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Question 1: (5 points): (Textbook 1.1 exercise 19): Solve $\frac{1}{14}(3x - 2) = \frac{x + 10}{10}$

Solution: $\frac{1}{2(7)}(3x - 2) = \frac{x + 10}{2(5)} \Rightarrow LCD = 2(7)(5)$

Multiply both sides of the equation by $LCD = 2(7)(5)$:

$$2(7)(5) \frac{1}{2(7)}(3x - 2) = 2(7)(5) \frac{x + 10}{2(5)}$$

$$(5)(3x - 2) = (7)(x + 10)$$

$$15x - 10 = 7x + 70$$

$$8x = 80$$

$$x = 10$$

Solution set: {10}

Question 2: (5 points): (1.2 Exercise 12, page 4): The length of a rectangular label is 2.5 cm less than twice the width. The perimeter is 40.6 cm. Find the width.

Solution:

12. Let w = the width of the rectangle.

Then $2w - 2.5$ = the length of the rectangle.

Use the formula for the perimeter of a rectangle.

$$P = 2l + 2w$$

$$40.6 = 2(2w - 2.5) + 2w$$

$$40.6 = 4w - 5 + 2w$$

$$40.6 = 6w - 5 \Rightarrow 45.6 = 6w \Rightarrow 7.6 = w$$

The width is 7.6 cm.

Q 3: (5 points) (1.4 Exercise 47):

Solve the equation by **completing** the square. $-4x^2 + 8x = 7$

Solution:

$$47. \quad -4x^2 + 8x = 7$$

$$x^2 - 2x = -\frac{7}{4}$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = -\frac{7}{4} + 1 \quad \text{Note:} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot (-2)\right]^2 = (-1)^2 = 1$$

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

$$x - 1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-3}{4}} = \pm \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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

Solution set: $\left\{1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right\}$

Question 4: (5 points): (1.6 Example 9): Solve $12x^4 - 11x^2 + 2 = 0$.

Solution: $12x^4 - 11x^2 + 2 = 0$

$$\frac{3x^2 - 2}{4x^2 - 1} \Rightarrow (3x^2 - 2)(4x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} = \pm\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

$$4x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \pm\frac{1}{2}$$

$$SS = \left\{ \pm\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}, \pm\frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

Another Method:

EXAMPLE 9 Solving an Equation Quadratic in Form

Solve $12x^4 - 11x^2 + 2 = 0$.

SOLUTION $12x^4 - 11x^2 + 2 = 0$

$$12(x^2)^2 - 11x^2 + 2 = 0$$

$$12u^2 - 11u + 2 = 0$$

$$(3u - 2)(4u - 1) = 0$$

$$3u - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } 4u - 1 = 0$$

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

$$\text{or } u = \frac{1}{4}$$

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

$$\text{or } x^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

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

$$\text{or } x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}$$

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

$$\text{or } x = \pm\frac{1}{2}$$

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

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

Let $u = x^2$. Then $u^2 = x^4$.

Solve the quadratic equation.

Zero-factor property

Solve each equation.

Replace u with x^2 .

Square root property
(Section 1.4)

Simplify radicals.
(Section R.7)

Check that the solution set is $\left\{ \pm\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}, \pm\frac{1}{2} \right\}$.