

Solution:

$$-(l+m) - lx^2 + (2l+m)x = 0, l \neq 0$$

$$-lx^2 + (2l+m)x - (l+m) = 0$$

$$-[lx^2 - (2l+m)x + (l+m)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow lx^2 - (2l+m)x + (l+m) = 0$$

Compare it with, we have

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Here $a = l$, $b = -(2l+m)$, $c = (l+m)$

$$\text{Now } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-[-(2l+m) \pm \sqrt{[-(2l+m)]^2 - 4(l)(l+m)}}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{(2l+m) \pm \sqrt{(2l+m)^2 - 4l(l+m)}}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{(2l+m) \pm \sqrt{4l^2 + 4lm + m^2 - 4l^2 - 4lm}}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{(2l+m) \pm \sqrt{m^2}}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{(2l+m) \pm m}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{2l+2m}{2l}, \quad x = \frac{2l+2m-m}{2l}$$

$$x = \frac{2l+2m}{2l} = \frac{2l}{2l}$$

$$= \frac{2(l+m)}{2l} = l$$

$$= \frac{l+m}{l}$$

Thus, solution set = $\left\{l, \frac{l+m}{l}\right\}$

SOLVED EXERCISE 1.3

Q1. Solve the following equations.

(1) $2x^4 - 11x^2 - 5 = 0$

Solution:

$$2x^4 - 11x^2 - 5 = 0$$

Let $x^2 = y$, then $x^4 = y^2$ _____ (i)

So eq. (i) becomes

$$2y^2 - 11y + 5 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 10y - y + 5 = 0$$

$$2y(y - 5) - 1(y - 5) = 0$$

$$(2y - 1)(y - 5) = 0$$

Either $2y - 1 = 0$ or $y - 5 = 0$
 $2y = 1$ $y = 5$

Put $y = \frac{1}{2}$ in $x^2 = y$, we get

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

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

Thus, solution set = $\left\{ \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm \sqrt{5} \right\}$

(2) $2x^4 = 9x^2 - 4$

Solution:

$$2x^4 = 9x^2 - 4$$

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

Let $x^2 = y$, then $x^4 = y^2$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$2y^2 - 9y + 4 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 8y - y + 4 = 0$$

$$2y(y - 4) - 1(y - 4) = 0$$

$$(2y - 1)(y - 4) = 0$$

Either $2y - 1 = 0$ or $y - 4 = 0$
 $2y = 1$ $y = 4$

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

Put $y = \frac{1}{2}$ in $x^2 = y$, we get

Put $y = 4$ in $x^2 = y$, we get

$$x^2 = y$$

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

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

Thus, solution set = $\left\{ \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm 2 \right\}$

$$(3) 5x^{1/2} = 7x^{1/4} - 2$$

Solution:

$$5x^{1/2} = 7x^{1/4} - 2$$

$$5x^{1/2} - 7x^{1/4} + 2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $x^{1/4} = y$, then $x^{1/2} = y^2$

So eq. (1) becomes

$$5y^2 - 7y + 2 = 0$$

$$5y^2 - 5y - 2y + 2 = 0$$

$$5y(y-1) - 2(y-1) = 0$$

$$(5y-2)(y-1) = 0$$

Either $5y - 2 = 0$
 $- 5y = 2$
 $y = \frac{2}{5}$

or $y - 1 = 0$
 $y = 1$

Put $y = \frac{2}{5}$ in $x^{1/4} = y$, we get

$$x^{1/4} = y$$

$$x^{1/4} = \frac{2}{5}$$

Taking power '4' on both sides, we get

$$\left(x^{1/4}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4$$

$$x = \frac{2^4}{5^4}$$

$$x = \frac{16}{625}$$

Put $y = 1$ in $x^{1/4} = y$, we get

$$x^{1/4} = y$$

$$x^{1/4} = 1$$

Taking power '4' on both sides, we get

$$\left(x^{1/4}\right)^4 = (1)^4$$

$$\left(x^{1/4}\right)^4 = 1$$

$$x = 1$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

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

$$x = \pm 2$$

Thus, solution set = $\left\{\frac{16}{625}, 1\right\}$

$$(1) x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 54 = 15x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Solution:

$$x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 54 = 15x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 15x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 54 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$. Then $x^{\frac{2}{3}} = y^2$

