

EXERCISE 1.4

Solve the following equations:

Q.1 $2x + 5 = \sqrt{7x + 16}$

Solution: $2x + 5 = \sqrt{7x + 16}$ (i)

Squaring both sides

$$(2x + 5)^2 = (\sqrt{7x + 16})^2$$

$$(2x)^2 + (5)^2 + 2(2x)(5) = 7x + 16$$

$$4x^2 + 25 + 20x = 7x + 16$$

$$4x^2 + 20x - 7x + 25 - 16 = 0$$

$$4x^2 + 13x + 9 = 0$$

$$4x^2 + 4x + 9x + 9 = 0$$

$$4x(x+1) + 9(x+1) = 0$$

$$(x+1)(4x+9) = 0$$

$$x+1=0 \quad \text{or} \quad 4x+9=0$$

$$x=-1 \quad \text{or} \quad 4x=-9$$

$$x=-1 \quad \text{or} \quad x=\frac{-9}{4}$$

Checking

Putting $x = -1$ in the equation (i) we have

$$2x + 5 = \sqrt{7x + 16}$$

$$2(-1) + 5 = \sqrt{7(-1) + 16}$$

$$-2 + 5 = \sqrt{-7 + 16}$$

$$3 = \sqrt{9}$$

$$3 = 3 \quad \text{which is true}$$

Putting $x = \frac{-9}{4}$ in the Equation (i) we have

$$2x + 5 = \sqrt{7x + 16}$$

$$2\left(\frac{-9}{4}\right) + 5 = \sqrt{7\left(\frac{-9}{4}\right) + 16}$$

$$\frac{-18}{4} + 5 = \sqrt{\frac{-63}{4} + 16}$$

$$\frac{-18 + 20}{4} = \sqrt{\frac{-63 + 64}{4}}$$

$$\frac{2}{4} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{which is true}$$

So, the solution set is $\left\{-1, \frac{-9}{4}\right\}$

Q.2 $\sqrt{x+3} = 3x - 1$

Solution: $\sqrt{x+3} = 3x - 1$ (i)

Squaring both sides

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

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

$$x+3 = 9x^2 + 1 - 6x$$

$$9x^2 - 6x - x + 1 - 3 = 0$$

$$9x^2 - 7x - 2 = 0$$

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

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

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

$$x-1=0 \quad \text{or} \quad 9x+2=0$$

$$x=1 \quad \text{or} \quad 9x=-2$$

$$\text{or} \quad x = \frac{-2}{9}$$

Checking:

Putting $x = 1$ in the equation (i) we have

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

$$\sqrt{1+3} = 3(1) - 1$$

$$\sqrt{4} = 3 - 1$$

$2 = 2$ which is true

Putting $x = \frac{-2}{9}$ in the equation (i) we have

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

$$\sqrt{\frac{-2}{9} + 3} = 3\left(\frac{-2}{9}\right) - 1$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-2+27}{9}} = \frac{-6}{9} - 1$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{25}{9}} = \frac{-6-9}{9}$$

$$\frac{5}{3} = \frac{-15}{9}$$

$$\frac{5}{3} = \frac{-5}{3} \quad \text{which is not true}$$

As $\frac{-2}{9}$ is an extraneous root

So, the solution set is {1}

$$Q.5 \quad \sqrt{x+5} + \sqrt{x+21} = \sqrt{x+60}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \sqrt{x+5} + \sqrt{x+21} = \sqrt{x+60} \quad \dots(i)$$

Squaring on both sides

$$(\sqrt{x+5} + \sqrt{x+21})^2 = (\sqrt{x+60})^2$$

$$(\sqrt{x+5})^2 + (\sqrt{x+21})^2 + 2(\sqrt{x+5})(\sqrt{x+21}) = x+60$$

$$x+5+x+21+2(\sqrt{x+5})(\sqrt{x+21}) = x+60$$

$$2x+26+2\sqrt{x^2+26x+105} = x+60$$

$$2\sqrt{x^2+26x+105} = x+60 - 2x - 26$$

$$2\sqrt{x^2+26x+105} = -x+34$$

$$2\sqrt{x^2+26x+105} = 34-x$$

Again squaring both sides

$$(2\sqrt{x^2+26x+105})^2 = (34-x)^2$$

$$4(x^2+26x+105) = (34)^2 + x^2 - 2(34)(x)$$

$$4x^2+104x+420 = 1156 + x^2 - 68x$$

$$4x^2+104x+420-1156-x^2+68x=0$$

$$3x^2+172x-736=0$$

$$a=3, b=172, c=-736$$

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

$$x = \frac{-172 \pm \sqrt{(172)^2 - 4(3)(-736)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{-172 \pm \sqrt{29584+8832}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{-172 \pm \sqrt{38416}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{-172 \pm 196}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{-172-196}{6} \text{ or } x = \frac{-172+196}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{-368}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{24}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{-184}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 4$$

