

**95.** (a)  $y = 92.84t + 487.82$  (answers will vary)

(b) For 2000,  $t = 12$  and  $y = 1,601$ ,  
corresponding to \$1,601,000.

(c) The slope is the average increase  
per year.

**97.** False.

The equation of the line joining  $(10, -3)$  and  $(2, -9)$  is

$$y + 3 = \frac{-9 + 3}{2 - 10}(x - 10)$$

$$y + 3 = \frac{3}{4}(x - 10)$$

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{21}{2}$$

$$\text{For } x = -12, y = \frac{3}{4}(-12) - \frac{21}{2}$$

$$= -19.5$$

$$\neq \frac{-37}{2}$$

$$= -18.5$$

**99.** The line with slope  $-4$  is steeper.

**101.** No, the slopes of perpendicular lines are negative reciprocals of each other.

## Section P.4 Solving Equations Algebraically and Graphically

### Solutions to Odd-Numbered Exercises

- You should know how to solve linear equations.  
 $ax + b = 0$
- An identity is an equation whose solution consists of every real number in its domain.
- To solve an equation you can:
  - (a) Add or subtract the same quantity from both sides.
  - (b) Multiply or divide both sides by the same nonzero quantity.
- To solve an equation that can be simplified to a linear equation:
  - (a) Remove all symbols of grouping and all fractions.
  - (b) Combine like terms.
  - (c) Solve by algebra.
  - (d) Check the answer.
- A “solution” that does not satisfy the original equation is called an extraneous solution.
- You should be able to solve equations graphically.
- You should be able to solve a quadratic equation by factoring, if possible.
- You should be able to solve a quadratic equation of the form  $u^2 = d$  by extracting square roots.
- You should be able to solve a quadratic equation by completing the square.
- You should know and be able to use the Quadratic Formula: For  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ,  $a \neq 0$ ,

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

- You should be able to solve polynomials of higher degree by factoring.
- For equations involving radicals or fractional powers, raise both sides to the same power.
- For equations with fractions, multiply both sides by the least common denominator to clear the fractions.
- For equations involving absolute value, remember that the expression inside the absolute value can be positive or negative.
- Always check for extraneous solutions.

**1.**  $\frac{5}{2x} - \frac{4}{x} = 3$

(a)  $\frac{5}{2(-1/2)} - \frac{4}{(-1/2)} \stackrel{?}{=} 3$

$$3 = 3$$

$x = -\frac{1}{2}$  is a solution.

(c)  $\frac{5}{2(0)} - \frac{4}{0}$  is undefined.

$x = 0$  is not a solution.

(b)  $\frac{5}{2(4)} - \frac{4}{4} \stackrel{?}{=} 3$

$$-\frac{3}{8} \neq 3$$

$x = 4$  is not a solution.

(d)  $\frac{5}{2(1/4)} - \frac{4}{1/4} \stackrel{?}{=} 3$

$$-6 \neq 3$$

$x = \frac{1}{4}$  is not a solution.