So eq (i) becomes

$$y^2 - 15y + 54 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 9y - 6y + 54 = 0$$

$$y(y-9) - 6(y-9) = 0$$

$$(y-6)(y-9) = 0$$

Either $y-9=0$ or $y-6=0$
 $y=9$ $y=6$

Put $y=9$ in $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$, we get

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 9$$

Taking cube on both

We get

$$\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3 = (9)^3$$

$$x = 729$$

Thus, solution set = $\{729, 216\}$

$$(5) 3x^{-2} + 5 = 8x^{-1}$$

Solution:

$$3x^{-2} + 5 = 8x^{-1}$$

$$3x^{-2} - 8x^{-1} + 5 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $x^{-1} = y$. Then $x^{-2} = y^2$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$3y^2 - 8y + 5 = 0$$

$$3y^2 - 5y - 3y + 5 = 0$$

$$y(3y-5) - 1(3y-5) = 0$$

$$(y-1)(3y-5) = 0$$

Either $y-1=0$ or $3y-5=0$

Put $y=6$ in $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$, we get

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = y$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6$$

Taking cube on both

We get

$$\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3 = (6)^3$$

$$x = 216$$

$$y = 1$$

$$3y = 5$$

$$y = \frac{5}{3}$$

Put $y = 1$ in $x^{-1} = y$, we get

$$x^{-1} = y$$

$$x^{-1} = 1$$

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

$$\text{or } x = 1$$

Put $y = \frac{5}{3}$ in $x^{-1} = y$, we get

$$x^{-1} = y$$

$$x^{-1} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{or } x = \frac{3}{5}$$

Thus, solution set = $\left\{1, \frac{3}{5}\right\}$

$$6. \quad (2x^2 + 1) + \frac{3}{2x^2 + 1} = 4$$

Solution:

$$(2x^2 + 1) + \frac{3}{2x^2 + 1} = 4$$

$$(2x^2 + 1) + \frac{3}{2x^2 + 1} = 4 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{Let } 2x^2 + 1 = y$$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$y + \frac{3}{y} = 4$$

Multiplying both sides by 'y', we get

$$y^2 + 3 = 4y$$

$$y^2 - 4y + 3 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 3y - y + 3 = 0$$

$$y(y - 3) - 1(y - 3) = 0$$

$$(y - 1)(y - 3) = 0$$

Either

$$y - 1 = 0$$

or

$$y - 3 = 0$$

$$y = 1$$

$$y = 3$$

Put $y = 1$ in $2x^2 + 1 = y$, we get

Put $y = 3$ in $2x^2 + 1 = y$, we get

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

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

$$2x^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Thus, solution set = $\{-1, 0, 1\}$

$$(7) \frac{x}{x-3} + 4\left(\frac{x-3}{x}\right) = 4$$

Solution:

$$\frac{x}{x-3} + 4\left(\frac{x-3}{x}\right) = 4 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $\frac{x}{x-3} = y$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$y + 4\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) = 4$$

Multiplying both sides by 'y', we get

$$y^2 + 4 = 4y$$

$$y^2 - 4y + 4 = 0$$

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

$$(y-2)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 2 = 0$$

Put $y = 2$ in $\frac{x}{x-3} = y$, we get

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

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

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

$$2x - 6 = x$$

$$2x - x = 6$$

$$x = 6$$

Thus, solution set = $\{6\}$

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

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

$$2x^2 = 2$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$8. \quad \frac{4x+1}{4x-1} + \frac{4x-1}{4x-1} = 2\frac{1}{6}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} + \frac{4x-1}{4x-1} = 2\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} + \frac{4x-1}{4x-1} = \frac{13}{6} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$y + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{13}{6}$$

Multiplying both sides by '6y', we get

$$6y^2 + 6 = 13y$$

$$6y^2 - 13y + 6 = 0$$

$$6y^2 - 9y - 4y + 6 = 0$$

$$3y(2y-3) - 2(2y-3) = 0$$

$$(3y-2)(2y-3) = 0$$

Either $3y-2=0$ or

$$3y = 2$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}$$

Put $y = \frac{2}{3}$ in $\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$, we get

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$$

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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

$$12x+3 = 8x-2$$

$$12x-8x = -2-3$$

$$4x = -5$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{4}$$

Thus, solution set = $\left\{ \pm \frac{5}{4} \right\}$

$$9. \quad \frac{x-a}{x+a} - \frac{x+a}{x-a} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$2y-3=0$$

$$2y = 3$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2}$$

Put $y = \frac{3}{2}$ in $\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$, we get

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = y$$

$$\frac{4x+1}{4x-1} = \frac{3}{2}$$

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

$$12x-3 = 8x+2$$

$$12x-8x = -2+3$$

$$4x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{4}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{x-a}{x+a} - \frac{x+a}{x-a} = \frac{7}{12} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$

So eq (i) becomes

$$y - \frac{1}{y} = \frac{7}{12}$$

Multiplying both sides by $12y$, we get

$$12y^2 - 12 = 7y$$

$$12y^2 - 7y - 12 = 0$$

$$12y^2 - 16y + 9y - 12 = 0$$

$$4y(3y-4) + 3(3y-4) = 0$$

Either $4y + 3 = 0$ or $3y - 4 = 0$
 $4y = -3$ $3y = 4$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4} \quad y = \frac{4}{3}$$

