

## EXERCISE 9.3

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## Solve the following equations and verify your answer:

## 1. (2x-3)/(3x+2) = -2/3

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$(2x-3)/(3x+2) = -2/3$$

Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,

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

$$6x - 9 = -6x - 4$$

When rearranged,

$$6x + 6x = 9 - 4$$

$$12x = 5$$

$$x = 5/12$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$(2x-3)/(3x+2) = -2/3$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(2(5/12) - 3) / (3(5/12) + 2) = -2/3$$

$$((5/6)-3) / ((5/4) + 2) = -2/3$$

$$((5-18)/6) / ((5+8)/4) = -2/3$$

$$(-13/6) / (13/4) = -2/3$$

$$(-13/6) \times (4/13) = -2/3$$

$$-4/6 = -2/3$$

$$-2/3 = -2/3$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 2. (2-y) / (y+7) = 3/5

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$(2-y)/(y+7) = 3/5$$

Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,

$$5(2-y) = 3(y+7)$$

$$10 - 5y = 3y + 21$$

When rearranged,

$$10 - 21 = 3y + 5y$$

$$8y = -11$$

$$y = -11/8$$



$$(2-y)/(y+7) = 3/5$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(2-(-11/8))/((-11/8)+7)=3/5$$

$$((16+11)/8) / ((-11+56)/8) = 3/5$$

$$(27/8) / (45/8) = 3/5$$

$$(27/8) \times (8/45) = 3/5$$

$$27/45 = 3/5$$

$$3/5 = 3/5$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 3. (5x - 7) / (3x) = 2

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$(5x - 7) / (3x) = 2$$

Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,

$$5x - 7 = 2(3x)$$

$$5x - 7 = 6x$$

$$5x - 6x = 7$$

$$-x = 7$$

$$x = -7$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$(5x - 7) / (3x) = 2$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(5(-7) - 7) / (3(-7)) = 2$$

$$(-35 - 7) / -21 = 2$$

$$-42/-21 = 2$$

$$2 = 2$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 4. (3x+5)/(2x+7) = 4

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$(3x+5)/(2x+7)=4$$

Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,

$$3x + 5 = 4(2x+7)$$

$$3x + 5 = 8x + 28$$



$$3x - 8x = 28 - 5$$
  
 $-5x = 23$   
 $x = -23/5$ 

$$(3x+5)/(2x+7)=4$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(3(-23/5) + 5) / (2(-23/5) + 7) = 4$$

$$(-69/5 + 5) / (-46/5 + 7) = 4$$

$$(-69+25)/5 / (-46+35)/5 = 4$$

$$-44/5 / -11/5 = 4$$

$$-44/5 \times 5/-11 = 4$$

$$44/11 = 4$$

$$4 = 4$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 5. (2y + 5) / (y + 4) = 1

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$(2y + 5) / (y + 4) = 1$$

Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,

$$2y + 5 = y + 4$$

$$2y - y = 4 - 5$$

$$y = -1$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$(2y + 5) / (y + 4) = 1$$

By substituting the value of 'y' we get,

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

$$(-2+5)/3=1$$

$$3/3 = 1$$

$$1 = 1$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 6. (2x + 1) / (3x - 2) = 5/9

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$(2x + 1) / (3x - 2) = 5/9$$

Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,



$$9(2x + 1) = 5(3x - 2)$$

$$18x + 9 = 15x - 10$$

$$18x - 15x = -10 - 9$$

$$3x = -19$$

$$x = -19/3$$

Now let us verify the given equation, (2x + 1) / (3x - 2) = 5/9By substituting the value of 'x' we get, (2(-19/3) + 1) / (3(-19/3) - 2) = 5/9(-38/3 + 1) / (-57/3 - 2) = 5/9(-38 + 3)/3 / (-57 - 6)/3 = 5/9-35/3 / -63/3 = 5/9 $-35/3 \times 3/-63 = 5/9$ -35/-63 = 5/9Hence, the given equation is verified

7. 
$$(1-9y) / (19-3y) = 5/8$$
  
Solution:  
We have,  
 $(1-9y) / (19-3y) = 5/8$   
Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,  
 $8(1-9y) = 5(19-3y)$   
 $8-72y = 95-15y$   
 $8-95 = 72y-15y$   
 $57y = -87$   
 $y = -87/57$ 

Now let us verify the given equation, (1-9y)/(19-3y) = 5/8By substituting the value of 'y' we get, (1-9(-29/19))/(19-3(-29/19)) = 5/8(19+261)/19/(361+87)/19 = 5/8 $280/19 \times 19/448 = 5/8$ 280/448 = 5/85/8 = 5/8Hence, the given equation is verified

