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**1.7 Solving Polynomial Equations****Note:** A polynomial equation of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree has  $n$  roots.**Ex. 1.** Solve for  $x$  in each of the following,  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ .

a)  $27x^3 + 8 = 0$

$(3x+2)(9x^2-6x+4)=0$

$3x+2=0$  or  $9x^2-6x+4=0$   $\begin{matrix} a=9 \\ b=-6 \\ c=4 \end{matrix}$

$\therefore x = -\frac{2}{3}, x = \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{3}, x = \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{3}$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(9)(4)}}{2(9)}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{-108}}{18}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm 6i\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

b)  $6x^3 - 13x^2 + x + 2 = 0$

$(x-2)(6x^2-x-1)=0$

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

$\therefore x = -\frac{1}{3}, x = \frac{1}{2}, x = 2$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{x-2} \overline{) 6x^3 - 13x^2 + x + 2} \\
 \underline{6x^3 - 12x^2} \phantom{+ x + 2} \\
 -x^2 + x \phantom{+ 2} \\
 \underline{-x^2 + 2x} \phantom{+ 2} \\
 -x + 2 \\
 \underline{-x + 2} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

c)  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 8 = 0$

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

$x+1=0$  or  $x^2-8x+8=0$   $\begin{matrix} a=1 \\ b=-8 \\ c=8 \end{matrix}$

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

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{x+1} \overline{) x^3 - 7x^2 + 0x + 8} \\
 \underline{x^3 + x^2} \phantom{+ 0x + 8} \\
 -8x^2 + 0x \phantom{+ 8} \\
 \underline{-8x^2 - 8x} \phantom{+ 8} \\
 8x + 8 \\
 \underline{8x + 8} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{(-8)^2 - 4(1)(8)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{32}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{8 \pm 4\sqrt{2}}{2} \div 2$$

$$x = 4 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$d) 3x^3 + x^2 + 24x + 8 = 0$$

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

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

$$3x+1=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2+8=0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$x^2 = -8$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{-8}$$

$$x = \pm 2i\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{1}{3}, x = -2i\sqrt{2}, x = 2i\sqrt{2}$$

$$e) -4x^4 - 18x^3 + 10x^2 = 0$$

$$-2x^2(2x^2+9x-5) = 0$$

$$-2x^2=0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x^2+9x-5=0$$

$$x \cdot x = 0$$

$$(2x-1)(x+5) = 0$$

$$2x-1=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x+5=0$$

$$\therefore x = -5, x = 0, x = 0, x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f) x^4 - 24x^2 = 25$$

$$x^4 - 24x^2 - 25 = 0$$

$$(x^2-25)(x^2+1) = 0$$

$$(x-5)(x+5)(x^2+1) = 0$$

$$x=5, x=-5, x^2+1=0$$

$$x^2 = -1$$

$$x = \pm i$$

$$\therefore x = -5, x = 5, x = -i, x = i$$

$$g) (x^2-5x-5)(x^2-5x+3) = 9$$

$$\text{Let } y = x^2 - 5x$$

$$(y-5)(y+3) = 9$$

$$y^2 - 2y - 15 = 9$$

$$y^2 - 2y - 24 = 0$$

$$(y-6)(y+4) = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x-6)(x+1) = 0$$

$$(x-4)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -1, x = 1, x = 4, x = 6$$

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**1.8 Determining Polynomial Equations From Roots**1. Determine the roots of the cubic equation  $6x^3 - 19x^2 + 9x + 10 = 0$ .

$$6x^3 - 19x^2 + 9x + 10 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(6x^2 - 7x - 5) = 0$$

$$(x-2)(3x-5)(2x+1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{1}{2}, x = \frac{5}{3}, x = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^2 - 7x - 5 \\ x-2 \overline{) 6x^3 - 19x^2 + 9x + 10} \\ \underline{6x^3 - 12x^2} \phantom{+ 9x + 10} \\ -7x^2 + 9x \phantom{+ 10} \\ \underline{-7x^2 + 14x} \phantom{+ 10} \\ -5x + 10 \\ \underline{-5x + 10} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

2. Write an appropriate equation in expanded form with integral coefficients having the given roots.

a)  $-3$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$

$$x = -3, x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x+3=0 \quad 3x-2=0$$

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

$$3x^2 - 2x + 9x - 6 = 0$$

$\therefore 3x^2 + 7x - 6 = 0$  is the required equation.