Put $y = -\frac{3}{4}$ in $\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$, we get

$$\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$$

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

$$4(x-a) = -3(x+a)$$

$$4x - 4a = -3x - 3a$$

$$4x + 3x = 4a - 3a$$

$$7x = a$$

$$x = \frac{a}{7}$$

Thus, solution set = $\left\{-7a, \frac{a}{7}\right\}$

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

Solution:

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

Dividing each term by x^2 , we get

$$\frac{x^4}{x^2} - 2\frac{x^3}{x^2} - 2\frac{x^2}{x^2} + \frac{2x}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

Put $y = \frac{4}{3}$ in $\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$, we get

$$\frac{x-a}{x+a} = y$$

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

$$4(x+a) = 3(x-a)$$

$$4x + 4a = 3x - 3a$$

$$4x - 3x = -4a - 3a$$

$$x = -7a$$

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

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

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 2\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right) - 2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $x - \frac{1}{x} = y$

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = y^2$$

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

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = y^2 + 2$$

So eq. (i) becomes

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

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

$$y(y - 2) = 0$$

Either $y = 0$ or $y - 2 = 0, \Rightarrow y = 2$

Put $y = 0$ in $x - \frac{1}{x} = y$, we get

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

$$x - \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

Put $y = 2$ in $x - \frac{1}{x} = y$, we get

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 1 = 2x$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus, solution set = $\{\pm 1, 1 \pm \sqrt{2}\}$

(11) $2x^4 + x^3 - 6x^2 + x + 2 = 0$

Solution:

$$2x^4 + x^3 - 6x^2 + x + 2 = 0$$

Dividing both sides by x^2 , we get

$$\frac{2x^4}{x^2} + \frac{x^3}{x^2} - \frac{6x^2}{x^2} + \frac{x}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^2} = 0$$

$$2x^2 + x - 6 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} = 0$$

$$2x^2 + \frac{2}{x^2} + x + \frac{1}{x} - 6 = 0$$

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

Let $x + \frac{1}{x} = y$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = y^2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = y^2$$

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

So eq. (i) becomes

$$2(y^2 - 2) + y - 6 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 4 + y - 6 = 0$$

$$2y^2 + y - 10 = 0$$

$$2y^2 + 5y - 4y - 10 = 0$$

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

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

Either $y - 2 = 0$ or $2y + 5 = 0$

$$y = 2$$

$$2y = -5$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{2}$$

Put $y = 2$ in $x + \frac{1}{x} = y$, we get

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = y$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = 2x$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

Put $y = -\frac{5}{2}$ in $x + \frac{1}{x} = y$, we get

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = y$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = 2 = -5x$$

$$2x^2 + 5x + 2 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 4x + x + 2 = 0$$

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

Either $2x + 1 = 0$ or $x + 2 = 0$

$$2x = -1$$

$$x = -2$$

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

Thus, solution set = $\left\{1, -2, -\frac{1}{2}\right\}$

(12) $4 \cdot 2^{2x+1} - 9 \cdot 2^x + 1 = 0$

Solution:

$$4 \cdot 2^{2x+1} - 9 \cdot 2^x + 1 = 0$$

$$4 \cdot 2^{2x} \cdot 2^1 - 9 \cdot 2^x + 1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $2^x = y$ Then $2^{2x} = y^2$

So eq. (i) becomes.

$$4y^2 - 9y + 1 = 0$$

$$8y^2 - 9y + 1 = 0$$

$$8y^2 - 8y - y + 1 = 0$$

$$8y(y-1) - 1(y-1) = 0$$

$$(8y-1)(y-1) = 0$$

Either $8y-1=0$ or $y-1=0$

$$8y=1$$

$$y=1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{8}$$

Put $y = \frac{1}{8}$ in $2^x = y$; we get

$$2^x = y$$

$$2^x = \frac{1}{8}$$

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

$$2^x = 2^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -3$$

Thus, solution set = $\{-3, 0\}$

13. $3^{2x+2} = 12 \cdot 3^x - 3$

Solution:

$$3^{2x+2} = 12 \cdot 3^x - 3$$

$$3^{2x} \cdot 3^2 - 12 \cdot 3^x + 3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $3^x = y$. Then $3^{2x} = y^2$

