

Intermediate Algebra Skill

Solving Equations by Factoring

Solve each equation.

$$1) \ x^4 + 12x^2 + 35 = 0$$

$$2) \ x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2 = 0$$

$$3) \ x^4 - 8x^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$4) \ x^6 - 64 = 0$$

$$5) \ 2x^4 - x^2 - 15 = 0$$

$$6) \ 3x^4 + 13x^2 - 30 = 0$$

$$7) \ 5x^4 - 42x^2 - 27 = 0$$

$$8) \ 5x^4 - 26x^2 + 5 = 0$$

$$9) \ 9x^6 + 18x^4 - 25x^2 - 50 = 0$$

$$10) \ 2x^6 - 3x^4 - 18x^2 + 27 = 0$$

$$11) \ 5x^6 + 3x^4 - 125x^2 - 75 = 0$$

$$12) \ 4x^6 - 16x^4 - x^2 + 4 = 0$$

Answers to Solving Equations by Factoring

- 1) $\{i\sqrt{5}, -i\sqrt{5}, i\sqrt{7}, -i\sqrt{7}\}$ 2) $\{2, i, -i\}$ 3) $\{-2 \text{ mult. } 2, 2 \text{ mult. } 2\}$
4) $\{-2, 1 + i\sqrt{3}, 1 - i\sqrt{3}, 2, -1 + i\sqrt{3}, -1 - i\sqrt{3}\}$ 5) $\left\{\frac{i\sqrt{10}}{2}, -\frac{i\sqrt{10}}{2}, \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}\right\}$
6) $\left\{\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}, i\sqrt{6}, -i\sqrt{6}\right\}$ 7) $\left\{\frac{i\sqrt{15}}{5}, -\frac{i\sqrt{15}}{5}, -3, 3\right\}$ 8) $\left\{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}, -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}, \sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{5}\right\}$
9) $\left\{i\sqrt{2}, -i\sqrt{2}, \frac{i\sqrt{15}}{3}, -\frac{i\sqrt{15}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}\right\}$ 10) $\left\{\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, i\sqrt{3}, -i\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}\right\}$
11) $\left\{\frac{i\sqrt{15}}{5}, -\frac{i\sqrt{15}}{5}, i\sqrt{5}, -i\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{5}\right\}$ 12) $\left\{-2, 2, \frac{i\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{i\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right\}$