c)  $0, 0, 1-2\sqrt{5}$  and  $1+2\sqrt{5}$

$$x=0, x=0, x=1-2\sqrt{5}, x=1+2\sqrt{5}$$

$$x=0, x=0, x-1+2\sqrt{5}=0, x-1-2\sqrt{5}=0$$

$$\text{Recall: } (a-b)(a+b) = a^2 - b^2$$

$$x \cdot x \cdot \underbrace{(x-1+2\sqrt{5})}_{(a+b)} \cdot \underbrace{(x-1-2\sqrt{5})}_{(a-b)} = 0$$

$$x^2[(x-1)^2 - (2\sqrt{5})^2] = 0$$

$$x^2[(x-1)(x-1) - (2\sqrt{5})(2\sqrt{5})] = 0$$

$$x^2[x^2 - 2x + 1 - 20] = 0$$

$$x^2(x^2 - 2x - 19) = 0$$

$\therefore x^4 - 2x^3 - 19x^2 = 0$  is the required equation.

b)  $2-3i$  and  $2+3i$

$$x = 2-3i, x = 2+3i$$

$$x-2+3i=0 \quad x-2-3i=0$$

$$(x-2+3i)(x-2-3i) = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3ix - 2x + 4 + 6ix + 3ix - 6i - 9i^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 - 9(-1) = 0$$

$\therefore x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0$  is the required equation.

d)  $2, -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{5}{3}$

$$x = 2, x = -\frac{1}{2}, x = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$x-2=0, 2x+1=0, 3x-5=0$$

$$(x-2)(2x+1)(3x-5) = 0$$

$$(x-2)(6x^2 - 7x - 5) = 0$$

$\therefore 6x^3 - 19x^2 + 9x + 10 = 0$  is the required equation.

\*\*\* See ex. 1 \*\*\*



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**1.9 Solving Radical Equations****Warmup**1. Solve,  $x \in C$ .

a)  $x^2 - 18 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 &= 18 \\x &= \pm\sqrt{18} \\x &= \pm 3\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

b)  $4x^2 + 25 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}4x^2 &= -25 \\x^2 &= -\frac{25}{4} \\x &= \pm\sqrt{-\frac{25}{4}} \\x &= \pm\frac{5}{2}i\end{aligned}$$

c)  $(x+3)^2 = 16$

$$\begin{aligned}x+3 &= \pm 4 \\x &= -3 \pm 4 \\x &= -3-4, x = -3+4 \\x &= -7, x = 1\end{aligned}$$

d)  $(x-6)^2 + 12 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}(x-6)^2 &= -12 \\x-6 &= \pm\sqrt{-12} \\x &= 6 \pm 2i\sqrt{3} \\x &= 6-2i\sqrt{3}, x = 6+2i\sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

2. Square each of the following:

a)  $5\sqrt{x}$

$$\begin{aligned}[5\sqrt{x}]^2 \\= 25x\end{aligned}$$

b)  $3\sqrt{x+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}[3\sqrt{x+1}]^2 \\= 9(x+1) \\= 9x+9\end{aligned}$$

c)  $\sqrt{x-2} - 3$

$$\begin{aligned}(\sqrt{x-2} - 3)^2 \\= (\sqrt{x-2} - 3)(\sqrt{x-2} - 3) \\= (x-2) - 3\sqrt{x-2} - 3\sqrt{x-2} + 9 \\= x+7 - 6\sqrt{x-2}\end{aligned}$$

d)  $2 - 5\sqrt{x+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}(2 - 5\sqrt{x+1})^2 \\= (2 - 5\sqrt{x+1})(2 - 5\sqrt{x+1}) \\= 4 - 10\sqrt{x+1} - 10\sqrt{x+1} + 25(x+1) \\= 4 - 20\sqrt{x+1} + 25x + 25 \\= 25x + 29 - 20\sqrt{x+1}\end{aligned}$$

**Solving Radical Equations**

1. Isolate the radical on one side of the equation.
2. Square both sides of the equation.
3. Repeat 1. and 2. until no radicals remain.
4. Solve and **check** answers in the original equation to identify and reject any extraneous roots.

