

6. SOLVE RADICAL EQUATIONS

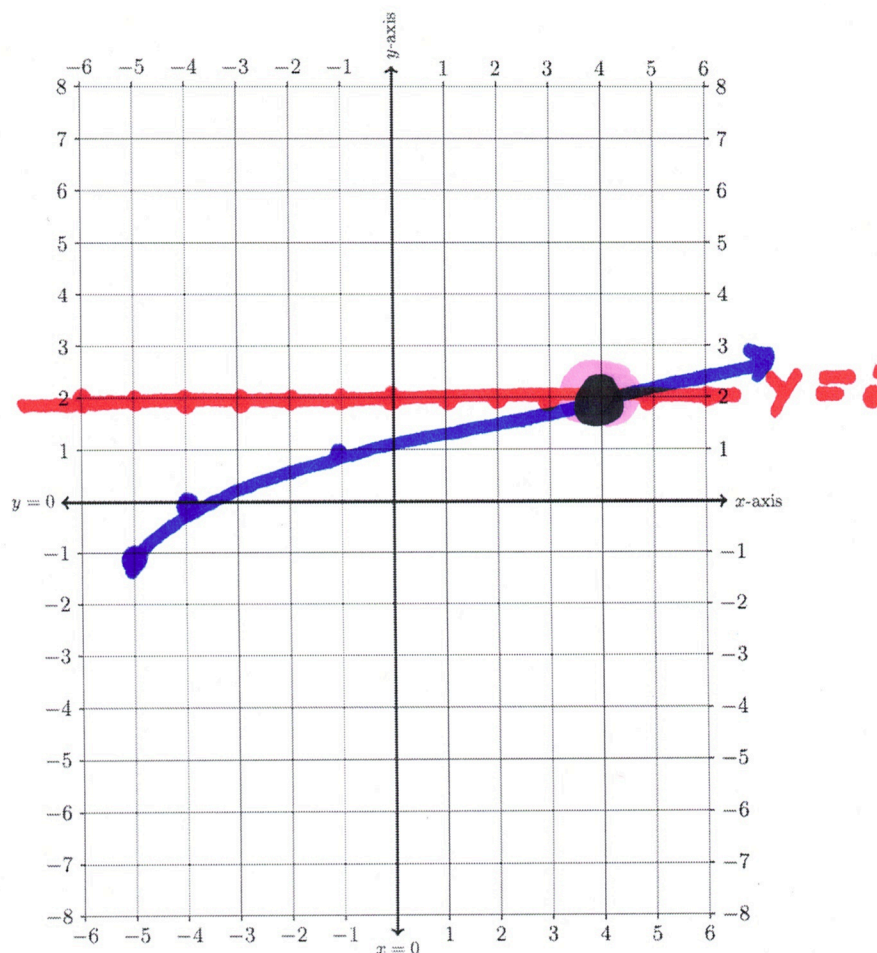
6A. Solve the following radical equation using a graphical method

$$\sqrt[2]{x+5} - 1 = 2$$

← Find input value x such that output on LHS is equal to output on RHS

Use the table and axes below to do this work.

x	LHS $\sqrt{x+5} - 1$	RHS $y = 2$
-6	Error	2
-5	-1	2
-4	0	2
-3	$\sqrt{2} - 1$	2
-2	$\sqrt{3} - 1$	2
-1	1	2
0	$\sqrt{5} - 1$	2
1	1.4495...	2
2	1.6458...	2
3	$\sqrt{8} - 1$	2
4	2	2
5	$\sqrt{10} - 1$	2
6	2.3166...	2



Point of intersection
(4, 2)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 4} \checkmark$$

6B. Solve the following radical equation using a graphical method

$$\sqrt[2]{x+5} - 1 = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \sqrt[2]{x+5} - 1 = 2 \\ +1 \qquad +1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[2]{x+5} = 3$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} x+5 = 9 \\ -5 \qquad -5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 4}$$

Check: $x = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS } \sqrt{x+5} - 1 &= \sqrt{4+5} - 1 \\ &= \sqrt{9} - 1 \\ &= 3 - 1 \\ &= 2 = 2 \text{ RHS} \end{aligned}$$