**3.**  $3 + \frac{1}{x+2} = 4$

(a)  $3 + \frac{1}{(-1)+2} \stackrel{?}{=} 4$

$$4 = 4$$

$x = -1$  is a solution

(b)  $3 + \frac{1}{(-2)+2} = 3 + \frac{1}{0}$  is undefined

$x = -2$  is not a solution

(c)  $3 + \frac{1}{0+2} \stackrel{?}{=} 4$

$$\frac{7}{2} \neq 4$$

$x = 0$  is not a solution

(d)  $3 + \frac{1}{5+2} \stackrel{?}{=} 4$

$$\frac{22}{7} = 4$$

$x = 5$  is not a solution

**5.**  $\frac{\sqrt{x+4}}{6} + 3 = 4$

(a)  $\frac{\sqrt{-3+4}}{6} + 3 \stackrel{?}{=} 4$

$$\frac{19}{6} \neq 4$$

$x = -3$  is not a solution

(b)  $\frac{\sqrt{0+4}}{6} + 3 \stackrel{?}{=} 4$

$$\frac{10}{3} \neq 4$$

$x = 0$  is not a solution

(c)  $\frac{\sqrt{21+4}}{6} + 3 \stackrel{?}{=} 4$

$$\frac{23}{6} \neq 4$$

$x = 21$  is not a solution

(d)  $\frac{\sqrt{32+4}}{6} + 3 \stackrel{?}{=} 4$

$$4 = 4$$

$x = 32$  is a solution

**7.**  $2(x - 1) = 2x - 2$  is an *identity* by the Distributive Property. It is true for all real values of  $x$ .

**9.**  $x^2 - 8x + 5 = (x - 4)^2 - 11$  is an *identity* since  $(x - 4)^2 - 11 = x^2 - 8x + 16 - 11 = x^2 - 8x + 5$ .

**11.**  $3 + \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{4x}{x+1}$  is *conditional*. There are real values of  $x$  for which the equation is not true.

**13.** Method 1:  $\frac{3x}{8} - \frac{4x}{3} = 4$

$$\frac{9x - 32x}{24} = 4$$

$$-23x = 96$$

$$x = -\frac{96}{23}$$

Method 2: Graph  $y_1 = \frac{3x}{8} - \frac{4x}{3}$  and  $y_2 = 4$  in the same viewing window. These lines intersect at  $x \approx -4.1739 \approx -\frac{96}{23}$

**17.**  $\frac{3}{2}(z + 5) - \frac{1}{4}(z + 24) = 0$

$$4(\frac{3}{2})(z + 5) - 4(\frac{1}{4})(z + 24) = 4(0)$$

$$6(z + 5) - (z + 24) = 0$$

$$6z + 30 - z - 24 = 0$$

$$5z = -6$$

$$z = -\frac{6}{5}$$

**15.**  $\frac{5x}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = x - \frac{1}{2}$

$$4\left(\frac{5x}{4}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 4(x) - 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$5x + 2 = 4x - 2$$

$$x = -4$$

**19.**  $\frac{100 - 4u}{3} = \frac{5u + 6}{4} + 6$

$$12\left(\frac{100 - 4u}{3}\right) = 12\left(\frac{5u + 6}{4}\right) + 12(6)$$

$$4(100 - 4u) = 3(5u + 6) + 72$$

$$400 - 16u = 15u + 18 + 72$$

$$-31u = -310$$

$$u = 10$$

**21.**  $\frac{5x - 4}{5x + 4} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$3(5x - 4) = 2(5x + 4)$$

$$15x - 12 = 10x + 8$$

$$5x = 20$$

$$x = 4$$

**23.**  $\frac{1}{x - 3} + \frac{1}{x + 3} = \frac{10}{x^2 - 9}$

$$\frac{(x + 3) + (x - 3)}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{10}{x^2 - 9}$$

$$2x = 10$$

$$x = 5$$

**25.**  $\frac{7}{2x + 1} - \frac{8x}{2x - 1} = -4$

$$7(2x - 1) - 8x(2x + 1) = -4(2x + 1)(2x - 1)$$

$$14x - 7 - 16x^2 - 8x = -16x^2 + 4$$

$$6x = 11$$

$$x = \frac{11}{6}$$

**27.**  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x - 5} = 0$

$$1(x - 5) + 2x = 0$$

$$3x - 5 = 0$$

$$3x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{3}$$

**29.**  $\frac{3}{x(x - 3)} + \frac{4}{x} = \frac{1}{x - 3}$

$$3 + 4(x - 3) = x$$

$$3 + 4x - 12 = x$$

$$3x = 9$$

$$x = 3$$

A check reveals that  $x = 3$  is an extraneous solution, so there is no solution.