3. Solve.

a)  $4\sqrt{2x+7} - 5 = 7$

$$\begin{aligned}4\sqrt{2x+7} &= 12 \\ \sqrt{2x+7} &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Square both sides:

$2x+7 = 9$

$2x = 2$

$x = 1$

$$LS = 4\sqrt{2x+7} - 5 \quad RS = 7$$

$$= 4\sqrt{2(1)+7} - 5$$

$$= 4\sqrt{9} - 5$$

$$= 4(3) - 5$$

$$= 7$$

$$\therefore LS = RS$$

$\therefore$  the solution is  $x = 1$ .

$$b) x + \sqrt{x-2} = 4$$

$$\sqrt{x-2} = 4-x$$

Square both sides

$$x-2 = 16-8x+x^2$$

$$0 = x^2 - 9x + 18$$

$$0 = (x-6)(x-3)$$

$$x=6 \text{ or } x=3$$

$$\text{Check: } x=6$$

$$LS = x + \sqrt{x-2} \quad RS = 4$$

$$= 6 + \sqrt{6-2}$$

$$= 6 + 2$$

$$= 8$$

$\therefore LS \neq RS$

$\therefore x=6$  is not  
a solution

$$\text{Check: } x=3$$

$$LS = x + \sqrt{x-2} \quad RS = 4$$

$$= 3 + \sqrt{3-2}$$

$$= 3 + 1$$

$$= 4$$

$\therefore LS = RS$

$\therefore x=3$  is a  
solution

$\therefore$  the solution is  $x=3$ .

$$c) \sqrt{4x+5} - \sqrt{2x-6} = 3$$

$$\sqrt{4x+5} = \sqrt{2x-6} + 3$$

Square both sides

$$4x+5 = 2x-6 + 6\sqrt{2x-6} + 9$$

$$2x+2 = 6\sqrt{2x-6}$$

$$\div 2) \quad x+1 = 3\sqrt{2x-6}$$

Square both sides

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

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = 18x - 54$$

$$x^2 - 16x + 55 = 0$$

$$(x-11)(x-5) = 0$$

$$x=11 \text{ or } x=5$$

$$\text{Check: } x=11$$

$$LS = \sqrt{4x+5} - \sqrt{2x-6} \quad RS = 3$$

$$= \sqrt{44+5} - \sqrt{22-6} \quad \therefore LS = RS$$

$$= 7 - 4$$

$$= 3$$

$\therefore x=11$  is a  
solution.

$$\text{Check: } x=5$$

$$LS = \sqrt{4x+5} - \sqrt{2x-6} \quad RS = 3$$

$$= \sqrt{20+5} - \sqrt{10-6} \quad \therefore LS = RS$$

$$= 5 - 2$$

$$= 3$$

$\therefore x=5$  is a  
solution

$\therefore$  the solutions are  
 $x=5$  and  $x=11$ .

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1.10 Solving Rational Equations1. Solve,  $x \in C$ . Include restrictions on the variable.**Hint:** Multiply both sides of the equation by the lowest common denominator (LCD).

a)  $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{2-x}{x}, x \neq 0$

$$\overset{2x}{\cancel{6x}} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) + \overset{3}{\cancel{6x}} \left( \frac{1}{2x} \right) = \overset{6}{\cancel{6x}} \left( \frac{2-x}{x} \right)$$

$$4x + 3 = 6(2-x)$$

$$4x + 3 = 12 - 6x$$

$$10x = 9$$

$$x = \frac{9}{10}$$

b)  $\frac{4}{x+1} = \frac{x+1}{4}, x \neq -1$

$$4 \overset{4}{\cancel{(x+1)}} \left( \frac{4}{\cancel{x+1}} \right) = \overset{4}{\cancel{4(x+1)}} \left( \frac{x+1}{\cancel{x+1}} \right)$$

$$16 = (x+1)(x+1)$$

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

$$0 = x^2 + 2x - 15$$

$$0 = (x+5)(x-3)$$

$$\therefore x = -5, x = 3.$$

c)  $\frac{4}{x-1} - \frac{3}{x+2} = 2, x \neq -2, 1$

$$\overset{(x-1)(x+2)}{\cancel{(x-1)(x+2)}} \left( \frac{4}{\cancel{x-1}} \right) - \overset{(x-1)(x+2)}{\cancel{(x-1)(x+2)}} \left( \frac{3}{\cancel{x+2}} \right) = 2(x-1)(x+2)$$