= -29/19



## 8. 2x / (3x + 1) = 1

#### **Solution:**

We have.

$$2x/(3x+1)=1$$

Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,

$$2x = 1(3x + 1)$$

$$2x = 3x + 1$$

$$2x - 3x = 1$$

$$-x = 1$$

$$x = -1$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$2x/(3x+1)=1$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$2(-1)/(3(-1)+1)=1$$

$$-2/(-3+1)=1$$

$$-2/-2 = 1$$

$$1 = 1$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 9. y - (7 - 8y)/9y - (3 + 4y) = 2/3

## **Solution:**

We have,

$$y - (7 - 8y)/9y - (3 + 4y) = 2/3$$

$$(y-7+8y)/(9y-3-4y)=2/3$$

$$(-7 + 9y) / (5y - 3) = 2/3$$

Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,

$$3(-7 + 9y) = 2(5y - 3)$$

$$-21 + 27y = 10y - 6$$

$$27y - 10y = 21 - 6$$

$$17y = 15$$

$$y = 15/17$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$y - (7 - 8y)/9y - (3 + 4y) = 2/3$$

By substituting the value of 'y' we get,

$$15/17 - (7-8(15/17))/9(15/17) - (3 + 4(15/17)) = 2/3$$

$$15/17 - (7 - 120/17) / 135/17 - (3 + 60/17) = 2/3$$

$$15/17 - ((119-120)/17) / 135/17 - ((51+60)/17) = 2/3$$



$$15/17 - (-1/17) / 135/17 - (111/17) = 2/23$$
 $((15+1)/17) / ((135-111)/17) = 2/3$ 
 $16/17 / 24/17 = 2/3$ 
 $16/24 = 2/3$ 
 $2/3 = 2/3$ 

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 10. 6/2x - (3-4x) = 2/3

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$6/2x - (3 - 4x) = 2/3$$

$$6/(2x - 3 + 4x) = 2/3$$

$$6/(6x - 3) = 2/3$$

Let us perform cross-multiplication we get,

$$3(6) = 2(6x - 3)$$

$$18 = 12x - 6$$

$$12x = 18 + 6$$

$$12x = 24$$

$$x = 24/12$$

$$=2$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$6/2x - (3 - 4x) = 2/3$$

$$6/(6x - 3) = 2/3$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$6/(6(2) - 3) = 2/3$$

$$6/(12-3) = 2/3$$

$$6/9 = 2/3$$

$$2/3 = 2/3$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 11. 2/3x - 3/2x = 1/12

## **Solution:**

We have,

$$2/3x - 3/2x = 1/12$$

By taking LCM for 2 and 3 which is 6

$$4-9/6x = 1/12$$

$$-5/6x = 1/12$$

By cross-multiplying we get,



$$12(-5) = 1 (6x)$$
  
 $-60 = 6x$   
 $x = -60/6$   
 $= -10$ 

$$2/3x - 3/2x = 1/12$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$2/3(-10) - 3/2(-10) = 1/12$$

$$2/-30 - 3/-20 = 1/12$$

$$-4+6/60=1/12$$

$$5/60 = 1/12$$

$$1/12 = 1/12$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 12. (3x + 5)/(4x + 2) = (3x + 4)/(4x + 7)

#### **Solution**:

We have,

$$(3x + 5)/(4x + 2) = (3x + 4)/(4x + 7)$$

$$(3x + 5)/(4x + 2) - (3x + 4)/(4x + 7) = 0$$

By taking LCM as (4x + 2)(4x + 7)

$$((3x+5)(4x+7)-(3x+4)(4x+2))/(4x+2)(4x+7)=0$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$(3x + 5) (4x + 7) - (3x + 4) (4x + 2) = 0$$

$$(3x + 5) (4x + 7) - (3x + 4) (4x + 2) = 0$$

$$12x^2 + 21x + 20x + 35 - 12x^2 - 6x - 16x - 8 = 0$$

$$19x + 35 - 8 = 0$$

$$19x = -27$$

$$x = -27/19$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$(3x + 5)/(4x + 2) = (3x + 4)/(4x + 7)$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(3(-27/19) + 5) / (4(-27/19) + 2) = (3(-27/19) + 4) / (4(-27/19) + 7)$$

$$(-81/19 + 5) / (-108/19 + 2) = (-81/19 + 4) / (-108/19 + 7)$$

$$((-81+95)/19)/((-108+38)/19) = ((-81+76)/19)/((-108+133)/19)$$

$$14/19 / -70/19 = -5/19 / 25/19$$

$$-14/70 = -5/25$$

$$-1/5 = -1/5$$



Hence, the given equation is verified

13. 
$$(7x - 2) / (5x - 1) = (7x + 3)/(5x + 4)$$
  
Solution:

