

**UNIT 5**

# Algebraic Fractions

**EXERCISE 5.1**

1. Reduce the following rational expressions to lowest forms:

(i)  $\frac{3a^2 - 6ab}{2a^2b - 4ab^2}$

(ii)  $\frac{abx + bx^2}{acx + cx^2}$

(iii)  $\frac{ac}{a^2x^2 - ax}$

(iv)  $\frac{15a^2b^2c}{100(a^2 - a^2b)}$

(v)  $\frac{4x^2 - 9y^2}{4x^2 + 6xy}$

(vi)  $\frac{20(x^3 - y^3)}{5x^2 + 5xy + 5y^2}$

(vii)  $\frac{x(2a^2 - 3ax)}{a(4a^2x - 9x^3)}$

(viii)  $\frac{x^2 - 5x}{x^2 - 4x - 5}$

(ix)  $\frac{3x^2 + 6x}{x^2 + 4x + 4}$

(x)  $\frac{x^2 + xy - 2y^2}{x^3 - y^3}$

(xi)  $\frac{2x^2 + 17x + 21}{3x^2 + 26x + 35}$

**Solution**

<p>(i) <math>\frac{3a^2 - 6ab}{2a^2b - 4ab^2}</math></p> $= \frac{\cancel{3}a(a - \cancel{2}b)}{\cancel{2}ab(a + \cancel{2}b)}$ $= \frac{3}{2b}$	<p>(ii) <math>\frac{abx + bx^2}{acx + cx^2}</math></p> $= \frac{\cancel{b}x(a + \cancel{x})}{\cancel{c}x(a + \cancel{x})}$ $= \frac{b}{c}$
<p>(iii) <math>\frac{ac}{a^2x^2 - ax}</math></p> $= \frac{\cancel{a}c}{\cancel{a}x(ax - 1)}$ $= \frac{c}{x(ax - 1)}$	<p>(iv) <math>\frac{15a^2b^2c}{100(a^2 - a^2b)}</math></p> $= \frac{\cancel{15}a^2b^2c}{\cancel{100}a^2(1 - b)}$ $= \frac{3b^2c}{20(1 - b)}$

$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad & \frac{4x^2-9y^2}{4x^2+6xy} \\ &= \frac{(2x)^2-(3y)^2}{2x(2x+3y)} \\ &= \frac{(2x-3y)(\cancel{2x+3y})}{2x(\cancel{2x+3y})} \\ &= \frac{2x-3y}{2x} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} \text{(vi)} \quad & \frac{20(x^3-y^3)}{5x^2+5xy+5y^2} \\ &= \frac{20(x-y)(\cancel{x^2+xy+y^2})}{5(\cancel{x^2+xy+y^2})} \\ &= 4(x-y) \end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} \text{(vii)} \quad & \frac{x(2a^2-3ax)}{a(4a^2x-9x^3)} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{ax}(2a-3x)}{\cancel{ax}(4a^2-9x^2)} \\ &= \frac{(2a-3x)}{(2a)^2-(3x)^2} \\ &= \frac{(\cancel{2a-3x})}{(\cancel{2a-3x})(2a+3x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2a+3x)} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} \text{(viii)} \quad & \frac{x^2-5x}{x^2-4x-5} \\ &= \frac{x(x-5)}{x^2-5x+x-5} \\ &= \frac{x(x-5)}{x(x-5)+1(x-5)} \\ &= \frac{x(\cancel{x-5})}{(\cancel{x-5})(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{x}{(x+1)} \end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} \text{(ix)} \quad & \frac{3x^2+6x}{x^2+4x+4} \\ &= \frac{3x(x+2)}{x^2+2x+2x+4} \\ &= \frac{3x(x+2)}{x(x+2)+2(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{3x(\cancel{x+2})}{(\cancel{x+2})(\cancel{x+2})} \\ &= \frac{3x}{(x+2)} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} \text{(x)} \quad & \frac{x^2+xy-2y^2}{x^3-y^3} \\ &= \frac{x^2+2xy-xy-2y^2}{(x-y)(x^2+xy+y^2)} \\ &= \frac{x(x+2y)-y(x+2y)}{(x-y)(x^2+xy+y^2)} \\ &= \frac{(x+2y)(\cancel{x-y})}{(\cancel{x-y})(x^2+xy+y^2)} \\ &= \frac{x+2y}{x^2+xy+y^2} \end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} \text{(xi)} \quad & \frac{2x^2+17x+21}{3x^2+26x+35} = \frac{2x^2+14x+3x+21}{3x^2+21x+5x+35} = \frac{2x(x+7)+3(x+7)}{3x(x+7)+5(x+7)} = \frac{(\cancel{x+7})(2x+3)}{(\cancel{x+7})(3x+5)} \\ &= \frac{2x+3}{3x+5} \end{aligned}$	

## EXERCISE 5.2

$  \begin{aligned}  \text{(i)} \quad & \frac{3}{x-y} + \frac{1}{y-x} \\  = & \frac{3}{(x-y)} + \frac{1}{-(x-y)} \\  = & \frac{3}{(x-y)} - \frac{1}{(x-y)} \\  = & \frac{3-1}{(x-y)} \\  = & \frac{2}{(x-y)}  \end{aligned}  $	$  \begin{aligned}  \text{(ii)} \quad & \frac{4x}{x^2-3x+2} - \frac{4}{1-x} - \frac{5}{x-2} \\  = & \frac{4x}{x^2-2x-x+2} - \frac{4}{1-x} - \frac{5}{x-2} \\  = & \frac{4x}{x(x-2)-1(x-2)} - \frac{4}{1-x} - \frac{5}{x-2} \\  = & \frac{4x}{(x-2)(x-1)} + \frac{4}{(x-1)} - \frac{5}{(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{4x+4(x-2)-5(x-1)}{(x-2)(x-1)} \\  = & \frac{4x+4x-8-5x+5}{(x-2)(x-1)} \\  = & \frac{4x+4x-5x-8+5}{(x-2)(x-1)} \\  = & \frac{3x-3}{(x-2)(x-1)} \\  = & \frac{3(x-1)}{(x-2)(x-1)} \\  = & \frac{3}{(x-2)}  \end{aligned}  $
$  \begin{aligned}  \text{(iii)} \quad & \frac{x+y}{12x-6y} + \frac{x-y}{18x-9y} \\  = & \frac{x+y}{6(2x-y)} + \frac{x-y}{9(2x-y)} \\  = & \frac{9(x+y)+6(x-y)}{54(2x-y)} \\  = & \frac{9x+9y+6x-6y}{54(2x-y)} \\  = & \frac{15x+3y}{54(2x-y)} \\  = & \frac{3(5x+y)}{54(2x-y)} \\  = & \frac{5x+y}{18(2x-y)}  \end{aligned}  $	$  \begin{aligned}  \text{(iv)} \quad & \frac{2}{x+2y} - \frac{x-6y}{x^2-4y^2} \\  = & \frac{2}{x+2y} - \frac{x-6y}{(x)^2-(2y)^2} \\  = & \frac{2}{x+2y} - \frac{x-6y}{(x-2y)(x+2y)} \\  = & \frac{2(x-2y)-(x-6y)}{(x+2y)(x-2y)} \\  = & \frac{2x-4y-x+6y}{(x+2y)(x-2y)} \\  = & \frac{(x+2y)}{(x+2y)(x-2y)} \\  = & \frac{1}{x-2y}  \end{aligned}  $

