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Week 3 written  
SOLUTIONS

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① We solve  $\sqrt{7x} + x = 0$ 

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{7x} = -x$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x = (-x)^2 = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 7x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x-7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \{0, 7\}$$

$$\text{Check: } \sqrt{0} + 0 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sqrt{49} + 7 = 14 \neq 0 \quad \times$$

$x=7$  is extraneous

$$\text{Sol'n is } \boxed{x=0}$$

② Spt 5  $2(x-5)^2 - 13(x-5) - 7 = 0$  is quadratic in  $w = x-5$ 

$$\Rightarrow 2w^2 - 13w - 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2w+1)(w-7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow w = -\frac{1}{2} = x-5 \Rightarrow x = 5 - \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{9}{2} = x} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\text{or } w = 7 = x-5 \Rightarrow x = 5+7 = \boxed{12 = x}$$

or write:  $\boxed{x \in \left\{ \frac{9}{2}, 12 \right\}}$  is stylin!

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#s 3-6 we find all real solutions of the equation.

$$\textcircled{3} \textcircled{5 \text{ pts}} \quad x^5 - 18x^4 + 6x^3 = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$x^3(x^2 - 18x + 6) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x=0 \text{ OR } x^2 - 18x + 6 = 0 \rightarrow a=1, b=-18, c=6$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 18^2 - 4(1)(6)$$

$$= 324 - 24 = 300$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 300} \\ \underline{2} \phantom{0} \\ 2 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{2} \phantom{0} \\ 0 \phantom{0} \\ 3 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{3} \phantom{0} \\ 0 \phantom{0} \\ 5 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{5} \\ 0 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \sqrt{300} = 2.5\sqrt{3}$$

$$= 10\sqrt{3}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{18 \pm 10\sqrt{3}}{2} = 9 \pm 5\sqrt{3} = x$$

$$\text{FINAL ANS: } x \in \left\{ 0, 9 \pm 5\sqrt{3} \right\}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \textcircled{5 \text{ pts}} \quad 2x^3 + 7x^2 - 8x - 28 = 0 \rightarrow$$

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

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

$$= (2x+7)(x-2)(x+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left\{ -\frac{7}{2}, \pm 2 \right\}$$



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7 spots we solve  $\frac{x+6}{x^2+6} \geq \frac{2}{x+2}$

By #5, we know they're equal @  $x=0, 8$

But there's a lot more to it than that. we also have a sign change on the right-hand side @  $x=-2$ .

This is how to beat these. Use  $x=0, 8$  as a check, but the idea is to get everything on one side & then analyze a SIGN PATTERN.

$\frac{x+6}{x^2+6} - \frac{2}{x+2} \geq 0$       LCD =  $(x+2)(x^2+6)$ , as in #5.  
But here, we ADD FRACTIONS

$\left(\frac{x+6}{x^2+6}\right)\left(\frac{x+2}{x+2}\right) - \left(\frac{2}{x+2}\right)\left(\frac{x^2+6}{x^2+6}\right)$   
 $= \frac{x^2+8x+12-2x^2-12}{(x+2)(x^2+6)} = \frac{-x^2+8x}{(x+2)(x^2+6)}$

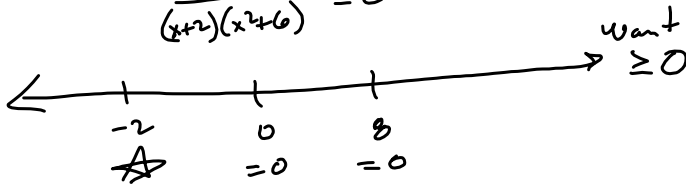
$= \frac{-x(x-8)}{(x+2)(x^2+6)} = 0$  when  $x=0, 8$  ✓

Also, =  $\star$  (Blow-up!) when  $x=-2$

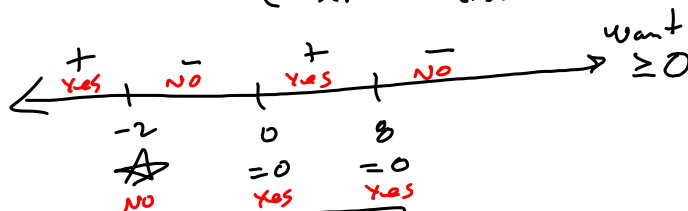
$x=-2, 0, 8$  break up the # line into 3 intervals

We want  $\frac{x+6}{x^2+6} - \frac{2}{x+2} \geq 0$  so we want

$\frac{-x(x-8)}{(x+2)(x^2+6)} \geq 0$



Interval	Test	Result
$(-\infty, -2)$	-3	$\frac{-(-3)(-3-8)}{(-3+2)((-3)^2+6)} = \frac{(+)(-)}{(-)(+)} = + > 0$
$(-2, 0)$	-1	$\frac{-(-1)(-1-8)}{(-1+2)((-1)^2+6)} = \frac{(+)(-)}{(+)(+)} = - < 0$
$(0, 8)$	1	$\frac{-(1)(1-8)}{(1+2)(1^2+6)} = \frac{(-)(-)}{(+)(+)} = + > 0$
$(8, \infty)$	9	$\frac{-(9)(9-8)}{(9+2)(9^2+6)} = \frac{(-)(+)}{(+)(+)} = - < 0$



$x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup [0, 8]$

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ⓑ we solve the absolute-value inequalities.

ⓐ Spts  $|2x-3| > 7 \rightarrow$  → KEY

$2x-3 > 7$  OR  $2x-3 < -7$

$2x > 10$                        $2x < -4$

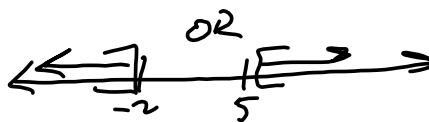
$x > 5$  OR  $x < -2$

Solution-Set Answer

$(-\infty, -2) \cup (5, \infty)$

OR WRITE

$\{x \mid x > 5 \text{ OR } x < -2\}$



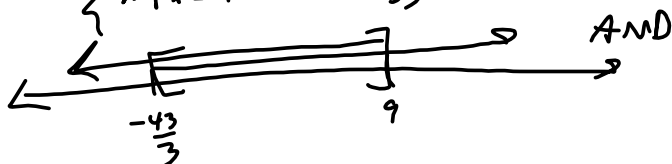
ⓑ Spts  $|3x+8| \leq 35 \rightarrow$

$3x+8 \leq 35$  AND  $3x+8 \geq -35$

$3x \leq 27$                        $3x \geq -43$

$x \leq 9$  AND  $x \geq -\frac{43}{3}$

$\{x \mid x \leq 9 \text{ AND } x \geq -\frac{43}{3}\}$



$[-\frac{43}{3}, 9]$

ⓒ Spts  $|2x-3| > -7$

$x = \text{any real \#}$  (ALWAYS)

ⓓ Spts  $|3x+8| \leq -35$

No Sol'n (NEVER!)