$$4(x+2) - 3(x-1) = 2(x-1)(x+2)$$

$$4x + 8 - 3x + 3 = 2(x^2 + x - 2)$$

$$x + 11 = 2x^2 + 2x - 4$$

$$0 = 2x^2 + x - 15$$

$$0 = (2x+5)(x-3)$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{5}{2}, x = 3$$

d)  $\frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^2 - 1} - \frac{3x - 1}{x + 2} = 0$

$$\frac{\overset{(x-1)(x+1)}{\cancel{(x-1)(x-1)}}}{\overset{(x-1)(x+1)}{\cancel{(x-1)(x+1)}}} - \frac{3x-1}{x+2} = 0 \quad x \neq -1, 1, -2$$

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1} = \frac{3x-1}{x+2} \quad \text{✗}$$

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

$$x^2 + x - 2 = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$$

$$0 = 2x^2 + x + 1$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{(1)^2 - 4(2)(1)}}{2(2)}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-1 - i\sqrt{7}}{4}, x = \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

2. Determine all real roots of the following equation. Include restrictions on the variable.

a)  $x^{-2}(8x^{-3}+1)=0$   $x \neq 0$

$$x^{-2}=0 \quad 8x^{-3}+1=0$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2}=0 \quad 8x^{-3}+1=0$$

∴ no solution

$$x^3+8=0$$

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

$$x+2=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2-2x+4=0$$

$$x=-2 \quad x=\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2-4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x=\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2}$$

$$x=\frac{(2 \pm 2i\sqrt{3})}{2} \div 2$$

$$x=1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$$

∴  $x=-2, x=1-i\sqrt{3}, x=1+i\sqrt{3}$

c)  $\sqrt{x-7}+\sqrt{x}=\frac{21}{\sqrt{x-7}}$   $x > 7$  and  $x > 0$

•  $\sqrt{x-7}$ )  $x-7+\sqrt{x^2-7x}=21$

$\therefore x > 7$   
restriction

$$\sqrt{x^2-7x}=28-x$$

Square both sides

$$x^2-7x=784-56x+x^2$$

$$49x=784$$

$$x=16$$

∴ the solution is  $x=16$ .

b)  $x^2-2x=2-\frac{1}{x^2-2x}$   $x \neq 0, 2$

Let  $y=x^2-2x$

$$y=2-\frac{1}{y}$$

• y)  $y^2=2y-1$

$$y^2-2y+1=0$$

$$(y-1)(y-1)=0$$

$$(x^2-2x-1)^2=0$$

$$x=\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2-4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x=\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2}$$

$$x=\frac{(2 \pm 2\sqrt{2})}{2} \div 2$$

$$x=1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

∴  $x=1-\sqrt{2}, x=1+\sqrt{2},$   
 $x=1+\sqrt{2}, x=1+\sqrt{2}$

check:  $x=16$

$$LS=\sqrt{x-7}+\sqrt{x}$$

$$=\sqrt{16-7}+\sqrt{16}$$

$$=3+4$$

$$=7$$

$$RS=\frac{21}{\sqrt{x-7}}$$

$$=\frac{21}{\sqrt{16-7}}$$

$$=\frac{21}{3}$$

$$=7$$

∴  $LS=RS$

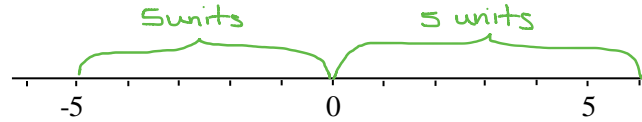
∴  $x=16$  is a solution



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**1.11 Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities**

The *absolute value* of a number is defined as the distance between the number and the origin.



$$|-5| = 5$$

$$|5| = 5$$

**Ex. 1.** Evaluate each of the following:

a)  $|-2-8|$

$$= |-10|$$

$$= 10$$

b)  $2|5| - |-10|$

$$= 2(5) - (10)$$

$$= 10 - 10$$

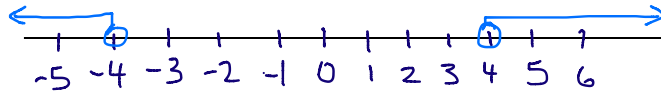
$$= 0$$

**The Absolute Value of  $x, x \in R$ , is**

$$|x| = \begin{cases} -x, & \text{if } x < 0. \\ +x, & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

