

1. We are looking for  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{a+b}{ab}$ . We know  $a+b = 11$ , so all we need to do is find  $ab$ . Start by cubing  $a+b = 11$ :  $(a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3 = 1331$ . We know  $a^3 + b^3 = 121$ , so substitute this:  $3a^2b + 3ab^2 + 121 = 1331 \Rightarrow 3a^2b + 3ab^2 = 1210$ . Now factor:  $3ab(a+b) = 1210$ , and we substitute  $a+b = 11$ :  $3 \cdot 11ab = 1210 \Rightarrow ab = \frac{110}{3}$ . So then  $\frac{a+b}{ab} = \frac{11}{\frac{110}{3}} = \boxed{\frac{33}{110}}$
2.  $\boxed{12}$
3. Manipulate the second equation so you get  $a = \frac{4}{3}b$ , and substitute in the first equation:  $9(\frac{4}{3}b)^2 - 8b^2 = 16b^2 - 8b^2 = 8b^2 = 1800$ , so  $b^2 = 225$ , so  $b = 15$ . Now solve for  $a$ :  $a = \frac{4}{3}(15) = 20$ . So  $ab = 15 \cdot 20 = \boxed{300}$
4.  $\boxed{9}$
5.  $\boxed{52}$
6.  $\boxed{12}$
7.  $\boxed{\frac{83}{48}}$
8.  $\boxed{2}$
9.  $\boxed{\frac{81}{64}}$
10. For an exponent to equal 1, then the base must be 1 (or -1 and raised to an even exponent) or the exponent must be 0. So if the base is 1, then  $x = 3$ . If the base is -1, then  $x = 1$ , and the exponent would be 24, which is even, so it works. Then if the exponent is zero, then  $25 - x^2 = (5 - x)(5 + x) = 0$ , so  $x = 5, -5$ . So there are  $\boxed{4}$  solutions.