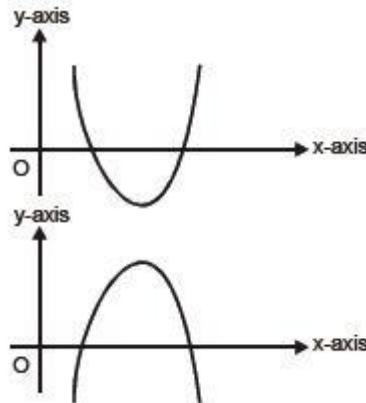


Basic Concepts

- Zeroes of a polynomial. k is said to be zero of a polynomial $p(x)$ if $p(k) = 0$
- Graph of polynomial.
 - (i) Graph of a linear polynomial $ax + b$ is a straight line.
 - (ii) Graph of a quadratic polynomial $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ is a parabola open upwards like \cup , if $a > 0$.
 - (iii) Graph of a quadratic polynomial $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ is a parabola open downwards like \cap , if $a < 0$.
 - (iv) In general a polynomial $p(x)$ of degree n crosses the x -axis at at most n points.



- Relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients of a Polynomial.

- (i) If α, β are zeroes / roots of $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, then

$$\text{Sum of roots } \alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a} \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{-(\text{coefficient of } x)}{\text{coefficient of } x^2}$$

$$\text{Product of roots } = \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} \Rightarrow \alpha\beta = \frac{\text{constant term}}{\text{coefficient of } x^2}$$

- (ii) If α, β and γ are zeroes / roots of $p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

$$\text{Then, sum of roots } = \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-(\text{coefficient of } x^2)}{\text{coefficient of } x^3}$$

Sum of product of roots taken, two at a time

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\text{coefficient of } x}{\text{coefficient of } x^3}$$

$$\text{Product of roots } = \frac{-d}{a} \Rightarrow \alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{-(\text{constant term})}{\text{coefficient of } x^3}$$

- (iii) If α, β are roots of a quadratic polynomial $p(x)$, then $p(x) = x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = x^2 - (\text{sum of roots})x + \text{product of roots}$$

- (iv) If α, β and γ are zeroes of a cubic polynomial $p(x)$,

$$\text{Then, } p(x) = x^3 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)x^2 + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma)x - (\alpha\beta\gamma)$$

$$p(x) = x^3 - (\text{sum of zeroes})x^2 + (\text{sum of product of zeroes / roots taken two at a time})x - (\text{product of zeroes})$$

EXAMPLES TO SOLVE NUMERICALS

1. Find the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial and verify the relationship between the zeroes and coefficient of polynomial $p(x) = x^2 + 7x + 12$.

Sol. $p(x) = x^2 + 7x + 12$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = (x + 3)(x + 4)$$

$$\therefore p(x) = 0 \text{ if } x + 3 = 0 \text{ or } x + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -3 \text{ or } x = -4$$

$$\therefore -3 \text{ and } -4 \text{ are zeroes of the } p(x).$$

Now,

$$\text{Sum of the zeroes} = -3 + (-4) = -7 = \frac{-7}{1} = \frac{-(\text{coefficient of } x)}{\text{coefficient of } x^2}$$

$$\text{Product of the zeroes} = (-3) \times (-4) = 12 = \frac{12}{1} = \frac{\text{constant term}}{\text{coefficient of } x^2}$$

2. Find the zeroes of $4x^2 - 7$ and verify the relationship between the zeroes and its coefficients.

Sol. Let $p(x) = 4x^2 - 7$

Here coefficient of $x^2 = 4$,

Coefficient of $x = 0$ and constant term $= -7$.

$$\text{Now } p(x) = 4x^2 - 7 = (2x - \sqrt{7})(2x + \sqrt{7})$$

$$\therefore p(x) = 0, \text{ if } 2x - \sqrt{7} = 0 \text{ or } 2x + \sqrt{7} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{-\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \text{ and } \frac{-\sqrt{7}}{2} \text{ are zeroes of } p(x).$$

Now,

$$\text{Sum of zeroes} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} + \left(\frac{-\sqrt{7}}{2}\right) = 0 = \frac{0}{4} = \frac{-(\text{coefficient of } x)}{\text{coefficient of } x^2}$$

$$\text{Product of zeroes} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \times \frac{-\sqrt{7}}{2} = \frac{-7}{4} = \frac{\text{constant term}}{\text{coefficient of } x^2}$$

3. Find a quadratic polynomial, the sum of whose zeroes is 0 and one zero is 5.

Sol. Let zeroes are α and β .