We have,

$$(7x - 2) / (5x - 1) = (7x + 3)/(5x + 4)$$

$$(7x - 2) / (5x - 1) - (7x + 3)/(5x + 4) = 0$$

By taking LCM as (5x - 1)(5x + 4)

$$((7x-2)(5x+4)-(7x+3)(5x-1))/(5x-1)(5x+4)=0$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$(7x-2)(5x+4) - (7x+3)(5x-1) = 0$$

Upon simplification,

$$35x^2 + 28x - 10x - 8 - 35x^2 + 7x - 15x + 3 = 0$$

$$10x - 5 = 0$$

$$10x = 5$$

$$x = 5/10$$

$$= 1/2$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$(7x - 2) / (5x - 1) = (7x + 3)/(5x + 4)$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(7(1/2) - 2) / (5(1/2) - 1) = (7(1/2) + 3) / (5(1/2) + 4)$$

$$(7/2 - 2) / (5/2 - 1) = (7/2 + 3) / (5/2 + 4)$$

$$((7-4)/2) / ((5-2)/2) = ((7+6)/2) / ((5+8)/2)$$

$$(3/2) / (3/2) = (13/2) / (13/2)$$

$$1 = 1$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 14. $((x+1)/(x+2))^2 = (x+2)/(x+4)$

## **Solution:**

We have,

$$((x+1)/(x+2))^2 = (x+2)/(x+4)$$

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

By taking LCM as  $(x+2)^2 (x+4)$ 

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

By cross-multiplying we get,

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

Let us expand the equation

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



$$x^{3} + 2x^{2} + x + 4x^{2} + 8x + 4 - (x^{3} + 4x^{2} + 4x + 2x^{2} + 8x + 8) = 0$$

$$x^{3} + 2x^{2} + x + 4x^{2} + 8x + 4 - x^{3} - 4x^{2} - 4x - 2x^{2} - 8x - 8 = 0$$

$$-3x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = -4/3$$

$$((x+1)/(x+2))^2 = (x+2)/(x+4)$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(x+1)^2 / (x+2)^2 = (x+2) / (x+4)$$

$$(-4/3 + 1)^2 / (-4/3 + 2)^2 = (-4/3 + 2) / (-4/3 + 4)$$

$$((-4+3)/3)^2 / ((-4+6)/3)^2 = ((-4+6)/3) / ((-4+12)/3)$$

$$(-1/3)^2 / (2/3)^2 = (2/3) / (8/3)$$

$$1/4 = 2/8$$

$$1/4 = 1/4$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 15. $((x+1)/(x-4))^2 = (x+8)/(x-2)$

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$((x+1)/(x-4))^2 = (x+8)/(x-2)$$

$$(x+1)^2/(x-4)^2 - (x+8)/(x-2) = 0$$

By taking LCM as  $(x-4)^2 (x-2)$ 

$$((x+1)^2 (x-2) - (x+8) (x-4)^2) / (x-4)^2 (x-2) = 0$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$(x+1)^2 (x-2) - (x+8) (x-4)^2 = 0$$

Upon expansion we get,

$$(x^2 + 2x + 1)(x-2) - ((x+8)(x^2 - 8x + 16)) = 0$$

$$x^3 + 2x^2 + x - 2x^2 - 4x - 2 - (x^3 - 8x^2 + 16x + 8x^2 - 64x + 128) = 0$$

$$x^3 + 2x^2 + x - 2x^2 - 4x - 2 - x^3 + 8x^2 - 16x - 8x^2 + 64x - 128 = 0$$

$$45x - 130 = 0$$

$$x = 130/45$$

$$= 26/9$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$((x+1)/(x-4))^2 = (x+8)/(x-2)$$

$$(x+1)^2/(x-4)^2 = (x+8)/(x-2)$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(26/9 + 1)^2 / (26/9 - 4)^2 = (26/9 + 8) / (26/9 - 2)$$



$$((26+9)/9)^2 / ((26-36)/9)^2 = ((26+72)/9) / ((26-18)/9)$$
  
 $(35/9)^2 / (-10/9)^2 = (98/9) / (8/9)$   
 $(35/-10)^2 = (98/8)$   
 $(7/2)^2 = 49/4$   
 $49/4 = 49/4$ 