**31.**  $y = x - 5$

Let  $y = 0: 0 = x - 5 \Rightarrow x = 5 \Rightarrow (5, 0)$   $x$ -intercept

Let  $x = 0: y = 0 - 5 \Rightarrow y = -5 \Rightarrow (0, -5)$   $y$ -intercept

**33.**  $y = x^2 + x - 2$

Let  $y = 0: (x^2 + x - 2) = (x + 2)(x - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, 1 \Rightarrow (-2, 0), (1, 0)$   $x$ -intercepts

Let  $x = 0: y = 0^2 + 0 - 2 = -2 \Rightarrow (0, -2)$   $y$ -intercept

**35.**  $y = x\sqrt{x+2}$

Let  $y = 0: 0 = x\sqrt{x+2} \Rightarrow x = 0, -2 \Rightarrow (0, 0), (-2, 0)$   $x$ -intercepts

Let  $x = 0: y = 0\sqrt{0+2} = 0 \Rightarrow (0, 0)$   $y$ -intercept

**37.**  $y = |x - 2| - 4$

Let  $y = 0: |x - 2| - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow |x - 2| = 4 \Rightarrow x = -2, 6 \Rightarrow (-2, 0), (6, 0)$   $x$ -intercepts

Let  $x = 0: |0 - 2| - 4 = |-2| - 4 = 2 - 4 = -2 = y \Rightarrow (0, -2)$   $y$ -intercept

**39.**  $xy - 2y - x + 1 = 0$

Let  $y = 0: -x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow (1, 0)$   $x$ -intercept

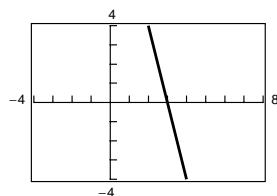
Let  $x = 0: -2y + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow (0, \frac{1}{2})$   $y$ -intercept

**41.**  $y = 12 - 4x$

$$12 - 4x = 0$$

$$12 = 4x$$

$$3 = x$$

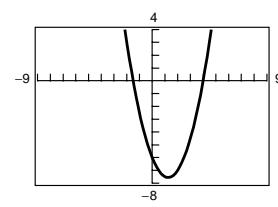


**43.**  $y = x^2 - 2.5x - 6$

$$x^2 - 2.5x - 6 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x + 1.5) = 0$$

$$x = 4, -1.5$$



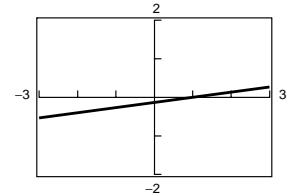
**45.**  $y = \frac{x+2}{3} - \frac{x-1}{5} - 1$

$$\frac{x+2}{3} - \frac{x-1}{5} - 1 = 0$$

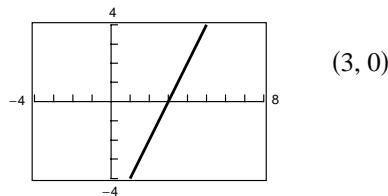
$$5(x+2) - 3(x-1) = 15 = 0$$

$$2x = 2$$

$$x = 1$$

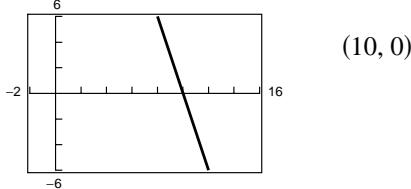


**47.**



$$(3, 0)$$

$$y = 0 = 2(x - 1) - 4 = 2x - 2 - 4 = 2x - 6 \Rightarrow 2x = 6 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

**49.**

$$y = 0 = 20 - (3x - 10) = 20 - 3x + 10 = 30 - 3x \Rightarrow 3x = 30 \Rightarrow x = 10$$

**51.**

$$27 - 4x = 12$$

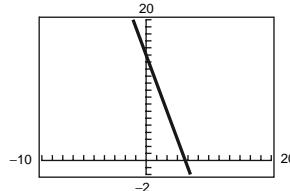
$$-4x = -15$$

$$x = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$27 - 4x - 12 = 0$$

$$y = 15 - 4x = 0$$

$$x = 3.75 = \frac{15}{4}$$



$$53. \quad 25(x - 3) = 12(x + 2) - 10$$

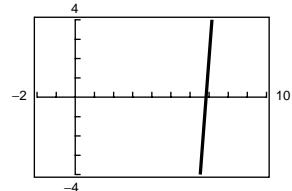
$$25x - 75 = 12x + 24 - 10$$

$$13x - 89 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{89}{13}$$

$$y = 25(x - 3) - 12(x + 2) + 10 = 0$$

$$x = 6.846$$



$$55. \quad \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{1}{4}(x - 2) = 10$$

