

**POLYNOMIALS**

**It is not once nor twice but times without number that the same ideas  
make their appearance in the world.**

1. Find the value for K for which  $x^4 + 10x^3 + 25x^2 + 15x + K$  exactly divisible by  $x + 7$ .

(Ans : K= -91)

**Ans:** Let  $P(x) = x^4 + 10x^3 + 25x^2 + 15x + K$  and  $g(x) = x + 7$

Since  $P(x)$  exactly divisible by  $g(x)$

$$\therefore r(x) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{now } x + 7 \overline{) x^4 + 10x^3 + 25x^2 + 15x + K} \\ \underline{x^4 + 7x^3} \phantom{+ 25x^2 + 15x + K} \\ 3x^3 + 25x^2 \phantom{+ 15x + K} \\ \underline{3x^3 + 21x^2} \phantom{+ 15x + K} \\ 4x^2 + 15x \phantom{+ K} \\ \underline{4x^2 + 28x} \phantom{+ K} \\ -13x + K \\ \underline{-13x - 91} \\ K + 91 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\therefore K + 91 = 0$$

$K = -91$

2. If two zeros of the polynomial  $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^3 - 26x^2 + 138x - 35$  are  $2 \pm \sqrt{3}$ . Find the other zeros.  
(Ans: 7, -5)

**Ans:** Let the two zeros are  $2 + \sqrt{3}$  and  $2 - \sqrt{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of Zeros} &= 2 + \sqrt{3} + 2 - \sqrt{3} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Product of Zeros} &= (2 + \sqrt{3})(2 - \sqrt{3}) \\ &= 4 - 3 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Quadratic polynomial is  $x^2 - (\text{sum})x + \text{Product}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 2x - 35 \\
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 x^2 - 4x + 1 \Big) x^4 - 6x^3 - 26x^2 + 138x - 35 \\
 \underline{x^4 - 4x^3 + x^2} \\
 -2x^3 - 27x^2 + 138x \\
 \underline{-2x^3 + 8x^2 - 2x} \\
 -35x^2 + 140x - 35 \\
 \underline{-35x^2 + 140x - 35} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore x^2 - 2x - 35 &= 0 \\
 (x - 7)(x + 5) &= 0 \\
 x &= 7, -5
 \end{aligned}$$

other two Zeros are 7 and -5

3. Find the Quadratic polynomial whose sum and product of zeros are  $\sqrt{2} + 1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + 1}$ .

**Ans:** sum =  $2\sqrt{2}$   
 Product = 1  
 Q.P =  
 $X^2 - (\text{sum})x + \text{Product}$

$$\therefore x^2 - (2\sqrt{2})x + 1$$

4. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the zeros of the polynomial  $2x^2 - 4x + 5$  find the value of a)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  b)  $(\alpha - \beta)^2$ .

(Ans: a) -1 , b) -6)

**Ans:**  $p(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 5$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

Substitute then we get,  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = -1$

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$$

Substitute, we get  $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = -6$

5. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the zeros of the polynomial  $x^2 + 8x + 6$  form a Quadratic polynomial

whose zeros are a)  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta}$  b)  $1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ ,  $1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ .

(Ans:  $x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{1}{6}$ ,  $x^2 - \frac{32}{3}x + \frac{32}{3}$ )

**Ans:**  $p(x) = x^2 + 8x + 6$   
 $\alpha + \beta = -8$  and  $\alpha\beta = 6$

a) Let two zeros are  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta}$

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{-8}{6} = \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$\text{Product} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \times \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Required Q.P is

$$x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{1}{6}$$

b) Let two Zeros are  $1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$  and  $1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$

$$\text{sum} = 1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} + 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

$$= 2 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$$

$$= 2 + \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= 2 + \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta} \text{ after solving this problem,}$$

$$\text{We get} = \frac{32}{3}$$

$$\text{Product} = \left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)\left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} + 1$$

$$= 2 + \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha\beta}$$

Substitute this sum,

$$\text{We get} = \frac{32}{3}$$

$$\text{Required Q.P. is } x^2 - \frac{32}{3}x + \frac{32}{3}$$

6. On dividing the polynomial  $4x^4 - 5x^3 - 39x^2 - 46x - 2$  by the polynomial  $g(x)$  the quotient is  $x^2 - 3x - 5$  and the remainder is  $-5x + 8$ . Find the polynomial  $g(x)$ .  
(Ans:  $4x^2 + 7x + 2$ )

**Ans:**  $p(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$

$$g(x) = \frac{p(x) - r(x)}{q(x)}$$

$$\text{let } p(x) = 4x^4 - 5x^3 - 39x^2 - 46x - 2$$

$$q(x) = x^2 - 3x - 5 \text{ and } r(x) = -5x + 8$$

$$\text{now } p(x) - r(x) = 4x^4 - 5x^3 - 39x^2 - 41x - 10$$

$$\text{when } \frac{p(x) - r(x)}{q(x)} = 4x^2 + 7x + 2$$

$$\therefore g(x) = 4x^2 + 7x + 2$$

7. If the squared difference of the zeros of the quadratic polynomial  $x^2 + px + 45$  is equal to 144, find the value of  $p$ . (Ans:  $\pm 18$ ).

