

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

Solve for real numbers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = 1$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_3 = \frac{4 + \sqrt{8}}{2} = 2 + \sqrt{2} \\ x_4 = \frac{4 - \sqrt{8}}{2} = 2 - \sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$