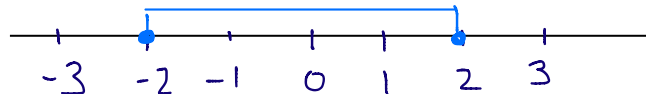
**Ex. 2.** Graph each of the following on the number line, for  $x \in R$ . Rewrite each statement without the absolute value bars.

a)  $|x| > 4$



$$\therefore x < -4 \text{ or } x > 4$$

b)  $|x| \leq 2$



$$\therefore -2 \leq x \leq 2$$

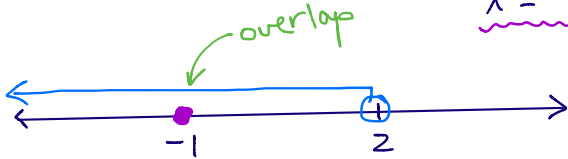
For a given function  $f(x)$ ,

$$|f(x)| = \begin{cases} -f(x), & \text{if } f(x) < 0. \\ +f(x), & \text{if } f(x) \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Ex. 3. Solve for  $x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

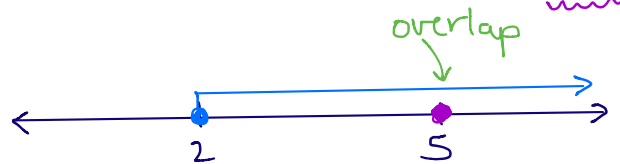
a)  $|x-2|=3$  by inspection:  $x=-1, x=5$

Case ①: If  $x-2 < 0$  then  $-(x-2)=3$   
 $x < 2$  (and)  $-x+2=3$   
 $-x=1$   
 $x=-1$



$\therefore$  the solution for case ① is  $x=-1$

Case ②: If  $x-2 \geq 0$  then  $+(x-2)=3$   
 $x \geq 2$   $x-2=3$   
 $x=5$



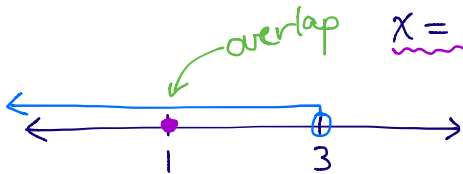
$\therefore$  the solution for case ② is  $x=5$

$\therefore$  the solution is  $x=-1, x=5$ .



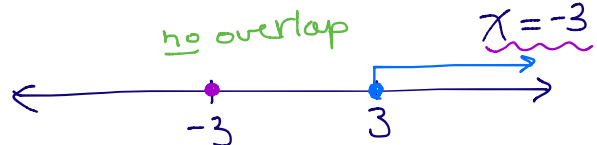
b)  $|x-3|=2x$

Case ①:  
 If  $x-3 < 0$  then  $-(x-3)=2x$   
 $x < 3$   $-x+3=2x$   
 $-3x=-3$   $x=1$

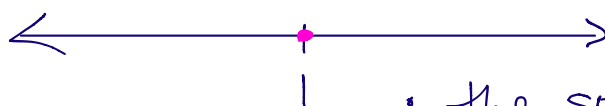


$\therefore$  the solution for case ① is  $x=1$

Case ②:  
 If  $x-3 \geq 0$  then  $+(x-3)=2x$   
 $x \geq 3$   $x-3=2x$   
 $-x=3$   $x=-3$



$\therefore$  no solution for case ②



$\therefore$  the solution is  $x=1$

c)  $|3x-1| < 5$

case ①:

If  $3x-1 < 0$  then  $-(3x-1) < 5$

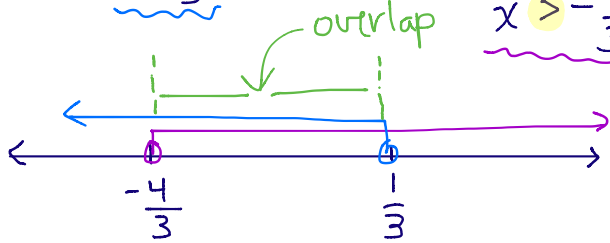
$3x < 1$

$x < \frac{1}{3}$

$-3x+1 < 5$

$-3x < 4$

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



∴ the solution for case ① is  $-\frac{4}{3} < x < \frac{1}{3}$ .