Checking:

Putting $x = 4$ in equation (i)

$$\sqrt{x+5} + \sqrt{x+21} = \sqrt{x+60}$$

$$\sqrt{4+5} + \sqrt{4+21} = \sqrt{4+60}$$

$$\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{25} = \sqrt{64}$$

$$3+5=8$$

$8=8$ which is true

$$\text{Putting } x = \frac{-184}{3}$$

$$\sqrt{x+5} + \sqrt{x+21} = \sqrt{x+60}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-184}{3}+5} + \sqrt{\frac{-184}{3}+21} = \sqrt{\frac{-184}{3}+60}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-184+15}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{-184+63}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{-184+180}{3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-169}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{-121}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{-4}{3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-1 \times 169}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{-1 \times 121}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{-1 \times 4}{3}}$$

$$\frac{13i}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{11i}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2i}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \therefore i = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$\frac{13i+11i}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2i}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{24i}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2i}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{Which is not true}$$

As $x = \frac{-184}{3}$ is extraneous root

so solution set is $\{4\}$

$$Q.6 \quad \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x-2} = \sqrt{x+6}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x-2} = \sqrt{x+6} \dots(i)$$

Squaring both sides

$$(\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x-2})^2 = (\sqrt{x+6})^2$$

$$(\sqrt{x+1})^2 + (\sqrt{x-2})^2 + 2(\sqrt{x+1})(\sqrt{x-2}) = x+6$$

$$x+1+x-2+2\sqrt{(x+1)(x-2)} = x+6$$

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

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

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

Again squaring both sides

$$\left(2\sqrt{x^2 - x - 2}\right)^2 = (7 - x)^2$$

$$4(x^2 - x - 2) = (7)^2 + (x)^2 - 2(7)(x)$$

$$4x^2 - 4x - 8 = 49 + x^2 - 14x$$

$$4x^2 - x^2 - 4x + 14x - 8 - 49 = 0$$

$$3x^2 + 10x - 57 = 0$$

$$3x^2 + 19x - 9x - 57 = 0$$

$$(3x + 19)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$3x + 19 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 3 = 0$$

$$3x = -19 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{-19}{3}$$

Checking

Putting $x = 3$ in the equation (i)

$$\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x-2} = \sqrt{x+6}$$

$$\sqrt{3+1} + \sqrt{3-2} = \sqrt{3+6}$$

$$\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{1} = \sqrt{9}$$

$$2+1=3$$

$3=3$ which is true

Putting $x = \frac{-19}{3}$ in the equation (i)

$$\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x-2} = \sqrt{x+6}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-19}{3}+1} + \sqrt{\frac{-19}{3}-2} = \sqrt{\frac{-19}{3}+6}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-19+3}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{-19-6}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{-19+18}{3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-1\times 16}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{-1\times 25}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{-1\times 1}{3}}$$

$$\frac{4i}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{5i}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1i}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \because i = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$\frac{4i+5i}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1i}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{9i}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1i}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{which is not true}$$

As $x = \frac{-19}{3}$ is an extraneous root

So the solution set is $\{3\}$

$$\text{Q.7} \quad \sqrt{11-x} + \sqrt{6-x} = \sqrt{27-x}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \sqrt{11-x} + \sqrt{6-x} = \sqrt{27-x} \dots\dots (i)$$