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 16. (9x-7)/(3x+5) = (3x-4)/(x+6)Solution:

We have,

$$(9x-7)/(3x+5) = (3x-4)/(x+6)$$

$$(9x-7)/(3x+5) - (3x-4)/(x+6) = 0$$

By taking LCM as (3x+5)(x+6)

$$((9x-7)(x+6)-(3x-4)(3x+5))/(3x+5)(x+6)=0$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$(9x-7)(x+6) - (3x-4)(3x+5) = 0$$

Upon expansion we get,

$$9x^2 + 54x - 7x - 42 - (9x^2 + 15x - 12x - 20) = 0$$

$$44x - 22 = 0$$

$$44x = 22$$

$$x = 22/44$$

$$= 2/4$$

$$= 1/2$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$(9x-7)/(3x+5) = (3x-4)/(x+6)$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(9(1/2) - 7) / (3(1/2) + 5) = (3(1/2) - 4) / ((1/2) + 6)$$

$$(9/2 - 7) / (3/2 + 5) = (3/2 - 4) / (1/2 + 6)$$

$$((9-14)/2) / ((3+10)/2) = ((3-8)/2) / ((1+12)/2)$$

$$-5/2 / 13/2 = -5/2 / 13/2$$

$$-5/13 = -5/13$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 17. (x+2)/(x+5) = x/(x+6)

#### **Solution:**

$$(x+2)/(x+5) = x/(x+6)$$

$$(x+2)/(x+5) - x/(x+6) = 0$$



By taking LCM as (x+5) (x+6) ((x+2) (x+6) - x(x+5)) / (x+5) (x+6) = 0By cross-multiplying we get, (x+2) (x+6) - x(x+5) = 0Upon expansion,  $x^2 + 8x + 12 - x^2 - 5x = 0$ 3x + 12 = 03x = -12x = -12/3= -4

Now let us verify the given equation, (x+2)/(x+5) = x/(x+6)By substituting the value of 'x' we get, (-4+2)/(-4+5) = -4/(-4+6)-2/1 = -4/(2)-2 = -2Hence, the given equation is verified

# 18. 2x - (7-5x) / 9x - (3+4x) = 7/6 Solution:

We have,

$$2x - (7-5x) / 9x - (3+4x) = 7/6$$
  
 $(2x - 7 + 5x) / (9x - 3 - 4x) = 7/6$   
 $(7x - 7) / (5x - 3) = 7/6$   
By cross-multiplying we get,  
 $6(7x - 7) = 7(5x - 3)$   
 $42x - 42 = 35x - 21$   
 $42x - 35x = -21 + 42$   
 $7x = 21$   
 $x = 21/7$   
 $= 3$ 

Now let us verify the given equation, 2x - (7-5x) / 9x - (3+4x) = 7/6 (7x - 7) / (5x - 3) = 7/6 By substituting the value of 'x' we get, (7(3) - 7) / (5(3) - 3) = 7/6 (21-7) / (15-3) = 7/6



$$14/12 = 7/6$$

7/6 = 7/6

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 19. (15(2-x) - 5(x+6)) / (1-3x) = 10

## **Solution:**

We have,

$$15(2-x) - 5(x+6) / (1-3x) = 10$$

$$(30-15x) - (5x + 30) / (1-3x) = 10$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$(30-15x) - (5x + 30) = 10(1-3x)$$

$$30-15x-5x-30=10-30x$$

$$30-15x-5x-30+30x=10$$

$$10x = 10$$

$$x = 10/10$$

$$= 1$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$(15(2-x) - 5(x+6)) / (1-3x) = 10$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(15(2-1) - 5(1+6)) / (1-3) = 10$$

$$(15 - 5(7))/-2 = 10$$

$$(15-35)/-2 = 10$$

$$-20/-2 = 10$$

$$10 = 10$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 20. (x+3)/(x-3) + (x+2)/(x-2) = 2

## **Solution:**

We have,

$$(x+3)/(x-3) + (x+2)/(x-2) = 2$$

By taking LCM as (x-3)(x-2)

$$((x+3)(x-2) + (x+2) (x-3)) / (x-3) (x-2) = 2$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