case ②

If  $3x-1 \geq 0$  then  $+(3x-1) < 5$

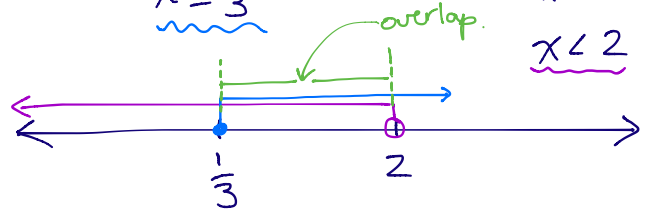
$3x \geq 1$

$x \geq \frac{1}{3}$

$3x-1 < 5$

$3x < 6$

$x < 2$



∴ the solution for case ② is  $\frac{1}{3} \leq x < 2$



∴ the solution is  $-\frac{4}{3} < x < 2$ .

d)  $|x-2| \geq 2x$

Case ①:

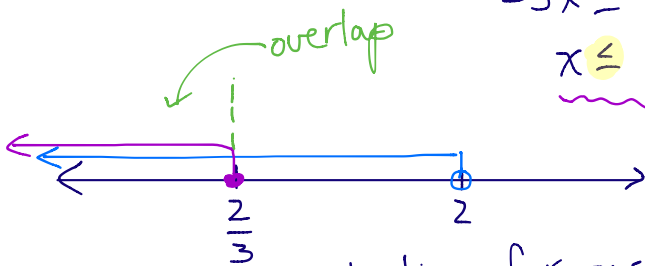
If  $x-2 < 0$  then  $-(x-2) \geq 2x$

$x < 2$

$-x+2 \geq 2x$

$-3x \geq -2$

$x \leq \frac{2}{3}$



∴ the solution for case ① is  $x \leq \frac{2}{3}$

case ②:

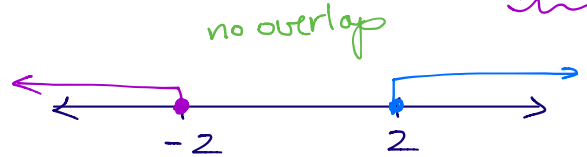
If  $x-2 \geq 0$  then  $+(x-2) \geq 2x$

$x \geq 2$

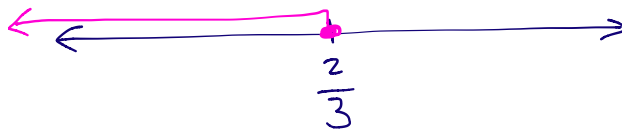
$x-2 \geq 2x$

$-x \geq 2$

$x \leq -2$



∴ no solution for case ②



∴ the solution is  $x \leq \frac{2}{3}$



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**Unit 1 Part II Test Review****Warmup**

1. Write a polynomial equation in expanded form with roots  $-\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $3+2i\sqrt{3}$  and  $3-2i\sqrt{3}$ .

$$x = -\frac{2}{3}, \quad x = 3+2i\sqrt{3}, \quad x = 3-2i\sqrt{3}$$

$$3x+2=0, \quad x-3-2i\sqrt{3}=0, \quad x-3+2i\sqrt{3}=0$$

$$(3x+2)(x-3-2i\sqrt{3})(x-3+2i\sqrt{3})=0$$

$$(3x+2)[(x-3)^2 - (2i\sqrt{3})^2]=0$$

$$(3x+2)(x^2-6x+9-4(3)i^2)=0$$

$$(3x+2)(x^2-6x+21)=0$$

$$3x^3-18x^2+63x+2x^2-12x+42=0$$

$\therefore 3x^3-16x^2+51x+42=0$  is the required equation.

2. If one root is 2, find the value of  $k$ , and the other root(s) for  $25x^4+kx^2+16=0$ .

$$\text{Let } f(x) = 25x^4 + kx^2 + 16$$

$$f(2)=0$$

$$0 = 25(2)^4 + k(2)^2 + 16$$

$$0 = 400 + 4k + 16$$

$$-4k = 416$$

$$\therefore k = -104$$

$$25x^4 - 104x^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$(25x^2 - 4)(x^2 - 4) = 0$$