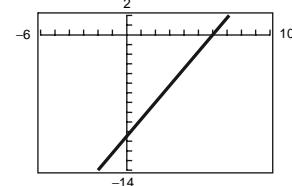
$$\frac{6x}{4} + \frac{x}{4} = 10 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{7x}{4} = \frac{21}{2}$$

$$x = 6$$

$$y = \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{1}{4}(x - 2) - 10 = 0$$

$$x = 6.0$$



**57.**  $\frac{2x}{3} = 10 - \frac{24}{x}$

$$\frac{2x}{3}(3x) = 10(3x) - \frac{24}{x}(3x)$$

$$2x^2 = 30x - 72$$

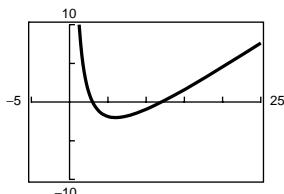
$$2x^2 - 30x + 72 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 15x + 36 = 0$$

$$(x - 3)(x - 12) = 0$$

$$x = 3, 12$$

$$y = \frac{2x}{3} - 10 + \frac{24}{x}$$



$$x = 3, 12$$

**59.**  $\frac{3}{x+2} - \frac{4}{x-2} = 5$

$$3(x-2) - 4(x+2) = 5(x+2)(x-2)$$

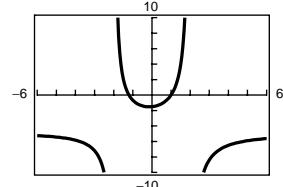
$$3x - 6 - 4x - 8 = 5(x^2 - 4)$$

$$0 = 5x^2 + x - 6$$

$$0 = (x-1)(5x+6)$$

$$x = 1, -\frac{6}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{3}{x+2} - \frac{4}{x-2} - 5 = 0$$



$$x = 1.0, -1.2$$

**61.**  $3(x+3) = 5(1-x) - 1$

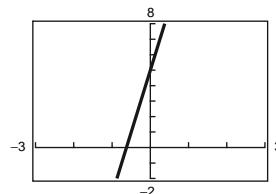
$$3x + 9 = 5 - 5x - 1$$

$$8x = -5$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{8}$$

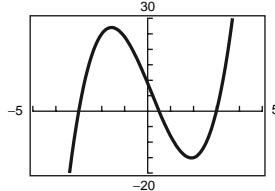
$$y = 3(x+3) - 5(1-x) + 1 = 0$$

$$x = -0.625$$



**63.**  $2x^3 - x^2 - 18x + 9 = 0$

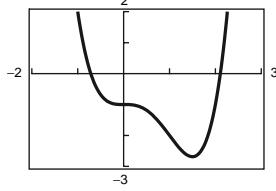
$$x = -3.0, 0.5, 3.0$$



**65.**  $x^4 = 2x^3 + 1$

$$x^4 - 2x^3 - 1 = 0$$

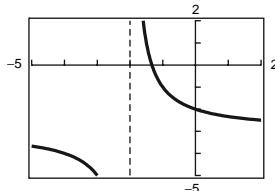
$$x = -0.717, 2.107$$



**67.**  $\frac{2}{x+2} = 3$

$$\frac{2}{x+2} - 3 = 0$$

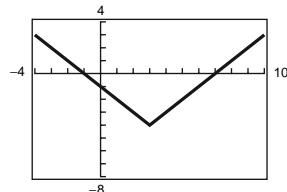
$$x = -1.333$$



**69.**  $|x-3| = 4$

$$|x-3| - 4 = 0$$

$$x = -1, 7$$



**71.**  $y = 2 - x$

$$y = 2x - 1$$

$$2 - x = 2x - 1$$

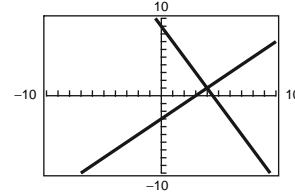
$$3 = 3x$$

$$x = 1, y = 2 - 1 = 1$$

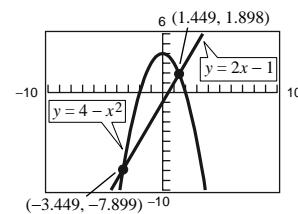
$$(x, y) = (1, 1)$$

73.  $x - y = -4 \Rightarrow y = x + 4$   
 $x^2 - y = -2 \Rightarrow y = x^2 + 2$   
 $x^2 + 2 = x + 4$   
 $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$   
 $(x - 2)(x + 1) = 0$   
 $x = 2, y = 6$   
 $x = -1, y = 3$   
 $(2, 6), (-1, 3)$

