



Problem:

Solve the irrational equation:

$$\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+2} = \sqrt{x+34} - \sqrt{x+7}.$$

Solution:

$$\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+2} = \sqrt{x+34} - \sqrt{x+7} \Rightarrow (x \geq -7) \Rightarrow \sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{x+7} = \sqrt{x+37} - \sqrt{x-1},$$

let's square both sides of the equation $\Rightarrow$

$$x+7+x+2+2\sqrt{(x+2)(x+7)} = x+34+x-1-2\sqrt{(x+34)(x-1)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x+34)(x-1)} = 12 - \sqrt{(x+2)(x+7)},$$

$$\text{let's square again} \Rightarrow (x+34)(x-1) = 144 - 24\sqrt{(x+2)(x+7)} + (x+2)(x+7) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 24\sqrt{(x+2)(x+7)} = 144 + x^2 + 94 + 14 - x^2 - 33x + 34, \Rightarrow \sqrt{(x+2)(x+7)} = -x + 8,$$

$$\text{let's square for the 3rd time} \Rightarrow (x+2)(x+7) = (-x+8)^2 \Rightarrow x^2 + 9x + 14 = x^2 - 16x + 64 \Rightarrow x = 2.$$

Now let's check: $\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{4} = \sqrt{36} - \sqrt{9}$ correct.

Answer: $x = 2$.