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

$\therefore$  the other roots

are

$$x = -2, \quad x = -\frac{2}{5}, \quad x = \frac{2}{5}$$

3. Solve,  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ . Include restrictions on the variable.

a)  $24x^4 + 8x^3 - 3x - 1 = 0$

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

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

$$(3x+1)(2x-1)(4x^2+2x+1) = 0$$

$$3x+1=0, \quad 2x-1=0, \quad 4x^2+2x+1=0$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2}, \quad x = \frac{-1-i\sqrt{3}}{4}, \quad x = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 4(4)(1)}}{2(4)}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{12}}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{(-2 \pm 2i\sqrt{3}) \div 2}{8 \div 2}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$b) \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 6\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 8 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } a = x + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$a^2 - 6a + 8 = 0$$

$$(a - 2)(a - 4) = 0$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} - 2 = 0 \quad x + \frac{1}{x} - 4 = 0$$

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

$$(x - 1)(x - 1) = 0$$

$\therefore x = 2 - \sqrt{3}, x = 1, x = 1, x = 2 + \sqrt{3}$   
are the solutions.

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{(4 \pm 2\sqrt{3}) \div 2}{2 \div 2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$c) \frac{3}{x^2} + \frac{2x}{x+2} = \frac{3x}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{3x}{x+2} - \frac{2x}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{2}{x^2} = \frac{x}{x+2}$$



$$2(x+2) = x(x^2)$$

$$2x + 4 = x^3$$

$$0 = x^3 - 2x - 4$$

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

$$x - 2 = 0 \text{ or } x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$$

$\therefore x = 2, x = -1 - i, x = -1 + i$   
are the solutions.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x + 2 \\ x - 2 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 - 2x - 4} \\ \underline{x^3 - 2x^2} \phantom{- 4} \\ 2x^2 - 2x \phantom{- 4} \\ \underline{2x^2 - 4x} \phantom{- 4} \\ 2x - 4 \\ \underline{2x - 4} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm i$$

4. Solve,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

a)  $\sqrt{3x+1} - \sqrt{x+1} = 2$

$$\sqrt{3x+1} = \sqrt{x+1} + 2$$

square both sides

$$3x+1 = x+1 + 4\sqrt{x+1} + 4$$

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

$\div 2$ )  $x-2 = 2\sqrt{x+1}$

square both sides

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 4(x+1)$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 4x + 4$$

$$x^2 - 8x = 0$$

$$x(x-8) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 8$$

Check:  $x=0$

$$LS = \sqrt{3x+1} - \sqrt{x+1}$$

$$= \sqrt{1} - \sqrt{1}$$

$$= 0$$

RS = 2

$\therefore LS \neq RS$

$\therefore x=0$  is not a solution

Check:  $x=8$

$$LS = \sqrt{3x+1} - \sqrt{x+1}$$

$$= \sqrt{25} - \sqrt{9}$$

$$= 5 - 3$$

$$= 2$$

RS = 2

$\therefore LS = RS$

$\therefore x=8$  is a solution

$\therefore$  the solution is  $x=8$

b)  $|5-3x| \leq 3x-1$

Case ①:

If  $5-3x < 0$  then  $-(5-3x) \leq 3x-1$

$$-3x < -5$$

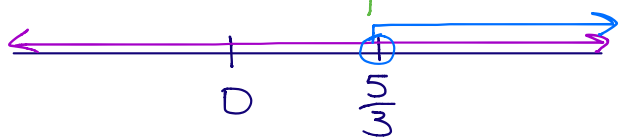
$$x > \frac{5}{3}$$

overlap

$$-5+3x \leq 3x-1$$

$$0 \leq 4$$

$$\therefore x \in \mathbb{R}$$



$\therefore$  the solution for case ① is  $x > \frac{5}{3}$

Case ②

If  $5-3x \geq 0$  then  $+(5-3x) \leq 3x-1$

$$-3x \geq -5$$

$$x \leq \frac{5}{3}$$

$$5-3x \leq 3x-1$$

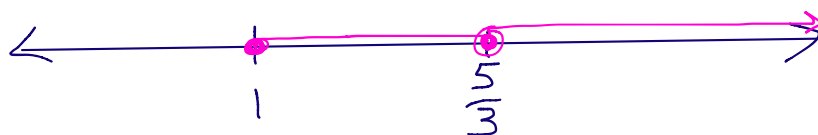
$$-6x \leq -6$$

$$x \geq 1$$

overlap



$\therefore$  the solution for case ② is  $1 \leq x \leq \frac{5}{3}$



$\therefore$  the solution is  $x \geq 1$

