

Simplifying Complex Expressions and Solving Equations by Factoring

Answers

1. $5\sin(2x)(x^2 - 6)$

2. $2x^2(1.03)^x(x - 2)$

3. $5\ln(x)(\cos(x) - \sin(x))$

4. $e^{-0.3x}(1 - x + x^2)$

5. Factor to get $e^{-3x}(1 - 2x + x^2) = e^{-3x}(1 - x)^2 = 0$. Since e^{-3x} is never zero, the only solution is $x = 1$.

6. Factor to get $x^2(\ln(x+1) - 1) = 0$. Either $x^2 = 0$ or $\ln(x+1) - 1 = 0$. If $x^2 = 0$ then $x = 0$. If $\ln(x+1) = 1$ then $x+1 = e$ and $x = e - 1$. The solutions are $x = 0$ and $x = e - 1$.

7. Either $x = 0$ or $\cos(x) = 0$. The solutions are $x = 0$, $x = \pi/2$, and $x = 3\pi/2$.

8. Factor to get $e^x\left(\frac{1}{x} - 2\right) = 0$. Since e^x is never zero it must be the case that $\frac{1}{x} - 2 = 0$ so that $x = 1/2$.

9. Factor to get $2x^3(x - 2) = 0$ so $x = 0$ or $x = 2$.

10. Factor to get $e^{-x}(\log_{10}(x) - 100) = 0$. Since e^{-x} is never zero, it must be that $\log_{10}(x) - 100 = 0$ so that $x = 2$.