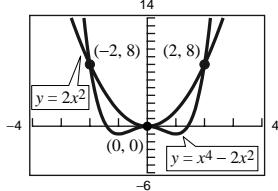
75.  $y = 9 - 2x$   
 $y = x - 3$   
 $(4, 1)$



77.  $y = 4 - x^2$   
 $y = 2x - 1$   
 $(x, y) = (1.449, 1.898),$   
 $(-3.449, -7.899)$



79.  $y = 2x^2$   
 $y = x^4 - 2x^2$   
 $(x, y) = (0, 0), (2, 8), (-2, 8)$



81.  $6x^2 + 3x = 0$   
 $3x(2x + 1) = 0$   
 $3x = 0 \text{ or } 2x + 1 = 0$   
 $x = 0 \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{2}$

83.  $x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$   
 $(x - 4)(x + 2) = 0$   
 $x - 4 = 0 \text{ or } x + 2 = 0$   
 $x = 4 \text{ or } x = -2$

85.  $3 + 5x - 2x^2 = 0$   
 $(3 - x)(1 + 2x) = 0$   
 $3 - x = 0 \text{ or } 1 + 2x = 0$   
 $x = 3 \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{2}$

87.  $x^2 + 4x = 12$   
 $x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$   
 $(x + 6)(x - 2) = 0$   
 $x + 6 = 0 \text{ or } x - 2 = 0$   
 $x = -6 \text{ or } x = 2$

89.  $x^2 = 7$   
 $x = \pm\sqrt{7}$   
 $\approx \pm 2.65$

91.  $(x - 12)^2 = 18$   
 $x - 12 = \pm 3\sqrt{2}$   
 $x = 12 \pm 3\sqrt{2}$   
 $x \approx 16.24 \text{ or } \approx 7.76$

93.  $(2x - 1)^2 = 18$   
 $2x - 1 = \pm\sqrt{18} = \pm 3\sqrt{2}$   
 $2x = \pm 3\sqrt{2} + 1$   
 $x = \pm\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2}$   
 $x \approx 2.62 \text{ or } \approx -1.6$

95.  $(x - 7)^2 = (x + 3)^2$   
 $x - 7 = \pm(x + 3)$   
 $x - 7 = x + 3 \text{ impossible}$   
 $x - 7 = -(x + 3) \Rightarrow 2x = 4$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 2$

97.  $x^2 + 4x = 32$   
 $x^2 + 4x + 4 = 32 + 4$   
 $(x + 2)^2 = 36$   
 $x + 2 = \pm 6$   
 $x = -2 \pm 6$   
 $x = -8, 4$

99.  $x^2 + 6x + 2 = 0$   
 $x^2 + 6x = -2$   
 $x^2 + 6x + 3^2 = -2 + 3^2$   
 $(x + 3)^2 = 7$   
 $x + 3 = \pm\sqrt{7}$   
 $x = -3 \pm\sqrt{7}$

**101.**  $9x^2 - 18x + 3 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 2x + \frac{1}{3} &= 0 \\x^2 - 2x &= -\frac{1}{3} \\x^2 - 2x + 1^2 &= -\frac{1}{3} + 1^2 \\(x - 1)^2 &= \frac{2}{3} \\x - 1 &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \\x &= 1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \\x &= 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}\end{aligned}$$

**107.**  $4x^2 + 16x + 15 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\&= \frac{-16 \pm \sqrt{16^2 - 4(4)(15)}}{2(4)} \\&= \frac{-16 \pm \sqrt{16}}{8} \\&= -2 \pm \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

**113.**  $x^2 - x - \frac{11}{4} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} &= \frac{11}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \\\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 &= 3 \\x - \frac{1}{2} &= \pm \sqrt{3} \\x &= \frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

