



**Chapter - 5**

**ALGEBRA**

**CHASE**  
**ACADEMY**

## Foundation

### Solutions

1. (a);  $5 * 4 = (5 + 3)^2 (4 - 1) = (8^2) (3)$   
 $= 64 \times 3 = 192$

2. (a);  $a \times b = a^b$   
 $\therefore 5 \times 3 = 5^3 = 125$

3. (a);  $1.5a = 0.04b$

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{1.5}{0.04} = \frac{150}{4}$$

By componendo and dividendo

$$\frac{b-a}{b+a} = \frac{150-4}{150+4} = \frac{146}{154} = \frac{73}{77}$$

4. (a);  $\frac{a^2 + b^2 + ab}{a^3 - b^3} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + ab}{(a-b)(a^2 + b^2 + ab)}$

$$= \frac{1}{a-b} = \frac{1}{11-9} = \frac{1}{2}$$

5. (a);  $a^4 + b^4 - a^2b^2 = 0$  ... (i)

Now,

$$a^6 + b^6 = (a^2)^3 + (b^2)^3$$

$$= (a^2 + b^2)(a^4 + b^4 - a^2b^2)$$

From equation (i)

$$a^6 + b^6 = 0$$

6. (c);  $\frac{x}{y} = 2 \Rightarrow x = 2y$

$$x - 2y = 0$$
 ... (i)

$$5x^2 - 13xy + 6y^2$$

$$= 5x^2 - 10xy - 3xy + 6y^2$$

$$= 5x(x - 2y) - 3y(x - 2y)$$

$$= (x - 2y)(5x - 3y) = 0 \times (5x - 3y) = 0$$

7. (b);  $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$

$$x^4 - 2x^2 + K = (x^2)^2 - 2 \times x^2 \times 1 + K$$

$$\therefore K = (1)^2 = 1$$

8. (a); Here,  $a = 1.21$ ,  $b = 2.12$  and  $c = -3.33$

$$a + b + c = 1.21 + 2.12 - 3.33$$

$$= 3.33 - 3.33 = 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

$$\text{Hence, } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 0$$

9. (b);  $x * y = x^2 + y^2 - xy$

$$9 * 11 = 9^2 + 11^2 - 9 \times 11$$

$$= 81 + 121 - 99 = 202 - 99 = 103$$

10. (a);  $p = 999$  (Given)

$$\text{Now, } \sqrt[3]{p(p^2 + 3p + 3)} + 1$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{p^3 + 3p^2 + 3p + 1} = \sqrt[3]{(p+1)^3}$$

$$= p + 1 = 999 + 1 = 1000$$

11. (b);  $X * Y = X^2 + Y^2 - XY$

$$11 * 13 = 11^2 + 13^2 - 11 \times 13$$

$$= 121 + 169 - 143 = 290 - 143 = 147$$

12. (b);  $a^3b = abc \Rightarrow a^2 = c$

$$\therefore a^3b = abc = 180$$

$$= 1^2 \times 180 \times 1 = 1^3 \times 180$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 1$$

13. (c);  $\frac{1}{x^{99}} + \frac{1}{x^{98}} + \frac{1}{x^{97}} + \frac{1}{x^{96}} + \frac{1}{x^{95}} + \frac{1}{x^{94}} + \frac{1}{x} - 1$

Put  $x = -1$

$$= \frac{1}{(-1)^{99}} + \frac{1}{(-1)^{98}} + \frac{1}{(-1)^{97}} + \frac{1}{(-1)^{96}}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{(-1)^{95}} + \frac{1}{(-1)^{94}} + \frac{1}{(-1)} - 1$$

$$= -1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 - 1 = -2$$

14. (c); Given,  $x = 6$

$$\frac{4 \times 6}{3} + 2P = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 + 2P = 12$$

$$2P = 4, \quad P = 2$$

15. (b);  $a^{1/3} = 11 \Rightarrow a = 11^3 = 1331$

$$\therefore a^2 - 331a = a(a - 331)$$

$$= 1331(1331 - 331)$$

$$= 1331 \times 1000 = 1331000$$

16. (b);  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$

$x = 1$ , satisfies the above equation

$$\therefore \text{put } x = 1 \text{ in } x^2 + \frac{1}{x^3} = (1)^2 + \frac{1}{(1)^3} = 2$$