So eq. (i) becomes

$$y^2 \cdot 9 - 12y + 3 = 0$$

$$9y^2 - 12y + 3 = 0$$

$$9y^2 - 9y - 3y + 3 = 0$$

$$9y(y-1) - 3(y-1) = 0$$

$$(9y-3)(y-1) = 0$$

Either $9y-3=0$

or $y-1=0$

$$9y=3$$

$$y=1$$

$$y = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}$$

Put $y = 1$ in $2^x = y$, we get

$$2^x = y$$

$$2^x = 1$$

$$2^x = 2^0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Put $y = \frac{1}{3}$ in $3^x = y$, we get

$$3^x = y$$

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

$$3^x = 3^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

Thus, solution set = $\{-1, 0\}$

$$(14) 2^x + 64 \cdot 2^{-x} - 20 = 0$$

Solution:

$$2^x + 64 \cdot 2^{-x} - 20 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let $2^x = y$. Then $2^{-x} = \frac{1}{y}$

So eq (i) becomes

$$y - 64 \cdot \frac{1}{y} - 20 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 64 - 20y = 0$$

$$y^2 - 20y - 64 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 16y - 4y - 64 = 0$$

$$y(y - 16) - 4(y - 16) = 0$$

$$(y - 4)(y - 16) = 0$$

Either $y - 4 = 0$ or $y - 16 = 0$
 $y = 4$ $y = 16$

Put $y = 4$ in $2^x = y$, we get

$$2^x = y$$

$$2^x = 4$$

$$2^x = 2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2$$

Thus, solution set = $\{2, 4\}$

$$(15) (x + 1)(x + 3)(x - 5)(x - 7) = 192$$

Solution:

$$(x + 1)(x + 3)(x - 5)(x - 7) = 192$$

$$\text{As } 1 - 5 = 3 - 7$$

$$\text{So } [(x + 1)(x - 5)][(x + 3)(x - 7)] = 192$$

$$[x^2 - 5x + x - 5][x^2 - 7x + 3x - 21] = 192$$

$$(x^2 - 4x - 5)(x^2 - 4x - 21) = 192 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Put $y = 1$ in $3^x = y$, we get

$$3^x = y$$

$$3^x = 1$$

$$3^x = 3^0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Put $y = 16$ in $2^x = y$, we get

$$2^x = y$$

$$2^x = 16$$

$$2^x = 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$(y-5)(y-21) = 192$$

$$y^2 - 21y - 5y + 105 = 192$$

$$y^2 - 26y + 105 - 192 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 26y - 87 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 29y + 3y - 87 = 0$$

$$(y+3)(y-29) = 0$$

Either $y+3=0$ or $y-29=0$

$$y = -3$$

$$y = 29$$

Put $y = -3$ in $x^2 - 4x = y$, we get

$$x^2 - 4x = y$$

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

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

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

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

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

Either $x-1=0$ or $x-3=0$
 $x=1$ or $x=3$

Put $y = 29$ in $x^2 - 4x = y$, we get

$$x^2 - 4x = y$$

$$x^2 - 4x = 29$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 29 = 0$$

Here $a = 1, b = -4, c = -29$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(-29)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 116}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{132}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{33}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2(2 \pm \sqrt{33})}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{33}$$

Thus, solution set = $\{1, 3, 2 \pm \sqrt{33}\}$

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$$(16) (x-1)(x-2)(x-8)(x+5)360 = 0$$

Solution:

$$(x-1)(x-2)(x-8)(x+5)360 = 0$$

As $-1-2 = -8+5$

$$-3 = -3$$

So $[(x-1)(x-2)][(x-8)(x+5)] + 360 = 0$

$$[x^2 - 2x - x + 2][x^2 + 5x - 8x - 40] + 360 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 3x + 2)(x^2 - 3x - 40) + 360 = 0 \text{ _____ (i)}$$

Let $x^2 - 3x = y$

So eq (i) become

$$(y+2)(y-40) + 360 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 40y + 2y - 80 + 360 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 38y + 280 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 28y - 10y + 280 = 0$$

$$y(y-28) - 10(y-28) = 0$$

$$(y-10)(y-28) = 0$$

$$(y-10)(y-28) = 0$$

Either $y-10=0$ or $y-28=0$

$$y = 10 \qquad y = 28$$

Put $y = 10$ in $x^2 - 3x = y$, we get

$$x^2 - 3x = y$$

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

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

$$x^2 - 5x + 2x - 10 = 0$$

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

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

Either $x+2=0$ or $x-5=0$

$$x = -2$$

$$x = 5$$

Put $y = 28$ in $x^2 - 3x = y$, we get

$$x^2 - 3x = y$$

$$x^2 - 3x = 28$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 28 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 7x + 4x - 28 = 0$$

$$x(x-7) + 4(x-7) = 0$$

$$(x+4)(x-7) = 0$$

Either $x+4=0$ or $x-7=0$

$$x = -4$$

$$x = 7$$

Thus, solution set = $\{-4, -2, 5, 7\}$

Radical equations:

An equation involving expression under the radical sign is called a radical equation.

e.g., $\sqrt{x+3} = x+1$ and $\sqrt{x-1} = \sqrt{x-2} + 1$