqrt{21 - 5} = 3 \rightarrow 7 - 4 = 3 \text{ YES} \\ 2 - \sqrt{6 - 5} = 3 \rightarrow 2 - 2 \neq 3 \text{ NO} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{Solution } x = 7$$

$$c) 2x^3 + 5x^2 + x - 2 = 0 \quad \text{Factors}(2) = 1, -1, 2, -2$$

$$P(1) = 2 + 5x^2 + 1 - 2 \neq 0 \quad ; \quad P(-1) = -2 + 5x^2 - 1 - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{Ruffini} \quad \begin{array}{c|cccc} & 2 & +5 & +1 & -2 & 2x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0 \\ -1 & & -2 & -3 & +2 & \\ \hline & 2 & +3 & -2 & 0 & x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 16}}{4} = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \\ -2 \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

$$2x^3 + 5x^2 + x - 2 = 0 \rightarrow 2(x+1)(x+2)\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Solution: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -1 \\ x_2 = -2 \\ x_3 = \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$d) \frac{2}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{x^2 - 16}{72} \rightarrow 144 = (x^2 - 16)(x^2 - 9) \rightarrow 144 = x^4 - 16x^2 - 9x^2 + 144$$

$$x^4 - 25x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2(x^2 - 25) = 0 \Rightarrow \left\langle \begin{array}{l} x^2 = 0 \rightarrow x = 0 \\ x^2 - 25 = 0 \rightarrow x = \pm 5 \end{array} \right.$$



3. Mr. B. has \$20,000 to invest. He invests part at 6%, the rest at 7%, and he earns \$1,280 interest. How much did he invest at each rate?

$$\text{Investment at 6\% - } x \quad x + y = 20000$$

$$\text{Investment at 7\% - } y \quad \frac{6}{100}x + \frac{7}{100}y = 1280$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + y = 20000 \\ 0.06x + 0.07y = 1280 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow y = 20000 - x \Rightarrow 0.06x + 0.07(20000 - x) = 1280$$

$$0.06x + 1400 - 0.07x = 1280 \Rightarrow -0.01x = -120 \Rightarrow x = 12000$$

He invested \$12000 at 6% and \$8000 at 7%

4. The Lakers scored a total of 80 points in a basketball game against the Bulls. The Lakers made a total of 37 two-points and three-points baskets. How many three-points shots did the Lakers make? How many two-points shots did the Lakers make?

$$\text{Two-points shots - } x \quad x + y = 37$$

$$\text{Three-points shots - } y \quad 2x + 3y = 80$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + y = 37 \\ 2x + 3y = 80 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} -2x - 2y = -74 \\ 2x + 3y = 80 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow y = 6 \rightarrow x = 37 - 6 = 31$$

Answer: They made 6 three-points shots and 31 two-points shots

5. The length of a rectangle is 7 metres less than twice the width. Find the dimensions if the area is 60 square metres.

Width x Length y

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y = 2x - 7 \\ x \cdot y = 60 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x \cdot (2x - 7) = 60 \rightarrow 2x^2 - 7x - 60 = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49 + 480}}{4} = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} \frac{15}{2} \\ -4 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{So } x = \frac{15}{2} \Rightarrow y = 2 \cdot \frac{15}{2} - 7 = 8$$

Answer: length 8 metres and width 7.5 metres