17. (b);  $x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$

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

Divide whole equation by x

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 3, \quad x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = (3)^3 - 3(3) = 27 - 9 = 18$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\frac{x^2}{y^2} + 1}{\frac{x^2}{y^2} - 1} = \frac{\left(\frac{14}{3}\right)^2 + 1}{\left(\frac{14}{3}\right)^2 - 1} = \frac{205}{187} \end{aligned}$$

18. (c);  $m + \frac{1}{m-2} = 4$

$$(m-2) + \frac{1}{(m-2)} = 4 - 2, \quad (m-2) + \frac{1}{(m-2)} = 2$$

Here,  $(m-2) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow (m-2)^2 + \frac{1}{(m-2)^2} = 1^2 + \frac{1}{1^2} = 2$$

19. (b);  $a + \frac{1}{a} = \sqrt{3}$

$$a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} = (\sqrt{3})^3 - 3\sqrt{3} = 3\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3} = 0$$

20. (b);  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} - 1 = 0$

$$a^2 + b^2 - ab = 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 + b^2 - ab) = (a+b) \times 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = 0$$

21. (c); Here  $x = 3, y = 5, z = 4$

$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{25} + \frac{z^2}{16} = \frac{9}{9} + \frac{25}{25} + \frac{16}{16} = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

22. (a);  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{b}{c} = \frac{4}{5}$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 4} = \frac{8}{12}, \quad \frac{b}{c} = \frac{4 \times 3}{5 \times 3} = \frac{12}{15}$$

Required ratio,

$$\frac{a+b}{b+c} = \frac{8+12}{12+15} = \frac{20}{27}$$

23. (a);  $\frac{y}{x} = \frac{4}{15}, \frac{x}{y} = \frac{15}{4}$

By componendo and dividendo

$$\frac{x-y}{x+y} = \frac{15-4}{15+4} = \frac{11}{19}$$

24. (b); Given  $\frac{3x+2y}{3x-2y} = \frac{4}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 9x + 6y &= 12x - 8y \\ 14y &= 3x \end{aligned}$$

25. (d); Given,  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 5$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x}{2x^2 + 2 - 5x} = \frac{3x}{x \left[ \left(2x + \frac{2}{x}\right) - 5 \right]}$$

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

26. (c);  $\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 = 3$

$$a + \frac{1}{a} = \sqrt{3}, \quad a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} = 3\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} = 0$$

$$\therefore a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} + 3\sqrt{3} = 0 + 3\sqrt{3} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

27. (a);  $P = \frac{x^2 - 36}{x^2 - 49}$

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

$$Q = \frac{x+6}{x+7}, \quad P = \frac{Q \times (x-6)}{(x-7)}, \quad \frac{P}{Q} = \frac{x-6}{x-7}$$

28. (d); If  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$

then  $x = 1$

$$x^{17} + \frac{1}{x^{19}} = (1)^{17} + \frac{1}{(1)^{19}} = 1 + 1 = 2$$

29. (b); Given  $\frac{2x^4 - 162}{(x^2 + 9)(2x - 6)}$

$$= \frac{2(x^4 - 81)}{2(x^2 + 9)(x - 3)} = \frac{2(x^2 - 9)(x^2 + 9)}{2(x^2 + 9)(x - 3)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{x-3} = x + 3$$



$$30. (b); \text{ Given, } \frac{a^2 - b^2 - 2bc - c^2}{a^2 + b^2 + 2ab - c^2} = \frac{a^2 - (b+c)^2}{(a+b)^2 - c^2}$$

$$= \frac{[a+(b+c)][a-(b+c)]}{(a+b+c)(a+b-c)} = \frac{a-b-c}{a+b-c}$$

31. (a); Given,

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

then  $x = 1$ ,

$$\therefore 8(1)^{10} + \frac{4}{(1)^5} = 8 + 4 = 12$$

32. (a);  $x + y + z = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x + y = -z, \quad y + z = -x, \quad x + z = -y$$

$$\therefore (x + y)(y + z)(z + x) = (-z)(-x)(-y) = -xyz$$

33. (c);  $x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

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

Dividing the equation by  $x$

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

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

$$= 4^3 - 3(4) = 64 - 12 = 52$$

34. (a); Given  $x + y + z = 6$  and  $xy + yz + zx = 11$

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz$$

$$= (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx)$$

$$= (x + y + z)[(x + y + z)^2 - 3(xy + yz + zx)]$$

$$= 6[6^2 - 3(11)] = 6 \times 3 = 18$$

35. (a);  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$

$$= (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)[(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(258 + 260 + 262)[(-2)^2 + (-2)^2 + 4^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 780 \times 24 = 9360$$

