



# Tutoring Sheet #2 - Solution

- 1.** Solve each of the following equations/inequalities:

$$1. \quad 9(3x-4) - 2x = 11 + 5(4x - 1) \Rightarrow 27x - 36 - 2x = 11 + 20x - 5 \\ \Rightarrow 25x - 36 = 20x + 6 \Rightarrow 5x = 42 \Rightarrow x = 42/5 \Rightarrow x = 8.4$$

$$2. \quad \frac{x}{3} - 16 = \frac{x}{12} + 14 \Rightarrow x/3 - x/12 = 14 + 16 \Rightarrow 3x/12 = 30 \Rightarrow x = 120$$

$$3. \quad \frac{5}{x} + \frac{3}{x+4} = \frac{7}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{8x+20}{x(x+4)} = \frac{7}{x} \Rightarrow x(8x+20) = 7x(x+4)$$

$$8x^2 + 20x = 7x^2 + 28x \Rightarrow x^2 - 8x = 0 \Rightarrow x(x-8) = 0 \Rightarrow x=0 ; x=8$$

$$4. | 2x - 3 | = 7 \Rightarrow 2x-3 = \pm 7 \Rightarrow x = 5 ; x = -2$$

5.  $|x| + |x+3| = -5$  No real solution since  $|| > 0$

$$6. |5x+2| - 3 < 4 \Rightarrow |5x+2| < 7 \Rightarrow -7 < 5x+2 < 7 \Rightarrow -9/5 < x < 1$$

$$7. |3x - 5| + 2 > 10 \Rightarrow |3x - 5| > 8 \Rightarrow 3x - 5 < -8 \Rightarrow x < -1 \text{ or} \\ 3x - 5 > 8 \Rightarrow x > 13/3$$

$$8. |x^2 - 1| = 8 \Rightarrow x^2 - 1 = \pm 8 \Rightarrow x^2 = 9 \Rightarrow x = \pm 3 \text{ or } x^2 = -7 \text{ No solution}$$

$$9. \quad (x+1)^2 = 7 \Rightarrow x+1 = \pm\sqrt{7} \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{7} - 1 : x = -\sqrt{7} - 1$$

$$10. \quad 2x^2 - 3x = 0 \Rightarrow x(2x-3) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 : x = 3/2$$

$$11. \quad 4x^2 - 12x + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (2x-3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3/2$$

$$12. \quad 5x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0; b^2 - 4ac = 4 - 4(5)(1) = -16 < 0 \text{ no real roots.}$$

$$13. -3x^2 + 5x + 2 = 0 ; \text{ using quadratic formula: } x = 2 ; x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$14. -x^4 + 6x^2 - 5 = 0 ; \text{ using quadratic formula: } x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$\text{or } x^2 = 5 \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{5}$$

$$15. \quad 2x^4 - 7x^2 + 15 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 5 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

or  $x^2 \equiv -3/2$  no real solution.

$$16. \sqrt{x-2} = 3 - 5x \Rightarrow x-2 = (3-5x)^2 \Rightarrow 25x^2 - 31x + 11 = 0; \text{No roots.}$$

$$17 \quad x^2 - 2 = \sqrt{-x + 6} \Rightarrow (x^2 - 2)^2 = -x + 6 \Rightarrow x^4 - 4x^2 + 4 = -x + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 - 4x^2 + x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2(x^2 - 4) + x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x(x-2)(x+2) + x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x-2 = 0 \text{ or } x+1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(x+2x+1) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x \equiv 2 ; x \equiv -1$$

$$18. x^3 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-1)(x^2+x+1) = 0 \Rightarrow x=1, x^2+x+1=0 \text{ no roots.}$$

$$19. x - x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0, \quad x = 1, x = -2, x = 2$$

$$20. \ x + \frac{1}{x} = -2 \Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = -2x \Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (x+1)^2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x = -1 .$$



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2. Solve each of the following simultaneous equations:

$$(1.) -13x + 6y + 132 = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$x + 3y - 69 = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Multiply (2) by -2 to get rid of y :

$$-2x - 6y + 138 = 0$$

$-13x + 6y + 132 = 0$  Adding these two:

$$-15x + 270 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 18$$
 substituting this in (2) :

$$18 + 3y - 69 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 17$$

$$(2.) \mathbf{q} = \frac{2}{3}p - \frac{16}{3}$$

$$\mathbf{q} = 20 - 2p$$

Equating both equations :  $q = q$

$$\frac{2}{3}p - \frac{16}{3} = 20 - 2p \quad \text{multiply by 3}$$

$$2p - 16 = 60 - 6p \Rightarrow p = 76/8 = 19/2$$

$$q = 20 - 2p = 20 - 19 = 1$$

$$(3.) 6x^2 - 12y = 0 ; -12x + 2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 6x \text{ substitute in}$$

the other equation:  $6x^2 - 12(6x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 - 72x = 0 \Rightarrow 6x(x-12) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 ; x = 12$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow y=6x=6(0) = 0$$

$$x=12 \Rightarrow y = 6x = 6(12) = 72.$$

$$(4.) p_y - p_x + 13 - 6x = 0$$

$$p_x - 4p_y + 26 - 6y = 0 \quad ; \text{In part (4) solve for } p_x \text{ and } p_y$$

Add these two to get rid of  $p_x$  :

$$-3p_y + 39 - 6x - 6y = 0 \Rightarrow p_y = \frac{6x + 6y - 39}{-3}$$

$p_y = -2x - 2y + 13$  ; substitute this in the first

equation,  $p_x = -2x - 2y + 13 + 13 - 6x$

$$p_x = -8x - 2y + 36$$