$  \begin{aligned}  \text{(v)} \quad & \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x+2} - \frac{2x+3}{x^2+3x+2} \\  = & \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x+2} - \frac{2x+3}{x^2+2x+x+2} \\  = & \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x+2} - \frac{2x+3}{x(x+2)+1(x+2)} \\  = & \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x+2} - \frac{2x+3}{(x+2)(x+1)} \\  = & \frac{(x+2)-2(x+1)-(2x+3)}{(x+2)(x+1)} \\  = & \frac{x+2-2x-2-2x-3}{(x+2)(x+1)} \\  = & \frac{-3x-3}{(x+2)(x+1)} \\  = & \frac{-3(x+1)}{(x+2)(x+1)} \\  = & \frac{-3}{x+2}  \end{aligned}  $	$  \begin{aligned}  \text{(vi)} \quad & \frac{5}{x^2+x-6} - \frac{1}{2x^2-7x+6} \\  = & \frac{5}{x^2+3x-2x-6} - \frac{1}{2x^2-3x-4x+6} \\  = & \frac{5}{x(x+3)-2(x+3)} - \frac{1}{x(2x-3)-2(2x-3)} \\  = & \frac{5}{(x+3)(x-2)} - \frac{1}{(2x-3)(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{5(2x-3)-(x+3)}{(2x-3)(x+3)(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{10x-15-x-3}{(2x-3)(x+3)(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{9x-18}{(2x-3)(x+3)(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{9(x-2)}{(2x-3)(x+3)(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{9}{(2x-3)(x+3)}  \end{aligned}  $
$  \begin{aligned}  \text{(vii)} \quad & \frac{2x}{x+y} - \frac{y}{x-y} - \frac{2y^2}{x^2-y^2} \\  = & \frac{2x}{x+y} - \frac{y}{x-y} - \frac{2y^2}{(x-y)(x+y)} \\  = & \frac{2x(x-y)-y(x+y)-2y^2}{(x-y)(x+y)} \\  = & \frac{2x^2-2xy-xy-y^2-2y^2}{(x-y)(x+y)} \\  = & \frac{2x^2-3xy-3y^2}{(x-y)(x+y)}  \end{aligned}  $	$  \begin{aligned}  \text{(viii)} \quad & \frac{7}{2x^2-x-6} - \frac{8}{3x^2-4x-4} \\  = & \frac{7}{2x^2-4x+3x-6} - \frac{8}{3x^2-6x+2x-4} \\  = & \frac{7}{2x(x-2)+3(x-2)} - \frac{8}{3x(x-2)+2(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{7}{(x-2)(2x+3)} - \frac{8}{(x-2)(3x+2)} \\  = & \frac{7(3x+2)-8(2x+3)}{(3x+2)(2x+3)(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{21x+14-16x-24}{(3x+2)(2x+3)(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{5x-10}{(3x+2)(2x+3)(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{5(x-2)}{(3x+2)(2x+3)(x-2)} \\  = & \frac{5}{(3x+2)(2x+3)}  \end{aligned}  $

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ix)} \quad & \frac{x+2}{x^2-x-12} - \frac{x}{x^2+6x+9} \\
 &= \frac{x+2}{x^2-4x+3x-12} - \frac{x}{x^2+3x+3x+9} \\
 &= \frac{x+2}{x(x-4)+3(x-4)} - \frac{x}{x(x+3)+3(x+3)} \\
 &= \frac{x+2}{(x-4)(x+3)} - \frac{x}{(x+3)(x+3)} \\
 &= \frac{(x+2)(x+3) - x(x+4)}{(x-4)(x+3)^2} \\
 &= \frac{x^2+3x+2x+6 - x^2-4x}{(x-4)(x+3)^2} \\
 &= \frac{9x+6}{(x-4)(x+3)^2} \\
 &= \frac{3(3x+2)}{(x+3)^2(x-4)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(x)} \quad & \frac{1}{x^2-4x+3} + \frac{1}{x^2-3x+2} - \frac{1}{x^2-5x+6} \\
 &= \frac{1}{x^2-3x-x+3} + \frac{1}{x^2-2x-x+2} - \frac{1}{x^2-3x-2x+6} \\
 &= \frac{1}{x(x-3)-1(x-3)} + \frac{1}{x(x-2)-1(x-2)} - \frac{1}{x(x-3)-2(x-3)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-1)} + \frac{1}{(x-2)(x-1)} - \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{(x-2)+(x-3)-(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)} \\
 &= \frac{x-2+x-3-x+1}{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)} \\
 &= \frac{x-4}{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(xi)} \quad & \frac{x^3}{x-y} + \frac{y^3}{y-x} = \frac{x^3}{x-y} + \frac{y^3}{-(x-y)} = \frac{x^3}{x-y} - \frac{y^3}{x-y} = \frac{x^3-y^3}{(x-y)} \\
 &= \frac{(x \cancel{-} y)(x^2+xy+y^2)}{(x \cancel{-} y)} = x^2 + xy + y^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \text{ Subtract } \frac{1}{x^2+2} \text{ from } \frac{2x^3+x^2+3}{(x^2+2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{2x^3+x^2+3}{(x^2+2)^2} - \frac{1}{x^2+2} \\
 &= \frac{(2x^3+x^2+3)-(x^2+2)}{(x^2+2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{2x^3+\cancel{x^2}+3-\cancel{x^2}-2}{(x^2+2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{2x^3+1}{(x^2+2)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