36. (b); Given,  $pq + qr + rp = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -qr = pq + rp$$

$$\therefore \frac{p^2}{p^2 - qr} + \frac{q^2}{q^2 - rp} + \frac{r^2}{r^2 - pq}$$

$$= \frac{p^2}{p^2 + rp + pq} + \frac{q^2}{q^2 + pq + qr} + \frac{r^2}{r^2 + qr + rp}$$

$$= \frac{p}{p+q+r} + \frac{q}{p+q+r} + \frac{r}{p+q+r} = \frac{p+q+r}{p+q+r} = 1$$

37. (c); Given,

$$u^3 + (-2v)^3 + (-3w)^3 = 3 \times (-2)(-3)uvw$$

$$\therefore u + (-2v) + (-3w) = 0$$

$$u - 2v - 3w = 0$$

$$u - 2v = 3w$$

38. (c);  $(x^2 + y^2)(p^2 + q^2) = (xp + yp)^2$

$$x^2p^2 + x^2q^2 + y^2p^2 + y^2q^2 = x^2p^2 + y^2p^2 + 2xpyq$$

$$x^2q^2 + y^2p^2 - 2xpyq = 0$$

$$(xq - yp)^2 = 0$$

$$xq = yp$$

39. (b);  $(ab + bc + ca)^2$

$$= a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + 2abbc + 2abca + 2bccca$$

$$\text{Or, } 0 = a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + 2abc(b + a + c)$$

$$0 = a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + 2pq$$

$$= a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 = -2pq$$

40. (b);  $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{(p+q)^2}{(p-q)^2}$

By componendo and dividendo

$$\frac{x-y}{x+y} = \frac{(p+q)^2 - (p-q)^2}{(p+q)^2 + (p-q)^2} = \frac{4pq}{2(p^2 + q^2)}$$

$$= \frac{2pq}{p^2 + q^2}$$



## Moderate

1. (a); Here,  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} = 1$

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} = 1, a^2 + b^2 = ab$$

$$a^2 + b^2 - ab = 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 + b^2 - ab)$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b) \times 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = 0, a^3 + b^3 + 2 = 2$$

$$x + \frac{2}{3 + \frac{4 \times 6}{30 + 7}} = 10, x + \frac{2}{3 + \frac{24}{37}} = 10$$

$$x + \frac{2 \times 37}{111 + 24} = 10, x + \frac{2 \times 37}{135} = 10$$

$$x + \frac{74}{135} = 10, x = 10 - \frac{74}{135}$$

$$x = \frac{1350 - 74}{135} = \frac{1276}{135}$$

2. (a);  $x^2 + y^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} = 4$

Here  $x = y = 1$ , satisfies the above equation

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

3. (b);  $x^2 = y + z$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x = x + y + z$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + 1) = x + y + z \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly,

$$y(y + 1) = x + y + z \quad \dots(ii)$$

and

$$z(z + 1) = x + y + z \quad \dots(iii)$$

On adding (i), (ii), and (iii)

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{1}{z+1}$$

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

4. (a);  $x + \frac{1}{x} = \sqrt{3}$

Cubing both sides

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

$$x^6 + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } x^{18} + x^{12} + x^6 + 1$$

$$= x^{12}(x^6 + 1) + (x^6 + 1) = x^{12} \times 0 + 0 = 0$$

5. (d);  $(ad - bc)^2 + (ac + bd)^2$

$$= a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 - 2acbd + a^2c^2 + b^2d^2 + 2abcd$$

$$= a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 + b^2d^2$$

$$= d^2(a^2 + b^2) + c^2(a^2 + b^2)$$

$$= (c^2 + d^2)(a^2 + b^2) = 1 \times 2 = 2$$

6. (a);  $x + \frac{2}{3 + \frac{4}{5 + \frac{7}{6}}} = 10$

7. (d);  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} = 3$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3b, c = 3d, e = 3f$$

$$\therefore \frac{2a^2 + 3c^2 + 4e^2}{2b^2 + 3d^2 + 4f^2}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 9b^2 + 3 \times 9d^2 + 4 \times 9f^2}{2b^2 + 3d^2 + 4f^2}$$

$$= \frac{9(2b^2 + 3d^2 + 4f^2)}{2b^2 + 3d^2 + 4f^2} = 9$$

8. (a); Given  $a + \frac{1}{a} = 6$

$$\therefore a^4 + \frac{1}{a^4} = \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 - 2$$

$$= \left[\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 - 2\right]^2 - 2$$

$$= [6^2 - 2]^2 - 2 = (34)^2 - 2 = 1154$$

9. (d);  $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = 23$

$$\text{Or, } \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 = 23 + 2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