Squaring both sides

$$\left(\sqrt{11-x} + \sqrt{6-x}\right)^2 = \left(\sqrt{27-x}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\sqrt{11-x}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{6-x}\right)^2 + 2\left(\sqrt{11-x}\right)\left(\sqrt{6-x}\right) = 27-x$$

$$11-x+6-x+2\sqrt{(11-x)(6-x)} = 27-x$$

$$17-2x+2\sqrt{66-11x-6x+x^2} = 27-x$$

$$2\sqrt{66-17x+x^2} = 27-x-17+2x$$

$$2\sqrt{66-17x+x^2} = 10+x$$

Again squaring both sides

$$\left(2\sqrt{66-17x+x^2}\right)^2 = (10+x)^2$$

$$4(66-17x+x^2) = (10)^2 + (x)^2 + 2(10)(x)$$

$$264 - 68x + 4x^2 = 100 + x^2 + 20x$$

$$4x^2 - x^2 - 68x - 20x + 264 - 100 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 88x + 164 = 0$$

By applying quadratic formula

$$a = 3, \quad b = -88, \quad c = 164$$

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

$$x = \frac{-(-88) \pm \sqrt{(-88)^2 - 4(3)(164)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{88 \pm \sqrt{7744 - 1968}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{88 \pm \sqrt{5776}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{88-76}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{88+76}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{164}{6}$$

$$x = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{82}{3}$$

Checking

Putting $x = 2$ in the equation (i)

$$\sqrt{11-x} + \sqrt{6-x} = \sqrt{27-x}$$

$$\sqrt{11-2} + \sqrt{6-2} = \sqrt{27-2}$$

$$\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{4} = \sqrt{25}$$

$$3+2=5$$

$$5=5 \quad \text{which is true}$$

Putting $x = \frac{82}{3}$ in the equation (i)

$$\sqrt{11-x} + \sqrt{6-x} = \sqrt{27-x}$$

$$\sqrt{11-\frac{82}{3}} + \sqrt{6-\frac{82}{3}} = \sqrt{27-\frac{82}{3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{33-82}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{18-82}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{81-82}{3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-1 \times 49}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{-1 \times 64}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{-1 \times 1}{3}}$$

$$\frac{7i}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{8i}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \because i = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$\frac{7i+8i}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{15i}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{which is not true}$$

As $\frac{82}{3}$ is an extraneous root

So, the solution set is $\{2\}$

Q.8 $\sqrt{4a+x} - \sqrt{a-x} = \sqrt{a}$

Solution: $\sqrt{4a+x} - \sqrt{a-x} = \sqrt{a} \dots\dots\dots(i)$

Squaring both sides

$$(\sqrt{4a+x} - \sqrt{a-x})^2 = (\sqrt{a})^2$$

$$(\sqrt{4a+x})^2 + (\sqrt{a-x})^2 - 2(\sqrt{4a+x})(\sqrt{a-x}) = a$$

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

$$5a - 2\sqrt{4a^2 - 4ax + ax - x^2} = a$$

$$-2\sqrt{4a^2 - 3ax - x^2} = a - 5a$$

$$-2\sqrt{4a^2 - 3ax - x^2} = -4a$$

$$\sqrt{4a^2 - 3ax - x^2} = \frac{-4^2 a}{-2}$$

$$\sqrt{4a^2 - 3ax - x^2} = 2a$$

Again squaring both sides

$$(\sqrt{4a^2 - 3ax - x^2})^2 = (2a)^2$$

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

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

$$4a^2 - 4a^2 = 3ax + x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3ax + x^2 = 0$$

$$x(3a + x) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 3a + x = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -3a$$

Checking:

Putting $x = 0$ in the equation (i)

$$\sqrt{4a+x} - \sqrt{a-x} = \sqrt{a}$$

$$\sqrt{4a+0} - \sqrt{a-0} = \sqrt{a}$$

$$\sqrt{4a} - \sqrt{a} = \sqrt{a}$$

$$2\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{a} = \sqrt{a}$$

$$\sqrt{a} = \sqrt{a} \quad \text{which is true}$$

Putting $x = -3a$ in the equation (i)

$$\sqrt{4a+x} - \sqrt{a-x} = \sqrt{a}$$

$$\sqrt{4a-3a} - \sqrt{a+3a} = \sqrt{a}$$

$$\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{4a} = \sqrt{a}$$

$$\sqrt{a} - 2\sqrt{a} = \sqrt{a}$$

$$-\sqrt{a} = \sqrt{a} \quad \text{which is not true}$$

As $-3a$ is extraneous root

So, the solution set is $\{0\}$