## EXERCISE 5.3

<p>(i) <math display="block">\frac{24lm}{5l+10m} \times \frac{5l^2-20m^2}{16mn}</math></p> $= \frac{24lm}{5(l+2m)} \times \frac{5(l^2-4m^2)}{16mn}$ $= \frac{24\cancel{l}m}{\cancel{5}(l+2m)} \times \frac{\cancel{5}[(l)^2-(2m)^2]}{16\cancel{m}n}$ $= \frac{3l}{(l+2m)} \times \frac{(l-2m)(\cancel{l+2m})}{2n}$ $= \frac{3l(l-2m)}{2n}$	<p>(ii) <math display="block">\frac{x^2-3x+2}{x^2+3x-4} \times \frac{2x^2+8x}{3x+6}</math></p> $= \frac{x^2-2x-x+2}{x^2+4x-x-4} \times \frac{2x(x+4)}{3(x+2)}$ $= \frac{x(x-2)-1(x-2)}{x(x+4)-1(x+4)} \times \frac{2x(x+4)}{3(x+2)}$ $= \frac{(x-2)(\cancel{x-1})}{(x+4)(\cancel{x-1})} \times \frac{2x(\cancel{x+4})}{3(x+2)}$ $= \frac{2x(x-2)}{3(x+2)}$
<p>(iii) <math display="block">\frac{a^2-4b^2}{a^2+2ba} \times \frac{2a^2+10ab}{a^2+3ab-10b^2}</math></p> $= \frac{(a)^2-(2b)^2}{a(a+2b)} \times \frac{2a(a+5b)}{a^2-2ab+5ab-10b^2}$ $= \frac{(a-2b)(a+2b)}{a(a+2b)} \times \frac{2a(a+5b)}{a(a-2b)+5b(a-2b)}$ $= \frac{\cancel{(a-2b)}\cancel{(a+2b)}}{a\cancel{(a+2b)}} \times \frac{2a\cancel{(a+5b)}}{\cancel{(a-2b)}\cancel{(a+5b)}}$ $= 2$	<p>(iv) <math display="block">\frac{(a+b)^2-c^2}{(a+c)^2-b^2} \times \frac{a^2-(b-c)^2}{(a+c)^2-c^2}</math></p> $= \frac{(a+b-c)(a+b+c)}{(a+c-b)(a+b+c)} \times \frac{(a-b+c)(a+b-c)}{(a+c+c)(a+c-c)}$ $= \frac{(a+b-c)^2}{a(a+2c)}$
<p>(v) <math display="block">\frac{x^3-8}{x^2-4} \div \frac{x^2+2x+4}{x^2+4x+4}</math></p> $= \frac{(x)^3-(2)^3}{(x)^2-(2)^2} \div \frac{x^2+2x+4}{x^2+2x+2x+4}$ $= \frac{(x-2)(x^2+2x+4)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \div \frac{x^2+2x+4}{x(x+2)+2(x+2)}$ $= \frac{(x-2)(x^2+2x+4)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \div \frac{x^2+2x+4}{(x+2)(x+2)}$ $= \frac{(x-2)(x^2+2x+4)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \times \frac{(x+2)(x+2)}{(x^2+2x+4)}$ $= x + 2$	<p>(vi) <math display="block">\frac{(a^2+ab)^2}{(a^2-ab)^2} \div \left(\frac{a+b}{a-b}\right)^2</math></p> $= \frac{[a(a+b)]^2}{[a(a-b)]^2} \div \frac{(a+b)^2}{(a-b)^2}$ $= \frac{a^2(a+b)^2}{a^2(a-b)^2} \times \frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}$ $= 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(vii)} \quad & \frac{x^2-x-6}{x^2-x-20} \div \left\{ \frac{x^3-3x^2}{x^2+4x} \times \frac{x^3-5x^2-14x}{x^2-12x+35} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{x^2-3x+2x-6}{x^2-5x+4x-20} \div \left\{ \frac{x^2(x-3)}{x(x+4)} \times \frac{x(x^2-5x-14)}{x^2-7x-5x+35} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{x(x-3)+2(x-3)}{x(x-5)+4(x-5)} \div \left\{ \frac{x^2(x-3)}{(x+4)} \times \frac{(x^2-7x+2x-14)}{x(x-7)-5(x-7)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{(x-5)(x+4)} \div \left\{ \frac{x^2(x-3)}{(x+4)} \times \frac{x(x-7)+2(x-7)}{(x-7)(x-5)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{(x-5)(x+4)} \div \left\{ \frac{x^2(x-3)}{(x+4)} \times \frac{(x-7)(x+2)}{(x-7)(x-5)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{(x-5)(x+4)} \div \left\{ \frac{x^2(x-3)(x+2)}{(x+4)(x-5)} \right\} = \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{(x-5)(x+4)} \times \frac{(x+4)(x-5)}{x^2(x-3)(x+2)} = \frac{1}{x^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(viii)} \quad & \frac{3x^2-3xy}{10x^2+10xy-20y^2} \times \frac{5xy+10y^2}{6x^2+6xy+6y^2} \div \frac{2x^2-2y^2}{4x^3-4y^3} \\
 &= \frac{3x(x-y)}{10(x^2+xy-2y^2)} \times \frac{5y(x+2y)}{6(x^2+xy+y^2)} \div \frac{2[(x)^2-(y)^2]}{4[(x)^3-(y)^3]} \\
 &= \frac{x(x-y)}{2(x^2+2xy-xy-2y^2)} \times \frac{y(x+2y)}{2(x^2+xy+y^2)} \div \frac{(x-y)(x+y)}{2(x-y)(x^2+xy+y^2)} \\
 &= \frac{x(x-y)}{2[x(x+2y)-y(x+2y)]} \times \frac{y(x+2y)}{2(x^2+xy+y^2)} \times \frac{2(x^2+xy+y^2)}{(x+y)} \\
 &= \frac{x(x-y)}{2(x+2y)(x-y)} \times \frac{y(x+2y)}{2(x^2+xy+y^2)} \times \frac{2(x^2+xy+y^2)}{(x+y)} \\
 &= \frac{xy}{2(x+y)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ix)} \quad & \frac{2x^2-98}{x^3-125} \times \frac{x^2-3x-10}{3x-21} \div \frac{x^2+5x-14}{x^2+5x+25} \\
 &= \frac{2(x^2-49)}{(x^3-5^3)} \times \frac{x^2-5x+2x-10}{3(x-7)} \div \frac{x^2+7x-2x-14}{x^2+5x+25} \\
 &= \frac{2[(x)^2-(7)^2]}{(x-5)(x^2+5x+25)} \times \frac{x(x-5)+2(x-5)}{3(x-7)} \div \frac{x(x+7)-2(x+7)}{x^2+5x+25} \\
 &= \frac{2(x-7)(x+7)}{(x-5)(x^2+5x+25)} \times \frac{(x-5)(x+2)}{3(x-7)} \div \frac{(x+7)(x-2)}{x^2+5x+25} \\
 &= \frac{2(x-7)(x+7)}{(x-5)(x^2+5x+25)} \times \frac{(x-5)(x+2)}{3(x-7)} \times \frac{(x^2+5x+25)}{(x+7)(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{2(x+2)}{3(x-2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(x)} \quad & \frac{x^2-2x}{2x+6} \times \frac{x^2+x-6}{x^2-5x} \times \frac{6x-30}{x^2-2x} \\
 &= \frac{x(x-2)}{2(x+3)} \times \frac{x^2+3x-2x-6}{x(x-5)} \times \frac{6(x-5)}{x(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{x(x-2)}{2(x+3)} \times \frac{x(x+3)-2(x+3)}{x(x-5)} \times \frac{6(x-5)}{x(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{x(x-2)}{2(x+3)} \times \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{x(x-5)} \times \frac{6(x-5)}{x(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{3(x-2)}{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

