

Math Diversion Problem 320

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Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice.
— Henry Ford

The YouTube video is found at:

Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_PuroYNgcg
Title: Can you Pass Harvard University Admission Interview ?
Presenter: Super Academy

1 The Problem

Given the relation

$$27^x = \sqrt[3]{3^{\sqrt{x}}}, \quad (1)$$

find the real values of x .

2 The Solution

Let's start by checking for trivial solutions, and there is one at $x = 0$.

Then, cubing both sides of the Given relation, gives us:

$$(27^3)^x = 3^{9x} = 3^{\sqrt{x}}. \quad (2)$$

$$9x \log 3 = \sqrt{x} \log 3, \quad (3)$$

or

$$\sqrt{x} = 1/9, \quad (4)$$

thus

$$x = 1/81. \quad (5)$$