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

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



$$10. (c); x^3 + y^3 = 35 \text{ and } x + y = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y)(x^2 + y^2 - xy) = 35$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - xy = 7 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and, } (x + y)^2 = 25$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2xy = 25 \quad \dots(ii)$$

On solving equation (i) and (ii)

$$3xy = 18$$

$$xy = 6 \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y = 5 \quad \dots(iv)$$

from (iii) and (iv)

$$\frac{x+y}{xy} = \frac{5}{6}, \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$11. (c); x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2x - 2y - 2z - 3$$

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

$$(x^2 - 2x + 1) + (y^2 + 2y + 1) + (z^2 + 2z + 1) = 0$$

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2 + (z + 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 1, \quad y = -1 \text{ and } z = -1$$

$$5(1) - 4(-1) + 2(-1)$$

$$5 + 4 - 2, \quad 9 - 2 = 7$$

$$12. (b); 2p + \frac{1}{p} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow p + \frac{1}{2p} = 2$$

$$\left(p + \frac{1}{2p}\right)^3 = p^3 + \frac{1}{8p^3} + 3(p) \frac{1}{2p} \left(p + \frac{1}{2p}\right)$$

$$2^3 = p^3 + \frac{1}{8p^3} + \frac{3}{2} \times (2), \quad p^3 + \frac{1}{8p^3} = 8 - 3 = 5$$

$$13. (b); x = 3 + \sqrt{8} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{3 + \sqrt{8}} \times \frac{3 - \sqrt{8}}{3 - \sqrt{8}} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{8}}{9 - 8} = 3 - \sqrt{8}$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 3 + \sqrt{8} + 3 - \sqrt{8}, \quad x + \frac{1}{x} = 6$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 6^2 - 2 = 36 - 2 = 34$$

14. (c); Given

$$\frac{2a+b}{a+4b} = 3$$

$$2a + b = 3a + 12b$$

$$a = -11b$$

Then,

$$\frac{a+b}{a+2b} = \frac{-11b+b}{-11b+2b} = \frac{-10b}{-9b} = \frac{10}{9}$$

15. (c); Here,  $a = 4.965, b = 2.343, c = 2.622$

$$a - b - c = 4.965 - 2.343 - 2.622$$

$$= 4.965 - 4.965$$

$$a - b - c = 0$$

When  $a - b - c = 0$  then

$$a^3 - b^3 - c^3 - 3abc = 0$$

16. (b);  $x * y = 3x + 2y,$

$$2 * 3 + 3 * 4 = 3(2) + 2(3) + 3(3) + 2(4)$$

$$= 6 + 6 + 9 + 8 = 29$$

17. (b);  $x^4 - 17x^3 + 17x^2 - 17x + 17$

$$= 16x^3 - 16x^3 - x^3 + 16x^2 + x^2 - 16x - x + 17$$

$$= 16x^3 - 16x^3 - 16x^2 + 16x^2 + 16x - 16x - 16 + 17$$

$$= 17 - 16 = 1$$

18. (d); For maximum value

$$a = b = c = d = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(1+a)(1+b)(1+c)(1+d)$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^4$$

$$19. (a); \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{4} + \sqrt[3]{2} + 1} = a\sqrt[3]{4} + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2^{2/3} + 2^{1/3} + 1} = a(2)^{2/3} + b(2)^{1/3} + c$$