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

**103.**  $-x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\&= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(-1)(2)}}{2(-1)} \\&= \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{-2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{3} \\x &= \frac{-8 \pm 4\sqrt{5}}{2} \\&= -4 \pm 2\sqrt{5}\end{aligned}$$

**109.**  $x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 2x &= 1 \\x^2 - 2x + 1^2 &= 1 + 1^2 \\(x - 1)^2 &= 2 \\x - 1 &= \pm \sqrt{2} \\x &= 1 \pm \sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

**111.**  $(x + 3)^3 = 81$

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3 &= \pm 9 \\x + 3 &= 9 \quad \text{or} \quad x + 3 = -9 \\x &= 6 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -12\end{aligned}$$

**115.**  $4x^4 - 18x^2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}2x^2(2x^2 - 9) &= 0 \\2x^2 &= 0 \implies x = 0 \\2x^2 - 9 &= 0 \implies x = \pm \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

117.  $x^4 - 81 = 0$

$$(x^2 + 9)(x + 3)(x - 3) = 0$$

 $x^2 + 9 = 0$  No real solution.

$x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3$

$x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3$

119.  $5x^3 + 30x^2 + 45x = 0$

$$5x(x^2 + 6x + 9) = 0$$

$$5x(x + 3)^2 = 0$$

$5x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

$x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3$

121.  $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3 = 0$

$$x^2(x - 3) - (x - 3) = 0$$

$$(x - 3)(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$(x - 3)(x + 1)(x - 1) = 0$

$x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3$

$x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1$

$x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$

123.

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

$$(x^2 - 3)(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$(x + \sqrt{3})(x - \sqrt{3})(x + 1)(x - 1) = 0$$

$x + \sqrt{3} = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\sqrt{3}$

$x - \sqrt{3} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}$

$x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1$

$x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$

125.

$4x^4 - 65x^2 + 16 = 0$

$$(4x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 16) = 0$$

$$(2x + 1)(2x - 1)(x + 4)(x - 4) = 0$$

$2x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$2x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$

$x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -4$

$x - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4$

127.

$\frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{8}{t} + 15 = 0$

$1 + 8t + 15t^2 = 0$

$(1 + 3t)(1 + 5t) = 0$

$1 + 3t = 0 \Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{3}$

$1 + 5t = 0 \Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{5}$

129.  $2x + 9\sqrt{x} - 5 = 0$

$$(2\sqrt{x} - 1)(\sqrt{x} + 5) = 0$$

$\sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}$

 $(\sqrt{x} = -5$  is not possible.)

Note: You can see graphically that there is only one solution.

131.  $\sqrt{x - 10} - 4 = 0$

$$\sqrt{x - 10} = 4$$

$x - 10 = 16$

$x = 26$

133.  $\sqrt{x + 1} - 3x = 1$

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

$x + 1 = 9x^2 + 6x + 1$

$0 = 9x^2 + 5x$

$0 = x(9x + 5)$

$x = 0$

$9x + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{5}{9}$ , extraneous

135.  $\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x - 5} = 1$

$$\sqrt{x} = 1 + \sqrt{x - 5}$$

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

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

$$4 = 2\sqrt{x - 5}$$

$$2 = \sqrt{x - 5}$$

$$4 = x - 5$$

$$9 = x$$

137.  $(x - 5)^{2/3} = 16$

$$x - 5 = \pm 16^{3/2}$$

$$x - 5 = \pm 64$$

$$x = 69, -59$$

**139.**  $3x(x - 1)^{1/2} + 2(x - 1)^{3/2} = 0$   
 $(x - 1)^{1/2}[3x + 2(x - 1)] = 0$   
 $(x - 1)^{1/2}(5x - 2) = 0$   
 $(x - 1)^{1/2} = 0 \Rightarrow x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$   
 $5x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{5}$  which is extraneous.