**Ans:** Let two zeros are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  where  $\alpha > \beta$

According given condition

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = 144$$

$$\text{Let } p(x) = x^2 + px + 45$$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-p}{1} = -p$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{45}{1} = 45$$

$$\text{now } (\alpha - \beta)^2 = 144$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = 144$$

$$(-p)^2 - 4(45) = 144$$

$$\text{Solving this we get } p = \pm 18$$

8. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the zeros of a Quadratic polynomial such that  $\alpha + \beta = 24$ ,  $\alpha - \beta = 8$ . Find a Quadratic polynomial having  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as its zeros. (Ans:  $k(x^2 - 24x + 128)$ )

**Ans:**  $\alpha + \beta = 24$

$$\alpha - \beta = 8$$

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$$2\alpha = 32$$

$$\alpha = \frac{32}{2} = 16, \therefore \alpha = 16$$

Work the same way to  $\alpha + \beta = 24$

$$\text{So, } \beta = 8$$

Q.P is  $x^2 - (\text{sum})x + \text{product}$   
 $= x^2 - (16+8)x + 16 \times 8$   
 Solve this,  
 it is  $k(x^2 - 24x + 128)$

9. If  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$  are the zeroes of the polynomial  $2x^2 - 4x + 5$ , then find the value of  
 a.  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  b.  $1/\alpha + 1/\beta$  c.  $(\alpha - \beta)^2$  d.  $1/\alpha^2 + 1/\beta^2$  e.  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3$

$$(\text{Ans: } -1, \frac{4}{5}, -6, \frac{-4}{25}, -7)$$

**Ans:** Let  $p(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 5$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{5}{2}$$

a)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$

Substitute to get  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = -1$

b)  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta}$

substitute, then we get  $= \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{4}{5}$

b)  $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$

Therefore we get,  $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = -6$

d)  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} = \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha\beta^2} = \frac{-1}{\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2}$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} = \frac{-4}{25}$$

e)  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta)$

Substitute this,

to get,  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = -7$

10. Obtain all the zeros of the polynomial  $p(x) = 3x^4 - 15x^3 + 17x^2 + 5x - 6$  if two zeroes are  $-1/\sqrt{3}$  and  $1/\sqrt{3}$ . (Ans:3,2)
11. Give examples of polynomials  $p(x)$ ,  $g(x)$ ,  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  which satisfy the division algorithm.  
 a.  $\deg p(x) = \deg q(x)$    b.  $\deg q(x) = \deg r(x)$    c.  $\deg q(x) = 0$ .
12. If the ratios of the polynomial  $ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 3cx + d$  are in AP, Prove that  $2b^3 - 3abc + a^2d = 0$

**Ans:** Let  $p(x) = ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 3cx + d$  and  $\alpha, \beta, r$  are their three Zeros

but zero are in AP

let  $\alpha = m - n$ ,  $\beta = m$ ,  $r = m + n$

$$\text{sum} = \alpha + \beta + r = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$\text{substitute this sum, to get } m = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$\text{Now taking two zeros as sum } \alpha\beta + \beta r + \alpha r = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$(m-n)m + m(m+n) + (m+n)(m-n) = \frac{3c}{a}$$

Solve this problem, then we get

$$\frac{3b^2 - 3ac}{a^2} = n^2$$

$$\text{Product } \alpha\beta r = \frac{d}{a}$$

$$(m-n)m(m+n) = \frac{-d}{a}$$

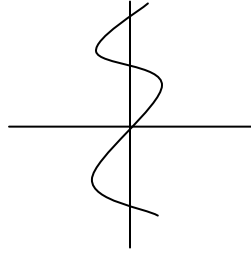
$$(m^2 - n^2)m = \frac{-d}{a}$$

$$\left[ \left( \frac{-b}{a} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{3b^2 - 3ac}{a^2} \right) \right] \left( \frac{-b}{a} \right) = \frac{-d}{a}$$

Simplifying we get

$$2b^3 - 3abc + a^2d = 0$$

13. Find the number of zeros of the polynomial from the graph given.



(Ans:1)

14. If one zero of the polynomial  $3x^2 - 8x + 2k + 1$  is seven times the other, find the zeros and the value of  $k$  (Ans  $k = 2/3$ )

### Self Practice

14. If  $(n-k)$  is a factor of the polynomials  $x^2 + px + q$  &  $x^2 + mx + n$ . Prove that

$$k = n + \frac{n - q}{m - p}$$

**Ans :** since  $(n - k)$  is a factor of  $x^2 + px + q$

$$\therefore (n - k)^2 + p(n - k) + q = 0$$

$$\text{And } (n - k)^2 + m(n - k) + n = 0$$

Solve this problem by yourself,

$$\therefore k = n + \frac{n - q}{m - p}$$

### SELF PRACTICE

16. If  $2, \frac{1}{2}$  are the zeros of  $px^2 + 5x + r$ , prove that  $p = r$ .

17. If  $m, n$  are zeroes of  $ax^2 - 5x + c$ , find the value of  $a$  and  $c$  if  $m + n = m \cdot n = 10$

(Ans:  $a = 1/2, c = 5$ )

18. What must be subtracted from  $8x^4 + 14x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x - 8$  so that the resulting polynomial is exactly divisible by  $4x^2 + 3x - 2$ . (Ans:  $14x - 10$ )

19. What must be added to the polynomial  $p(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 1$  so that the resulting polynomial is exactly divisible by  $x^2 + 2x - 3$ . (Ans:  $x - 2$ )