On multiplying numerator and denominator by

$$(2^{1/3} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2^{1/3} - 1)}{(2^{1/3} - 1)(2^{2/3} + 2^{1/3} + 1)} = a \cdot 2^{2/3} + b \cdot 2^{1/3} + c$$

$$\frac{2^{1/3} - 1}{2 - 1} = a \cdot 2^{2/3} + b \cdot 2^{1/3} + c$$

$$\therefore a = 0, \quad b = 1, \quad c = -1$$

$$a + b + c = 0 + 1 - 1 = 0$$

20. (a);  $a^2 - b^2 + b^2 - c^2 + c^2 - a^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 - b^2)^3 + (b^2 - c^2)^3 + (c^2 - a^2)^3$$

$$= 3(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)(c^2 - a^2)$$

$$= 3(a - b)(a + b)(b - c)(b + c)(c - a)(c + a)$$

$(a + b)(a - b)$  is the factor of given equation

21. (d);  $p(p^2 + 3p + 3)$

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

$$= (p + 1)^3 - 1 = (99 + 1)^3 - 1$$

$$= 100^3 - 1 = 1000000 - 1$$

$$= 999999$$



$$22. (d); \text{ The expression is } \sqrt[3]{p(p^2 + 3p + 3) + 1}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{p^3 + 3p^2 + 3p + 1} = [(p+1)^3]^{1/3} = p+1$$

$$= 123 + 1 = 124$$

$$23. (d); (a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$x^4 - 4x^2 + k = (x^2)^2 - 2(x^2) \times 2 + 4$$

$$k = 4$$

$$24. (d); x = 7 - 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{7 - 4\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1(7 + 4\sqrt{3})}{(7 + 4\sqrt{3})(7 - 4\sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \frac{7 + 4\sqrt{3}}{49 - 48} = 7 + 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 7 - 4\sqrt{3} + 7 + 4\sqrt{3}, \quad x + \frac{1}{x} = 14$$

$$25. (a); x = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} + 1}$$

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

$$= \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{3}}{2} = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } y = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{\sqrt{3} + 1} = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

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

$$= 2(2^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2) = 2(4 + 3) = 14$$

$$26. (b); a = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{\sqrt{5} - 1} = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{\sqrt{5} - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{\sqrt{5} + 1}$$

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

$$a = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Similarly,

$$b = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$a + b = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} = 3$$

$$\text{and } ab = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{\sqrt{5} - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{\sqrt{5} + 1} = 1$$

$$\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{a^2 - ab + b^2} = \frac{(a+b)^2 - ab}{(a+b)^2 - 3ab}$$

$$= \frac{3^2 - 1}{3^2 - 3} = \frac{9 - 1}{9 - 3} = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$27. (b); \text{ Given } x - \frac{1}{x} = 4$$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 4 = 4^2 + 4 = 16 + 4$$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 20$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \sqrt{20} = \sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 5} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$28. (b); x = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

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

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

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

$$\left(\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)^2 = x + \frac{1}{x} - 2, \quad \left(\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)^2 = 6 - 2 = 4$$

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

$$29. (c); x + \frac{1}{2x} = 2$$

Multiplying the above equation by 2

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

On cubing both sides

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

$$64 = 8x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 6 \times 4$$

$$8x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 64 - 24 = 40$$



$$30. (a); \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 3, \quad x + \frac{1}{x} = \sqrt{3}$$

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

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

$$x^6 + 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^{72} + x^{66} + x^{54} + x^{48} + x^{36} + x^{30} + x^{24} + x^{18} + x^6 + 1 \\ = x^{66}(x^6 + 1) + x^{48}(x^6 + 1) + x^{30}(x^6 + 1) + x^{18}(x^6 + 1) \\ + x^6 + 1 \\ = x^{66} \times 0 + x^{48} \times 0 + x^{30} \times 0 + x^{18} \times 0 + 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$31. (b); n = 7 + 4\sqrt{3} = 7 + 2 \times 2 \times \sqrt{3}$$

$$n = 4 + 3 + 2 \times 2\sqrt{3} = (2 + \sqrt{3})^2, \quad \sqrt{n} = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2 - \sqrt{3}}, \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 2 + \sqrt{3} + 2 - \sqrt{3} = 4$$

$$32. (a); \frac{x}{b+c} = \frac{y}{c+a} = \frac{x-y}{b+c-c-a} = \frac{x-y}{b-a}$$

$$\frac{y}{c+a} = \frac{z}{b+a} = \frac{y-z}{c+a-b-a} = \frac{y-z}{c-b}$$

$$\frac{z}{b+a} = \frac{x}{b+c} = \frac{z-x}{b+a-b-c} = \frac{z-x}{a-c}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x-y}{b-a} = \frac{y-z}{c-b} = \frac{z-x}{a-c}$$

$$33. (b); x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2x - 2y - 2z - 3$$