## EXERCISE 5.4

1. Solve the following equations:

(i)  $5x^4 - 19x^2 + 12 = 0$

(ii)  $4x^4 - 27x^2 + 18 = 0$

(iii)  $5x^4 - 22x^2 + 8 = 0$

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

(v)  $4^{1+x} + 4^{1-x} - 10 = 0$

(vi)  $3^x + 3^{3-x} - 12 = 0$

(vii)  $5^{1+3x} + 5^{2-3x} - 126 = 0$

(viii)  $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) - 33 = 0$

(ix)  $2\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 25\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right) - 17 = 0$

(x)  $2x^4 - 5x^3 - 14x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$

(xi)  $(x+1)(x+2)(x-4)(x-5) + 8 = 0$

(xii)  $(x+3)(x+4)(x+5)(x+6) = -1$

### Solutions

<p>(i) <math>5x^4 - 19x^2 + 12 = 0 \longrightarrow (1)</math></p> <p>Let <math>y = x^2</math></p> $y^2 = (x^2)^2$ $y^2 = x^4$ <p>putting the value of <math>y</math> and <math>y^2</math> in equation 1</p> $5y^2 - 19y + 12 = 0$ $5y^2 - 15y - 4y + 12 = 0$ $5y(y - 3) - 4(y - 3) = 0$ $(y - 3)(5y - 4) = 0$ $y - 3 = 0 \quad , \quad 5y - 4 = 0$ $y = 3 \quad , \quad 5y = 4 \quad y = \frac{4}{5}$ <p>since <math>y = x^2</math></p> $x^2 = 3 \quad , \quad x^2 = \frac{4}{5}$ $x = \pm\sqrt{3} \quad , \quad x = \pm\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$ $S.S = \left\{ \pm\sqrt{3}, \pm\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right\}$	<p>(ii) <math>4x^4 - 27x^2 + 18 = 0 \longrightarrow (1)</math></p> <p>Let <math>y = x^2</math></p> $y^2 = (x^2)^2$ $y^2 = x^4$ <p>putting the value of <math>y</math> and <math>y^2</math> in equation 1</p> $4y^2 - 27y + 18 = 0$ $4y^2 - 24y - 3y + 18 = 0$ $4y(y - 6) - 3(y - 6) = 0$ $(y - 6)(4y - 3) = 0$ $y - 6 = 0 \quad , \quad 4y - 3 = 0$ $y = 6 \quad , \quad 4y = 3$ $y = \frac{3}{4}$ <p>since <math>y = x^2</math></p> $x^2 = 6 \quad , \quad x^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ $x = \pm\sqrt{6} \quad , \quad x = \pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ $S.S = \left\{ \pm\sqrt{6}, \pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\}$
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(iii)  $5x^4 - 22x^2 + 8 = 0 \longrightarrow (1)$

Let  $y = x^2$

$$y^2 = (x^2)^2$$

$$y^2 = x^4$$

now equation (1) become

$$5y^2 - 22y + 8 = 0$$

$$5y^2 - 20y - 2y + 8 = 0$$

$$5y(y - 4) - 2(y - 4) = 0$$

$$(y - 4)(5y - 2) = 0$$

$$y - 4 = 0 \quad , \quad 5y - 2 = 0$$

$$y = 4 \quad , \quad 5y = 2$$

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

since  $x^2 = y$

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

$$x = \pm 2 \quad x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$S.S = \left\{ \pm 2, \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \right\}$$

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

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

$$8 \cdot 2^{2x} - 9 \cdot 2^x + 1 = 0 \longrightarrow (1)$$

let  $y = 2^x$

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

now equation (1) become

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

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

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

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

$$y - 1 = 0 \quad , \quad 8y - 1 = 0$$

$$y = 1 \quad \quad \quad 8y = 1$$

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

since  $2^x = y$

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

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

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

$$S.S = \{0, -3\}$$

$$(v) \quad 4^{1+x} + 4^{1-x} - 10 = 0$$

$$4 \cdot 4^x + 4 \cdot 4^{-x} - 10 = 0$$

$$4 \cdot 4^x + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4^x} - 10 = 0$$

$$\text{let } y = 4^x$$

$$4y + 4 \frac{1}{y} - 10 = 0$$

$$\frac{4y^2 + 4 - 10y}{y} = 0$$

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

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

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

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

$$y - 2 = 0 \quad , \quad 4y - 2 = 0$$

$$y = 2 \quad \quad \quad 4y = 2$$

$$y = \frac{2}{4}$$

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

$$\text{since } y = 4^x$$

$$4^x = 2 \quad , \quad 4^x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2^{2x} = 2^1 \quad \quad \quad 2^{2x} = 2^{-1}$$

$$2x = 1 \quad \quad \quad 2x = -1$$

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

$$s.s = \left\{ \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

$$(vi) \quad 3^x + 3^{3-x} - 12 = 0$$

$$3^x + 3^3 \cdot 3^{-x} - 12 = 0$$

$$3^x + 27 \cdot \frac{1}{3^x} - 12 = 0$$

$$\text{let } y = 3^x$$

$$y + 27 \cdot \frac{1}{y} - 12 = 0$$

$$\frac{y^2 + 27 - 12y}{y} = 0$$

$$y^2 - 12y + 27 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 9y - 3y + 27 = 0$$