**141.**  $\frac{20 - x}{x} = x$   
 $20 - x = x^2$   
 $0 = x^2 + x - 20$   
 $0 = (x + 5)(x - 4)$   
 $x + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -5$   
 $x - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4$

**143.**  $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x + 1} = 3$   
 $x(x + 1)\frac{1}{x} - x(x + 1)\frac{1}{x + 1} = x(x + 1)(3)$   
 $x + 1 - x = 3x(x + 1)$   
 $1 = 3x^2 + 3x$   
 $0 = 3x^2 + 3x - 1; a = 3, b = 3, c = -1$   
 $x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{(3)^2 - 4(3)(-1)}}{2(3)} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{21}}{6}$

**145.**  $x = \frac{3}{x} + \frac{1}{2}$   
 $(2x)(x) = (2x)\left(\frac{3}{x}\right) + (2x)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$   
 $2x^2 = 6 + x$   
 $2x^2 - x - 6 = 0$   
 $(2x + 3)(x - 2) = 0$   
 $2x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{2}$   
 $x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2$

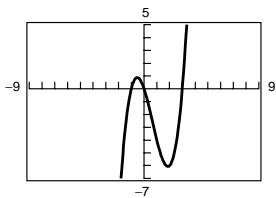
**147.**  $|2x - 1| = 5$   
 $2x - 1 = 5 \Rightarrow x = 3$   
 $-(2x - 1) = 5 \Rightarrow x = -2$

**149.**  $|x| = x^2 + x - 3$   
 $x = x^2 + x - 3 \quad \text{OR} \quad -x = x^2 + x - 3$   
 $x^2 - 3 = 0 \quad x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$   
 $x = \pm\sqrt{3} \quad (x - 1)(x + 3) = 0$   
 $x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$   
 $x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3$

Only  $x = \sqrt{3}$ , and  $x = -3$  are solutions to the original equation.  $x = -\sqrt{3}$  and  $x = 1$  are extraneous. Note that the graph of  $y = x^2 + x - 3 - |x|$  has two  $x$ -intercepts.

**151.**  $y = x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x$

(a)



(c)  $0 = x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x$

$$0 = x(x + 1)(x - 3)$$

$$x = 0$$

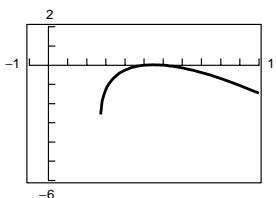
$$x + 1 = 0 \implies x = -1$$

$$x - 3 = 0 \implies x = 3$$

(b)  $x$ -intercepts:  $(-1, 0), (0, 0), (3, 0)$

**153.**  $y = \sqrt{11x - 30} - x$

(a)



(c)  $0 = \sqrt{11x - 30} - x$

$$x = \sqrt{11x - 30}$$

$$x^2 = 11x - 30$$

$$x^2 - 11x + 30 = 0$$

$$(x - 5)(x - 6) = 0$$

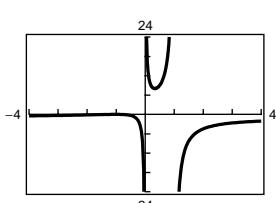
$$x - 5 = 0 \implies x = 5$$

$$x - 6 = 0 \implies x = 6$$

(b)  $x$ -intercepts:  $(5, 0), (6, 0)$

**155.**  $y = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{4}{x-1} - 1$

(a)



(c)  $0 = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{4}{x-1} - 1$

$$0 = (x - 1) - 4x - x(x - 1)$$

$$0 = x - 1 - 4x - x^2 + x$$

$$0 = -x^2 - 2x - 1$$

$$0 = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

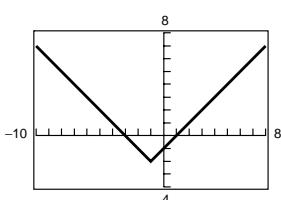
$$0 = (x + 1)^2$$

$$x + 1 = 0 \implies x = -1$$

(b)  $x$ -intercept:  $(-1, 0)$

**157.**  $y = |x + 1| - 2$

(a)



(c)  $0 = |x + 1| - 2$

$$2 = |x + 1|$$

$$x + 1 = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad -(x + 1) = 2$$

$$x = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad -x - 1 = 2$$

$$-x = 3$$

$$x = -3$$

(b)  $x$ -intercept:  $(1, 0), (-3, 0)$