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

$$(x^2 - 2x + 1) + (y^2 + 2y + 1) + (z^2 + 2z + 1) = 0$$

$$(x-1)^2 + (y+1)^2 + (z+1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x=1, \quad y=-1 \quad \text{and} \quad z=-1$$

$$2x - 3y + 4z = 2 + 3 - 4 = 1$$

$$34. (c); x + y + z = 6$$

On Squaring,

$$(x + y + z)^2 = 36$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx = 36$$

$$20 + 2(xy + yz + zx) = 36$$

$$2(xy + yz + zx) = 16$$

$$xy + yz + zx = 8$$

$$\therefore x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz$$

$$= (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx)$$

$$= 6(20 - 8) = 6 \times 12 = 72$$

$$35. (c); x + \frac{1}{x} = 99$$

$$\therefore \frac{100x}{2x^2 + 102x + 2} = \frac{100x}{2x^2 + 2 + 102x}$$

On dividing by x,

$$= \frac{100}{2x + \frac{2}{x} + 102} = \frac{100}{2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 102}$$

$$= \frac{100}{2 \times 99 + 102} = \frac{100}{300} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$36. (b); x\left(3 - \frac{2}{x}\right) = \frac{3}{x}$$

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

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

On squaring both sides

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{9} \Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} - 2 = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{4}{9} + 2 = 2\frac{4}{9}$$

$$37. (a); x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$$

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

On squaring both sides

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 9$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = 9, \quad x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

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

$$= 7 + 3 = 10$$

$$38. (d); x - a = \frac{1}{x - b}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - a)^3 - \frac{1}{(x - a)^3}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(x - a - \frac{1}{x-a}\right)^3 + 3\left(x - a - \frac{1}{x-a}\right) \\
 &= (x - a - x + b)^3 + 3(x - a - x + b) \\
 &= (b - a)^3 + 3(b - a) \\
 &= 5^3 + 3 \times 5 = 125 + 15 = 140
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\left(2 \times \frac{9}{4}\right) + 3 \times \frac{9}{2} + 3}{\left(3 \times \frac{9}{4}\right) - 2 - \frac{27}{4} - 2} \\
 &= \frac{9+6}{\frac{27-8}{4}} = \frac{15}{2} \times \frac{4}{19} = \frac{30}{19} = 30:19
 \end{aligned}$$

39. (c);  $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{3}{2}$

$$\frac{x^2}{y^2} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}, \quad \frac{2x^2 + 3y^2}{3x^2 - 2y^2} = \frac{2\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right) + 3}{3\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right) - 2}$$

40. (d); Given, D : C = 6 : 5

C : B = 4 : 3 and B : A = 2 : 1

$\therefore$  D : C : B : A

= 6 × 4 × 2 : 5 × 4 × 2 : 5 × 3 × 2 : 5 × 3 × 1

= 48 : 40 : 30 : 15

On dividing numerator and denominator by  $y^2$ .

Now,



## Algebra Formulas including Natural Numbers

→ Algebraic formulas involving natural numbers can include equations and expressions such as:

1. **Addition:**  $a + b = c$
2. **Subtraction:**  $a - b = c$
3. **Multiplication:**  $a \times b = c$
4. **Division:**  $a/b = c$ , where  $b \neq 0$ .
5. **Exponentiation:**  $a^n = c$ , where  $n$  is a natural number.
6. **Square of a number:**  $a^2 = c$
7. **Cube of a number:**  $a^3 = c$
8. **Square root:**  $\sqrt{a} = c$ , where  $c$  is the non-negative square root of  $a$ .
9. **Cube root:**  $\sqrt[3]{a} = c$ , where  $c$  is the real root of  $a$

## Algebra Formulas (Law of Exponents)

→ The law of exponents in algebra are rules that govern the manipulation and simplification of expressions involving exponents. **Here are the basic laws:**

1. **Product Rule:**  $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$
2. **Quotient Rule:**  $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$
3. **Power Rule:**  $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$
4. **Zero Exponent Rule:**  $a^0 = 1$ , (Where  $a \neq 0$ )
5. **Negative Exponent Rule:**  $a^{-1} = 1/a$ , (where  $a \neq 0$ )