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

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

$$y - 9 = 0 \quad , \quad y - 3 = 0$$

$$y = 9 \quad \quad \quad y = 3$$

$$\text{since } y = 3^x$$

$$3^x = 9 \quad \quad \quad 3^x = 3$$

$$3^x = 3^2 \quad \quad \quad 3^x = 3^1$$

$$x = 2 \quad \quad \quad x = 1$$

$$S.S = \{1, 2\}$$

$$(vii) 5^{1+3x} + 5^{2-3x} - 126 = 0$$

$$5 \cdot 5^{3x} + 5^2 \cdot 5^{-3x} - 126 = 0$$

$$5 \cdot 5^{3x} + 25 \cdot \frac{1}{5^{3x}} - 126 = 0$$

$$\text{let } y = 5^{3x}$$

$$5y + 25 \frac{1}{y} - 126 = 0$$

$$\frac{5y^2 + 25 - 126y}{y} = 0$$

$$5y^2 - 126y + 25 = 0$$

$$5y^2 - 125y - y + 25 = 0$$

$$5y(y - 25) - 1(y - 25) = 0$$

$$(y - 25)(5y - 1) = 0$$

$$y - 25 = 0 \quad , \quad 5y - 1 = 0$$

$$y = 25 \quad \quad \quad 5y = 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{since } y = 5^{3x}$$

$$5^{3x} = 25 \quad , \quad 5^{3x} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$5^{3x} = 5^2 \quad \quad \quad 5^{3x} = 5^{-1}$$

$$3x = 2 \quad \quad \quad 3x = -1$$

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

$$S.S = \left\{ \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right\}$$

$$(viii) \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) - 33 = 0$$

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

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

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

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

$$(y^2 - 2) + 2y - 33 = 0$$

$$y^2 + 2y - 35 = 0$$

$$y^2 + 7y - 5y - 35 = 0$$

$$y(y + 7) - 5(y + 7) = 0$$

$$(y + 7)(y - 5) = 0$$

$$y + 7 = 0 \quad , \quad y - 5 = 0$$

$$y = -7 \quad \quad \quad y = 5$$

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

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = -7 \quad , \quad x + \frac{1}{x} = 5$$

$$\frac{x^2 + 1}{x} = -7$$

$$x^2 + 1 = -7x$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 1 = 0$$

$$a = 1, \quad b = 7, \quad c = 1$$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{(7)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{49-4}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{45}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm 3\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Now

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

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

$$x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25-4}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2}$$

$$S.S = \left\{ \frac{-7 \pm 3\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2} \right\}$$

$$(ix) 2\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 25\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right) - 17 = 0$$

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

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

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

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

$$2(y^2 + 2) - 25y - 17 = 0$$

$$2y^2 + 4 - 25y - 17 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 25y - 13 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 26y + y - 13 = 0$$

$$2y(y - 13) + 1(y - 13) = 0$$

$$(y - 13)(2y + 1) = 0$$

$$y - 13 = 0 \quad , \quad 2y + 1 = 0$$

$$y = 13 \quad \quad y = \frac{-1}{2}$$

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

$$x - \frac{1}{x} = 13$$

$$x^2 - 13x - 1 = 0$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = -13 \quad c = -1$$

$$x = \frac{-(-13) \pm \sqrt{(-13)^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{13 \pm \sqrt{169 + 4}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{13 \pm \sqrt{173}}{2}$$

Now

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

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

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

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

$$2x^2 - 2 = -x$$

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

$$a = 2 \quad b = 1 \quad c = -2$$

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

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+16}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$$

$$S.S = \left\{ \frac{13 \pm \sqrt{173}}{2}, \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4} \right\}$$

$$(x) \quad 2x^4 - 5x^3 - 14x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$$

Divided By  $x^2$

$$2\frac{x^4}{x^2} - 5\frac{x^3}{x^2} - 14\frac{x^2}{x^2} - 5\frac{x}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^2} = \frac{0}{x^2}$$

$$2x^2 - 5x - 14 - 5\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} = 0$$

$$2x^2 + \frac{2}{x^2} - 5x - 5\frac{1}{x} - 14 = 0$$

$$2\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 5\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) - 14 = 0$$

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

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

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

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

$$2(y^2 - 2) - 5y - 14 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 4 - 5y - 14 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 5y - 18 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 9y + 4y - 18 = 0$$

$$y(2y - 9) + 2(2y - 9) = 0$$

$$(2y - 9)(y + 2) = 0$$

$$2y - 9 = 0 \quad , \quad y + 2 = 0$$

$$2y = 9 \quad \quad y = -2$$

$$y = \frac{9}{2}$$

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

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{9}{2}$$

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

$$\frac{x^2+1}{x} = \frac{9}{2}$$

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

$$2x^2 + 2 = 9x$$

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

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

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

$$a = 2 \quad b = -9 \quad c = 2$$

$$x + 1 = 0$$

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

$$x = -1$$

$$x = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 16}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{65}}{4}$$

$$S.S = \left\{ -1, \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{65}}{4} \right\}$$

$$(xi) (x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 4)(x - 5) + 8 = 0$$

$$[(x + 1)(x - 4)][(x + 2)(x - 5)] + 8 = 0$$

$$[x^2 - 4x + x - 4][x^2 - 5x + 2x - 10] + 8 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 3x - 4)(x^2 - 3x - 10) + 8 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = x^2 - 3x$$

$$(y - 4)(y - 10) + 8 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 10y - 4y + 40 + 8 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 14y + 48 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 8y - 6y + 48 = 0$$

$$y(y - 8) - 6(y - 8) = 0$$

$$(y - 8)(y - 6) = 0$$

$$y - 8 = 0 \quad , \quad y - 6 = 0$$

$$y = 8 \quad , \quad y = 6$$

$$\text{since } y = x^2 - 3x$$

$$x^2 - 3x = 8$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 8 = 0$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = -3 \quad c = -8$$

$$x = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(-8)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 32}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$$

Now

$$x^2 - 3x = 6$$

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

$$a = 1 \quad b = -3 \quad c = -6$$

$$x = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(-6)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 24}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{33}}{2}$$

$$S.S = \left\{ \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}, \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{33}}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{(xii)} \quad (x + 3)(x + 4)(x + 5)(x + 6) = -1$$

$$[(x + 3)(x + 6)][(x + 4)(x + 5)] = -1$$

$$[x^2 + 6x + 3x + 18][x^2 + 5x + 4x + 20] = -1$$

$$(x^2 + 9x + 18)(x^2 + 9x + 20) = -1$$

$$\text{Let } y = x^2 + 9x$$

$$(y + 18)(y + 20) = -1$$

$$y^2 + 20y + 18y + 360 = -1$$

$$y^2 + 38y + 360 + 1 = 0$$

$$y^2 + 38y + 361 = 0$$

$$y^2 + 2(y)(19) + (19)^2 = 0$$

$$(y + 19)^2 = 0$$

$$y + 19 = 0$$

$$y = -19$$

$$\text{Since } y = x^2 + 9x$$

$$x^2 + 9x = -19$$

$$x^2 + 9x + 19 = 0$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = 9 \quad c = 19$$

$$x = \frac{-(9) \pm \sqrt{(9)^2 - 4(1)(19)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 76}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$S.S = \left\{ \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \right\}$$

## EXERCISE 5.5

1. A train travels a distance of 240 km at a uniform rate, if it had finished 4 km an hour slower, it would have taken 2 hours more over the journey. Find its rate of travelling.