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \text{Sum of zeroes}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow 5 + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = -5$$

$$\text{Now product of zeroes} = \alpha\beta = 5 \times (-5) = -25$$

$$\text{Let polynomial } p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 0 = \frac{-b}{a}; \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = -25$$

$$\therefore a = 1, b = 0, c = -25$$

$$\text{Hence, } p(x) = x^2 - 25$$

4. Find a cubic polynomial with the sum, sum of the product of its zeroes taken two at a time, and product of its zeroes are 5, -6 and -20 respectively.

Sol. Let $p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

and α, β, γ are its zeroes.

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \text{Sum of zeroes} = 5 = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma = \text{Sum of the products of zeroes taken two at a time} = -6 = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -20 = \frac{-d}{a}$$

$$\text{If } a = 1, \text{ then } b = -5, c = -6 \text{ and } d = 20$$

$$\therefore \text{Polynomial, } p(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x + 20.$$

Division Algorithm for polynomials.

If $p(x)$ and $g(x)$ are any two polynomials with $g(x) \neq 0$, then we can find polynomials $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ such that $p(x) = q(x) \times g(x) + r(x)$, where $r(x) = 0$ or degree of $r(x) <$ degree of $g(x)$.

Step-1. Divide the highest degree term of the dividend by the highest degree term of the divisor and obtain the remainder.

Step2. If the remainder is 0 or degree of remainder is less than divisor, then we cannot continue the division any further. If degree of remainder is equal to or more than divisor repeat step-1.

5. Divide $4x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x - 6$ by $2x^2 + 3x + 1$.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x-2 \\
 2x^2+3x+1 \overline{) 4x^3+2x^2+5x-6} \\
 \underline{4x^3+6x^2+2x} \\
 -4x^2+3x-6 \\
 \underline{-4x^2-6x-2} \\
 9x-4
 \end{array}$$

\therefore Quotient is $2x - 2$ and remainder is $9x - 4$.

6. Find all zeroes of polynomial

$4x^4 - 20x^3 + 23x^2 + 5x - 6$ if two of its zeroes are 2 and 3.

Sol. Since two zeroes are 2 and 3.

$\therefore (x - 2)(x - 3)$ is a factor of given polynomial.

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6$ is a factor of given polynomial.

Now

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4x^2-1 \\
 x^2-5x+6 \overline{) 4x^4-20x^3+23x^2+5x-6} \\
 \underline{4x^4-20x^3+24x^2} \\
 -x^2+5x-6 \\
 \underline{-x^2+5x-6} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$\therefore 4x^4 - 20x^3 + 23x^2 + 5x - 6$

$= (x^2 - 5x + 6)(4x^2 - 1)$

$= (x - 2)(x - 3)(2x - 1)(2x + 1)$

\therefore Zeroes of the given polynomial are $2, 3, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$.

ASSIGNMENT

1. For what value of k , (-4) is a zero of the polynomial $x^2 - x - (2k + 2)$?
2. For what value of p , (-4) is a zero of the polynomial $x^2 - 2x - (7p + 3)$?
3. If 1 is a zero of the polynomial $p(x) = x^2 - 3(a - 1)x - 1$, then find the value of a .
4. Write the zeroes of the polynomial $x^2 + 2x + 1$.
5. Write the zeroes of the polynomial $x^2 - x - 6$.
6. Write a quadratic polynomial, the sum and product of whose zeroes are 3 and -2 respectively.
7. Find the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$ and verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficient of the polynomial.
8. Find the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $5x^2 - 4 - 8x$ and verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficient of the polynomial.
9. Find the quadratic polynomial, the sum of whose zeroes is 8 and their product is 12. Hence, find the zeroes of the polynomial.
10. Find all the zeros of the polynomial $x^4 + x^3 - 34x^2 - 4x + 120$, if two of its zeroes are 2 and -2 .