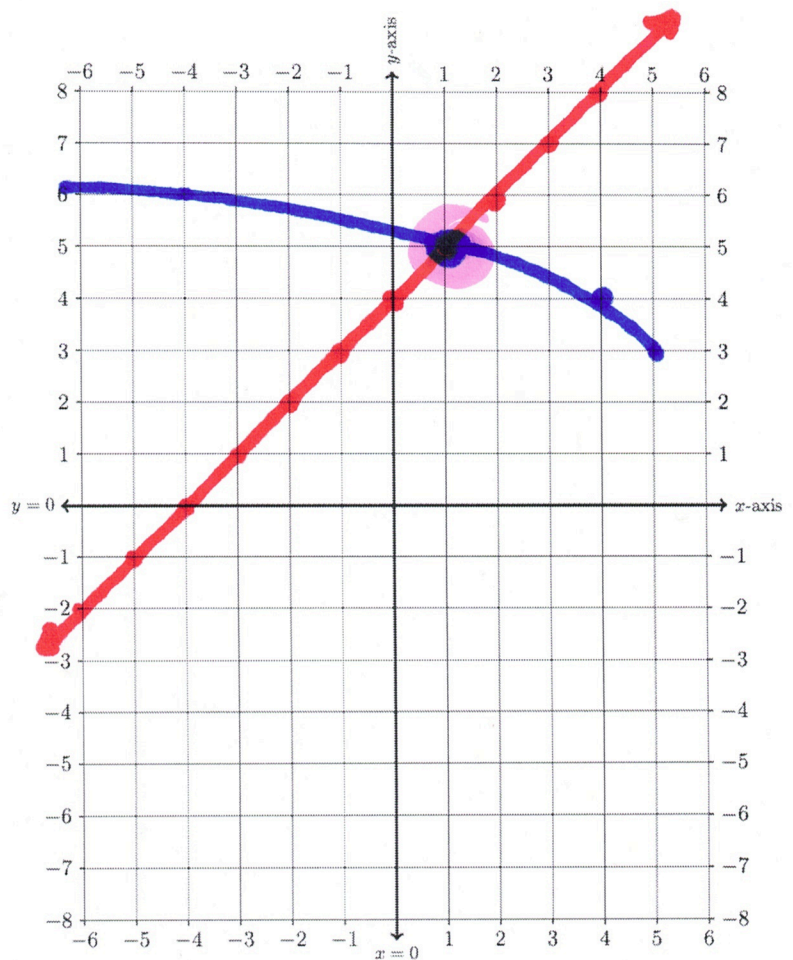
7. OPTIONAL CHALLENGE PROBLEM: SOLVE RADICAL EQUATIONS

7A. Solve the following radical equation using a graphical method

$$3 + \sqrt[2]{5 - x} = x + 4$$

Use the table and axes below to do this work.

x	LHS $3 + \sqrt{5 - x}$	RHS $x + 4$
-6	6.3166..	-2
-5	$3 + \sqrt{9}$	-1
-4	6	0
-3	$3 + \sqrt{8}$	1
-2	5.8284...	2
-1	$3 + \sqrt{6}$	3
0	$3 + \sqrt{5}$	4
1	5	5
2	4.7321..	6
3	4.4142..	7
4	4	8
5	3	9
6	Error	10



Point of Intersection
 $(1, 5)$

\Rightarrow $x = 1$ ✓ 26

7B. Solve the following radical equation using a graphical method

$$3 + \sqrt[2]{5-x} = x + 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ -3 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} + \sqrt[2]{5-x} = x + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[2]{5-x} = x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sqrt[2]{5-x}\right)^2 = (x+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5-x = (x+1) \cdot (x+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5-x = x \cdot (x+1) + 1 \cdot (x+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 - x = x^2 + x + x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 5 - x \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ -5 \quad +x \\ \circ \quad \quad \circ \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ + x - 5 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = x^2 + 3x - 4$$

$$0 = ax^2 + bx + c$$

standard form
of quadratic
equation

$$a = 1 \quad b = 3 \quad c = -4$$

Factor using the AC method


Mult
~~a · c~~
~~b~~
Add

mult
~~-4~~
~~+4~~ ~~-1~~
3
add

$$+3x = +4x - x$$

$$+4 \cdot -1 = -4 \checkmark$$

$$+4 + -1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = x^2 + 3x - 4$$


$$\Rightarrow 0 = \underbrace{x^2 + 4x}_{\text{factor by grouping}} - \underbrace{x - 4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = x \boxed{(x+4)} - 1 \cdot \boxed{(x+4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \underbrace{(x-1)}_a \cdot \underbrace{(x+4)}_b$$

$a \cdot b = 0$
 $\Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} x-1 = 0 & \text{or} & x+4 = 0 \\ +1 & & -4 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x=1} \checkmark \quad \text{or} \quad x \neq -4$$

extraneous

check $x=1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &: 3 + \sqrt{5-x} = 3 + \sqrt{5-1} \\ &= 3 + \sqrt{4} \\ &= 3 + 2 = 5 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHS } x+4 = 1+4 = 5 \checkmark$$

check $x \neq -4$ NOT a solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &: 3 + \sqrt{5-x} = 3 + \sqrt{5-(-4)} \\ &= 3 + \sqrt{5+4} \\ &= 3 + \sqrt{9} \\ &= 3+3 \\ &= \boxed{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHS} : x+4 = -4+4 = \boxed{0} \quad \times$$