**Solution**

<p>Distance (D) = 240km</p> <p>Initial speed = x</p> <p>Time = <math>\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{speed}}</math></p> <p><math>T_1 = \frac{240}{x}</math></p> <p>Final speed = x-4</p> <p><math>T_2 = \frac{240}{x-4}</math></p>	<p><math>T_2 - T_1 = 2</math></p> <p><math>\frac{240}{x-4} - \frac{240}{x} = 2</math></p> <p>Divided by 2</p> <p><math>\frac{120}{x-4} - \frac{120}{x} = 1</math></p> <p><math>\frac{120x - 120(x-4)}{x(x-4)} = 1</math></p> <p><math>\frac{120x - 120x + 480}{x^2 - 4x} = 1</math></p>
<p><math>120x - 120x + 480 = x^2 - 4x</math></p> <p><math>x^2 - 4x - 480 = 0</math></p> <p><math>x^2 - 24x + 20x - 480 = 0</math></p> <p><math>x(x - 24) + 20(x - 24) = 0</math></p> <p><math>(x - 24)(x + 20) = 0</math></p> <p><math>x - 24 = 0, x + 20 = 0</math></p> <p><math>x = 24, x = -20</math></p> <p>Speed cannot be negative, so the answer is 24 km/h</p>	

2. Arshia and Ibraheem complete a job together in 4 hours. If Arshia takes 6 hours, then find how much time will Ibraheem take?

**Solution**

$$\text{Combined rate} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\text{job}}{\text{hours}} \right)$$

$$\text{Arshia rate} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Let Ibraheem rate} = \frac{1}{x}$$

*Arshia rate + Ibraheem rate = Combined rate*

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

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

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{6 - 4}{24}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{2}{24}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$x = 12 \text{ hours}$$

3. One pipe fills water in 5 hours, another in 8 hours. Second pipe closed after 2 hours. Find the total time.

**Solution**

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ pipe rate} = \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{\text{tank}}{\text{hour}} \right); \quad 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ pipe rate} = \frac{1}{8}$$

Assuming they start together, and 2<sup>nd</sup> pipe closed after 2 hours

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{8} \right) \times 2 &= \left( \frac{8+5}{40} \right) \times 2 \\ &= \frac{13}{20} \quad (\text{Filling rate}) \end{aligned}$$

**Remaining work:**

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - \frac{13}{20} \\ &= \frac{20-13}{20} \\ &= \frac{7}{20} \end{aligned}$$

**Time for 1<sup>st</sup> pipe to finish rest**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time} &= \frac{\text{work}}{\text{rate}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{7}{20}}{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \frac{7}{20} \times 5 \\ &= \frac{7}{4} \\ &= 1.75 \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

Total time = time for both pipe + time for 1<sup>st</sup> pipe

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \text{ hours} + 1.75 \text{ hours} \\ &= 3.75 \text{ hours} \\ &= 3 \text{ hours } 45 \text{ minutes} \end{aligned}$$

4. Huria can complete a project in 12 hours by working alone. If Abdul Hadi join her and they finish it together in 5 hours, how long would it take Abdul Hadi to do the project alone?

**Solution**

$$\text{Huria works rate} = \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{\text{job}}{\text{hour}} \right)$$

$$\text{Combined work rate} = \frac{1}{5}$$

let Abdul Hadi time rate  $x$ , so

$$\text{Abdul hadi rate} = \frac{1}{x}$$

Huria works rate + Abdul hadi works rate = combined works rate

$$\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{12-5}{60}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{7}{60}$$

$$x = \frac{60}{7}$$

$$x = 8.57 \text{ hours}$$

$$x = 8 \text{ hours } 34 \text{ minutes}$$

5. Two cars start from opposite towns and head towards each other. The distance between them is 240 km. One travels at  $x$  km/h and the other at  $(x + 10)$  km/h. They meet after 2 hours. Find the speed of each car.

**Solution**

$$\text{Total distance} = 240 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{Relative speed} = x + (x + 10)$$

$$= 2x + 10$$

$$\text{Time} = 2 \text{ hours}$$

$$\text{Distance} = \text{Speed} \times \text{Time}$$

$$240 = (2x + 10) \times 2$$

divided by 2

$$120 = 2x + 10$$

$$120 - 10 = 2x$$

$$2x = 110$$

$$x = 55$$

speed of car A = 55 km/h

speed of car B = 55 + 10

$$= 65 \text{ km/h}$$

6. Rashid can paint a house in 6 days, but if he gets a helper he can do it in 4 days. How long would it take the helper to paint the house alone?

**Solution**

$$\text{Rashid rate} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{combined rate} = \frac{1}{4}$$

let the helper time  $x$ , so

$$\text{helper time rate} = \frac{1}{x}$$

Rashid rate + helper rate = combined rate

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

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

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{6 - 4}{24}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{2}{24}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$x = 12 \text{ days}$$

7. Ishmal runs 10 km in  $\frac{2x}{x+4}$  hours. If her average speed is 8 km/h, find the value of  $x$ .

**Solution**

distance (D) = 10km

time (T) =  $\frac{2x}{x+4}$

speed = 8 km/h

distance = speed  $\times$  time

$10 = 8 \times \frac{2x}{x+4}$

$10(x+4) = 16x$

$10x + 40 = 16x$

$40 = 16x - 10x$

$40 = 6x$

$\frac{40}{6} = x$

$x = 6.67$

8. Fahad runs 600 m at a certain pace, and then doubling his pace, does another 600 m. If he took  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to cover the distance 1200 m, find the pace he started at, in metres per seconds.

**Solution**

**first part :-**

distance = 600m

speed =  $x$

time ( $t_1$ ) =  $\frac{600}{x}$

**second part:-**

distance = 600m

speed =  $2x$

time( $t_2$ ) =  $\frac{600}{2x} = \frac{300}{x}$

total time = 2.5 minutes = 150 second

$t_1 + t_2 = \text{total time}$

$\frac{600}{x} + \frac{300}{x} = 150$

$\frac{600+300}{x} = 150$

$900 = 150x$

$x = 6m/s$

9. A cyclist travels 30 km at a certain speed. If the speed had been 5 km/h faster, the journey would have taken 1 hour less. Find the speed.

