

**Problem 1**

$mx^2 - 3x + m = 0$  has two solutions  $\Leftrightarrow \Delta > 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow (-3)^2 - 4(m)(m) > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9 - 4m^2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow -4m^2 > -9 \Leftrightarrow 4m^2 < 9 \Leftrightarrow m^2 < \frac{9}{4}$$

According to the rule :  $m^2 < A^2 \Rightarrow -A < m < A$  ,  
( here with  $A^2 = \frac{9}{4}$  )

$$S = ]-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}[$$

**Problem 3**

i)  $(s-1)x^2 - 2(s-3)x + s-3 = 0$  has a *double solution*  $\Leftrightarrow \Delta = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(s-3)^2 - 4(s-1)(s-3) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4s^2 - 24s + 36 - 4s^2 + 16s - 12 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -8s + 24 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 8s = 24 \Leftrightarrow s = 3$$

$$S = \{3\}$$

ii)  $(s-1)x^2 - 2(s-3)x + s-3 = 0$  has a *no solution*  $\Leftrightarrow \Delta < 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow -8s + 24 < 0 \Leftrightarrow 8s > 24 \Leftrightarrow s > 3$$

$$S = ]3, \infty[$$

**Problem 4**

i)  $(\lambda + 2)x^2 + 4(\lambda - 4)x + (\lambda + 2) = 0$  has a *double solution*  $\Leftrightarrow \Delta = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16(\lambda - 4)^2 - 4(\lambda + 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16\lambda^2 - 128\lambda + 256 - 4\lambda^2 - 16\lambda - 16 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 12\lambda^2 - 144\lambda + 240 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 20 = 0$$

$$\Delta_\lambda = (-12)^2 - 4(1)(20)$$

$$= 144 - 80 = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = \frac{12-8}{2} = 2 \\ \lambda_2 = \frac{12+8}{2} = 10 \end{cases}$$

$$S = \{2, 10\}$$

ii) For each of these values of  $\lambda$ , what is the solution ?

For  $\lambda = \lambda_1 = 2$ , the equation  $(\lambda + 2)x^2 + 4(\lambda - 4)x + (\lambda + 2) = 0$  becomes  $4x^2 - 8x + 4 = 0$   
 $\Delta = 0$  (as expected) and  $x_1 = x_2 = -\frac{b}{2a} = 1$   $x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$   
 $(x - 1)^2 = 0$

For  $\lambda = \lambda_2 = 10$ , the equation  $(\lambda + 2)x^2 + 4(\lambda - 4)x + (\lambda + 2) = 0$  becomes  $12x^2 + 24x + 12 = 0$   
 $\Delta = 0$  (as expected) and  $x_1 = x_2 = -\frac{b}{2a} = -1$   $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$   
 $(x + 1)^2 = 0$