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

Upon expansion,

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

$$2x^2 - 12 = 2x^2 - 10x + 12$$

$$2x^2 - 2x^2 + 10x = 12 + 12$$



$$10x = 24$$
  
 $x = 24/10$   
 $= 12/5$ 

$$(x+3)/(x-3) + (x+2)/(x-2) = 2$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(12/5 + 3)/(12/5 - 3) + (12/5 + 2)/(12/5 - 2) = 2$$

$$((12+15)/5)/((12-15)/5) + ((12+10)/5)/((12-10)/5) = 2$$

$$(27/5)/(-3/5) + (22/5)/(2/5) = 2$$

$$-27/3 + 22/2 = 2$$

$$((-27\times2) + (22\times3))/6 = 2$$

$$(-54 + 66)/6 = 2$$

$$12/6 = 2$$

$$2 = 2$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 21. $((x+2)(2x-3) - 2x^2 + 6)/(x-5) = 2$

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$((x+2)(2x-3)-2x^2+6)/(x-5)=2$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$(x+2)(2x-3) - 2x^2 + 6 = 2(x-5)$$

$$2x^2 - 3x + 4x - 6 - 2x^2 + 6 = 2x - 10$$

$$x = 2x - 10$$

$$x - 2x = -10$$

$$-x = -10$$

$$x = 10$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$((x+2)(2x-3)-2x^2+6)/(x-5)=2$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$((10+2)(2(10)-3)-2(10)^2+6)/(10-5)=2$$

$$(12(17) - 200 + 6)/5 = 2$$

$$(204 - 194)/5 = 2$$

$$10/5 = 2$$

Hence, the given equation is verified



# 22. $(x^2 - (x+1)(x+2))/(5x+1) = 6$ Solution:

We have,

$$(x^2 - (x+1)(x+2))/(5x+1) = 6$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$(x^2 - (x+1)(x+2)) = 6(5x+1)$$

$$x^2 - x^2 - 2x - x - 2 = 30x + 6$$

$$-3x - 2 = 30x + 6$$

$$30x + 3x = -2 - 6$$

$$33x = -8$$

$$x = -8/33$$

Now let us verify the given equation,

$$(x^2 - (x+1)(x+2))/(5x+1) = 6$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$((-8/33)^2 - ((-8/33)+1)(-8/33+2))/(5(-8/33)+1) = 6$$

$$(64/1089 - ((-8+33)/33) ((-8+66)/33)) / (-40+33)/33) = 6$$

$$(64/1089 - (25/33)(58/33)) / (-7/33) = 6$$

$$(64/1089 - 1450/1089) / (-7/33) = 6$$

$$((64-1450)/1089/(-7/33)) = 6$$

$$-1386/1089 \times 33/-7 = 6$$

$$1386 \times 33 / 1089 \times -7 = 6$$

$$6 = 6$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 23. ((2x+3) - (5x-7))/(6x+11) = -8/3

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$((2x+3) - (5x-7))/(6x+11) = -8/3$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$3((2x+3) - (5x-7)) = -8(6x+11)$$

$$3(2x + 3 - 5x + 7) = -48x - 88$$

$$3(-3x + 10) = -48x - 88$$

$$-9x + 30 = -48x - 88$$

$$-9x + 48x = -88 - 30$$

$$39x = -118$$

$$x = -118/39$$

Now let us verify the given equation,



$$((2x+3) - (5x-7))/(6x+11) = -8/3$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$((2(-118/39) + 3) - (5(-118/39) - 7)) / (6(-118/39) + 11) = -8/3$$

$$((-336/39 + 3) - (-590/39 - 7)) / (-708/39 + 11) = -8/3$$

$$(((-336+117)/39) - ((-590-273)/39)) / ((-708+429)/39) = -8/3$$

$$(-219+863)/39 / (-279)/39 = -8/3$$

$$644/-279 = -8/3$$

$$-8/3 = -8/3$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

## 24. Find the positive value of x for which the given equation is satisfied:

(i) 
$$(x^2 - 9)/(5+x^2) = -5/9$$

#### **Solution:**

We have,

$$(x^2 - 9)/(5+x^2) = -5/9$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$9(x^2 - 9) = -5(5+x^2)$$

$$9x^2 - 81 = -25 - 5x^2$$

$$9x^2 + 5x^2 = -25 + 81$$

$$14x^2 = 56$$

$$x^2 = 56/14$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \sqrt{4}$$

(ii) 
$$(y^2 + 4)/(3y^2 + 7) = 1/2$$

Solution:

We have,

$$(y^2 + 4)/(3y^2 + 7) = 1/2$$

By cross-multiplying we get,

$$2(y^2 + 4) = 1(3y^2 + 7)$$

$$2y^2 + 8 = 3y^2 + 7$$

$$3y^2 - 2y^2 = 7 - 8$$

$$y^2 = -1$$

$$y = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$= 1$$