**Solution**

$$\text{distance} = 30\text{km}$$

$$\text{original speed} = x$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{30}{x}$$

$$\text{new speed} = x+5$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{30}{x+5}$$

$$\frac{30}{x} - \frac{30}{x+5} = 1$$

$$\frac{30(x+5) - 30x}{x(x+5)} = 1$$

$$30x + 150 - 30x = x^2 + 5x$$

$$x^2 + 5x - 150 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 15x - 10x - 150 = 0$$

$$x(x + 15) - 10(x + 15) = 0$$

$$(x + 15)(x - 10) = 0$$

$$x + 15 = 0 \quad , \quad x - 10 = 0$$

$$x = -15 \text{ (reject)} \quad x = 10\text{km/h}$$

# REVIEW EXERCISE 5

1. Four possible answers are given for the following questions. Choose the correct answer:

- (i) The expression  $\frac{2x-1}{x^2+4}$  is:  
 (a) a polynomial  (b)  an algebraic fraction  
 (c) a numerical fraction  (d) an equation
- (ii) Lowest form of  $\frac{18a^2bc^2}{12ac}$  is:  
 (a)  $\frac{9abc}{6}$   (b)   $\frac{3abc}{2}$  (c)  $\frac{18b}{12}$  (d)  $\frac{3}{2}$
- (iii) Lowest form of  $\frac{15xyz}{10}$  is:  
 (a)  $\frac{3xyz}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (c)  $xyz$  (d)  $\frac{xyz}{2}$
- (iv) Simplified form of  $\frac{3x+1}{5} + \frac{2x+3}{5}$  is:  
 (a)  $\frac{5x+4}{10}$   (b)  $\frac{5x+4}{5}$  (c)  $\frac{5x+4}{25}$  (d)  $5x+4$
- (v) Simplified form of  $\left(\frac{x^2-y^2}{x+y}\right)(x-y)$  is:  
 (a)  $(x+y)^2$  (b)  $x^2+y^2$  (c)  $x-y$   (d)  $(x-y)^2$
- (vi)  $(x^3-y^3) \div (x-y)$  in simplified form is:  
 (a)  $x^2-xy+y^2$   (b)  $x^2+xy+y^2$  (c)  $x^2-y^2$  (d)  $x^2+y^2$
- (vii) An equation of the form  $\frac{5}{x} + \frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{1}{6x}$  is called:  
 (a) radical equation  (b) reciprocal equation  
 (c) fractional equation  (d) exponential equation
- (viii) An equation of the form  $5^x + 64 \cdot 5^{-x} - 20 = 0$  is called:  
 (a) radical equation  (b) exponential equation  
 (c) reciprocal equation  (d) fractional equation
- (ix) Roots of  $y^2 - 24y + 128 = 0$  are:  
 (a) 8, -16  (b) 8, 16 (c) -8, 16 (d) -8, -16
- (x) Linear factors of  $3x^2 + 10x + 3 = 0$  are:  
 (a)  $(x+3), (3x+1)$  (b)  $(x+3), (3x-1)$   
 (c)  $(x-3), (3x+1)$  (d)  $(x-3), (3x-1)$

2. Reduce the following to the lowest form:

$$(i) \quad \frac{x^2 - 7x + 12}{x^2 - 6x + 9}$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{x^2 + 3x - 18}{7x - 21}$$

**Solution**

$$(i) \quad \frac{x^2 - 7x + 12}{x^2 - 6x + 9}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 4x - 3x + 12}{x^2 - 3x - 3x + 9}$$

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

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

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

$$(ii) \quad \frac{x^2 + 3x - 18}{7x - 21}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + 6x - 3x - 18}{7(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{x(x+6) - 3(x+6)}{7(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{(x+6)(x-3)}{7(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{x+6}{7}$$

3. Simplify:

$$(i) \quad \frac{5}{x^2 + x - 6} - \frac{1}{2x^2 - 7x + 6}$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{x^3 - 27}{x^2 - 9} \div \frac{x^2 + 3x + 9}{x^2 + 6x + 9}$$

$$(iii) \quad \frac{a^2 - (b-c)^2}{(a+b)^2 - c^2} \times \frac{a^2 - (b+c)^2}{(a-b)^2 - c^2}$$

**Solution**

$$(i) \quad \frac{5}{x^2 + x - 6} - \frac{1}{2x^2 - 7x + 6}$$

$$= \frac{5}{x^2 + 3x - 2x - 6} - \frac{1}{2x^2 - 4x - 3x + 6}$$

$$= \frac{5}{x(x+3) - 2(x+3)} - \frac{1}{2x(x-2) - 3(x-2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{5}{(x+3)(x-2)} - \frac{1}{(x-2)(2x-3)} \\
 &= \frac{5(2x-3) - (x+3)}{(x+3)(x-2)(2x-3)} \\
 &= \frac{10x-15-x-3}{(x+3)(x-2)(2x-3)} \\
 &= \frac{9x-18}{(x+3)(x-2)(2x-3)} \\
 &= \frac{9(x-2)}{(x+3)(x-2)(2x-3)} \\
 &= \frac{9}{(x+3)(2x-3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

<p><b>(ii)</b> <math>\frac{x^3-27}{x^2-9} \div \frac{x^2+3x+9}{x^2+6x+9}</math></p> $  \begin{aligned}  &= \frac{(x-3)(x^2+3x+9)}{(x-3)(x+3)} \div \frac{x^2+3x+9}{x^2+3x+3x+9} \\  &= \frac{(x^2+3x+9)}{(x+3)} \div \frac{x^2+3x+9}{x(x+3)+3(x+3)} \\  &= \frac{(x^2+3x+9)}{(x+3)} \div \frac{x^2+3x+9}{(x+3)(x+3)} \\  &= \frac{x^2+3x+9}{(x+3)} \times \frac{(x+3)(x+3)}{x^2+3x+9} \\  &= x + 3  \end{aligned}  $	<p><b>(iii)</b> <math>\frac{a^2-(b-c)^2}{(a+b)^2-c^2} \times \frac{a^2-(b+c)^2}{(a-b)^2-c^2}</math></p> $  \begin{aligned}  &= \frac{[a-(b-c)][a+b-c]}{(a+b-c)(a+b+c)} \times \frac{[a-(b+c)][a+b+c]}{(a-b-c)(a-b+c)} \\  &= \frac{(a-b+c)(a+b-c)}{(a+b-c)(a+b+c)} \times \frac{(a-b-c)(a+b+c)}{(a-b-c)(a-b+c)} \\  &= 1  \end{aligned}  $
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4. Solve the following equations:

(i)  $x^4 - 16x^2 + 63 = 0$

(ii)  $4x^4 - 16x^2 + 15 = 0$

(iii)  $3^{2x} - 12 \cdot 3^x + 27 = 0$

(iv)  $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 3\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) - 2 = 0$

