

Problem 24, Section 5.1

Solve  $3^{x-x^2} = \frac{1}{9^x}$  for  $x$ .

Well,  $\frac{1}{9^x} = \frac{1}{3^{2x}} = 3^{-2x}$ .

Thus,  $3^{x-x^2} = \frac{1}{9^x} \implies 3^{x-x^2} = 3^{-2x} \implies x - x^2 = -2x \implies x^2 - 3x = 0 \implies (x)(x - 3) = 0 \implies x = 0, 3$ .