(v)  $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 4$

(vi)  $(x + 9)(x - 3)(x - 7)(x + 5) = 385$

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

**Solution**

<p><b>(i) <math>x^4 - 16x^2 + 63 = 0</math></b></p> <p>Let <math>y = x^2</math></p> $y^2 = x^4$ $y^2 - 16y + 63 = 0$ $y^2 - 9y - 7y + 63 = 0$ $y(y - 9) - 7(y - 9) = 0$ $(y - 9)(y - 7) = 0$ <p><math>y - 9 = 0</math> , <math>y - 7 = 0</math></p> <p><math>y = 9</math>      <math>y = 7</math></p> <p>Since <math>y = x^2</math></p> $x^2 = 9$ , $x^2 = 7$ $x = \pm 3$ $x = \pm\sqrt{7}$ <p><math>S.S = \{\pm 3, \pm\sqrt{7}\}</math></p>	<p><b>(ii) <math>4x^4 - 16x^2 + 15 = 0</math></b></p> <p>let <math>y = x^2</math>, <math>y^2 = x^4</math></p> $4y^2 - 16y + 15 = 0$ $4y^2 - 10y - 6y + 15 = 0$ $2y(2y - 5) - 3(2y - 5) = 0$ $(2y - 5)(2y - 3) = 0$ $2y - 5 = 0$ , $2y - 3 = 0$ $y = \frac{5}{2}$ , $y = \frac{3}{2}$ $x^2 = \frac{5}{2}$ , $x^2 = \frac{3}{2}$ $x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$ , $x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$ $x = \pm\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$ , $x = \pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$ $x = \pm\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$ , $x = \pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ <p><math>S.S = \left\{\pm\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}, \pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right\}</math></p>
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$$(iii) \quad 3^{2x} - 12 \cdot 3^x + 27 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = 3^x, \quad y^2 = 3^{2x}$$

$$y^2 - 12y + 27 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 9y - 3y + 27 = 0$$

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

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

$$y - 9 = 0, \quad y - 3 = 0$$

$$y = 9 \quad y = 3$$

$$3^x = 9 \quad 3^x = 3$$

$$x = 2 \quad x = 1$$

$$(iv) \quad \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 3\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) - 2 = 0$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$y = 4, \quad y = -1$$

$$y = 4$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$y = -1$$

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

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

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

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

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

$$S.S = \left\{ 2 \pm \sqrt{3}, \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right\}$$

$$(v) \quad \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 4$$

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

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

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

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

$$y^2 + 3y - 2y - 6 = 0$$

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

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

$$y + 3 = 0, \quad y - 2 = 0$$

$$y = -3 \quad y = 2$$

$$y = -3$$

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

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

$$x = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9-4}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$y = 2$$

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

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

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

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-4}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{0}}{2} = \frac{2}{2}$$

$$x = 1$$

$$S.S = \left\{ 1, \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \right\}$$

$$(vi) (x + 9)(x - 3)(x - 7)(x + 5) = 385$$

$$[(x + 9)(x - 7)][(x - 3)(x + 5)] = 385$$

$$[x^2 - 7x + 9x - 63][x^2 + 5x - 3x - 15] = 385$$

$$(x^2 + 2x - 63)(x^2 + 2x - 15) = 385$$

$$\text{let } y = x^2 + 2x$$

$$(y - 63)(y - 15) = 385$$

$$y^2 - 15y - 63y + 945 = 385$$

$$y^2 - 78y + 945 - 385 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 78y + 560 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 70y - 8y + 560 = 0$$

$$y(y - 70) - 8(y - 70) = 0$$

$$(y - 70)(y - 8) = 0$$

$$y - 70 = 0, \quad y - 8 = 0$$

$$y = 70 \quad y = 8$$

$$y = 70$$

$$x^2 + 2x = 70$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 70 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 4(1)(-70)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 280}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{284}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 \times 71}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{71}}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm \sqrt{71}$$

$$y = 8$$

$$x^2 + 2x = 8$$

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

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

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

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

$$x + 4 = 0, \quad x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = -4, \quad x = 2$$

$$S.S = \{-4, 2, -1 \pm \sqrt{71}\}$$

$$\text{(vii) } (x - 1)(x - 2)(x + 5)(x - 8) = -360$$

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

$$(x^2 - 2x - x + 2)(x^2 - 8x + 5x - 40) = -360$$

$$(x^2 - 3x + 2)(x^2 - 3x - 40) = -360$$

$$\text{let } y = x^2 - 3x$$

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

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

$$y^2 - 38y - 80 + 360 = 0$$

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

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

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

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

$$y - 28 = 0 \quad , \quad y - 10 = 0$$

$$y = 28 \quad \quad \quad y = 10$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$x - 7 = 0 \quad , \quad x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = 7 \quad \quad \quad x = -4$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$x - 5 = 0 \quad , \quad x + 2 = 0$$

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

$$S.S = \{-2, -4, 5, 7\}$$

5. Ahmad takes 2 hours to paint 50 glasses. Faiza takes 2 hours to paint 45 glasses. Working together, how long should it take them to paint 150 glasses?

**Solution**

Ahamd works 2 hours = 50 glasses

Faiza works in 2 hours = 45 glasses

Total glasses to be paint = 150

Time taken working together =?

Combined rate = ahamd rate + faiza rate

$$= \frac{\text{work}}{\text{time}} + \frac{\text{work}}{\text{time}}$$

$$= \frac{50}{2} + \frac{45}{2}$$

$$= 25 + 22.5$$

Combined rate = 47.5 glasses

$$\text{Time taken together working} = \frac{\text{total work}}{\text{combined rate}}$$

$$= \frac{150}{47.5}$$

$$= 3.16 \text{ hours}$$

6. A tap can fill a tank in 6 hours. Another tap can fill it in 9 hours. If both taps are opened together, how long will it take to fill the empty tank?

**Solution**

Time for tap A to fill the tank = 6 hours

Time for tap B to fill the tank = 9 hours

Total time whrn both are open = ?

Work done by Tap A in 1h =  $\frac{1}{6}$

Work done by Tap B in 1h =  $\frac{1}{9}$

Total work per hour =  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{9}$

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{3}{18} + \frac{2}{18}$$

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{5}{18}$$

$$T = \frac{18}{5} = 3.6 \text{ hours}$$

7. Maham bought a certain number of toys for Rs. 300. If each toy had cost Rs. 5 less, she could have bought two more for the same amount. How many toys did she buy?

**Solution**

Let  $x$  be the number of toys maham originally bought

The original price per toy =  $\frac{300}{x}$

If the price were Rs.5 less,

The new price =  $\frac{300}{x} - 5$

At this lower price, she could buy  $x+2$  toys for same Rs.300

$$(x + 2) \left( \frac{300}{x} - 5 \right) = 300$$

$$\frac{300x}{x} - 5x + \frac{600}{x} - 10 = 300$$

$$300 - 5x + \frac{600}{x} - 10 - 300 = 0$$

$$-5x^2 + 600 - 10x = 0$$

$$-5(x^2 - 120 + 2x) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 120 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 12x - 10x - 120 = 0$$

$$x(x + 12) - 10(x + 12) = 0$$

$$(x + 12)(x - 10) = 0$$

$$x + 12 = 0 \quad , \quad x - 10 = 0$$

$$x = -12 \quad \quad x = 10$$

$$(x = -12 \text{ reject})$$