

$$= (1)(1)\dots\dots n \text{ factors} \quad \because \omega^3 = 1$$

$$= (1)^n$$

$$= 1$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

Hence proved.

### Roots and co-efficient of a quadratic equation:

We know that  $\frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  and  $\frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  are roots of the equation

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  where  $a, b$  are coefficients of  $x^2$  and  $x$  respectively. While  $c$  is the constant term.

### Relation between roots and co-efficient of a quadratic equation:

$$\text{If } \alpha = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \beta = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a},$$

then we can find the sum and the product of the roots as follows.

$$\text{Sum of the roots} = \alpha + \beta$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} + \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\ &= \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} - b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-2b}{2a} = -\frac{b}{a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Product of the roots} = \alpha \beta$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right) \left( \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right) \\ &= \frac{(-b)^2 - (\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})^2}{4a^2} = \frac{b^2 - (b^2 - 4ac)}{4a^2} \\ &= \frac{b^2 - b^2 + 4ac}{4a^2} = \frac{4ac}{4a^2} = \frac{c}{a} \end{aligned}$$

If we denote the sum of roots and product of roots by  $S$  and  $P$  respectively, then

$$S = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{\text{Co-efficient of } x}{\text{Co-efficient of } x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Co-efficient of } x^2}$$

## SOLVED EXERCISE 2.3

1. Without solving, find the sum and the product of the following quadratic equations.

(i)  $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$

Solution:



$$x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$$

Here  $a = 1, b = -5, c = 3$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{-5}{1} = 5$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$$

$$\text{(ii) } 3x^2 + 7x - 11 = 0$$

*Solution:*

$$3x^2 + 7x - 11 = 0$$

Here  $a = 3, b = 7, c = -11$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{11}{3}$$

$$\text{(iii) } px^2 - qx + r = 0$$

*Solution:*

$$px^2 - qx + r = 0$$

Here  $a = p, b = -q, c = r$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{(-q)}{p} = \frac{q}{p}$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{r}{p}$$

$$\text{(iv) } (a + b)x^2 - ax + b = 0$$

*Solution:*

$$(a + b)x^2 - ax + b = 0$$

Here  $a = a + b, b = -a, c = b$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{(-a)}{a + b} = \frac{a}{a + b}$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{b}{a + b}$$

$$\text{(v) } (l + m)x^2 + (m + n)x + n - l = 0$$

*Solution:*

$$(l + m)x^2 + (m + n)x + n - l = 0$$

Here  $a = l + m, b = m + n, c = n - l$



Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{m+n}{l+m}$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{n-l}{l+m}$$

$$\text{(vi) } 7x^2 - 5mx + 9n = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$7x^2 - 5mx + 9n = 0$$

Here  $a = 7, b = -5m, c = 9n$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{(-5m)}{7} = \frac{5m}{7}$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{9n}{7}$$

**2. Find the value of k, if**

**(i) Sum of the roots of the equation  $2kx^2 - 3x + 4k = 0$  is twice the product of the roots.**

**Solution:**

$$2kx^2 - 3x + 4k = 0$$

Here  $a = 2k, b = -3, c = 4k$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{(-3)}{2k} = \frac{3}{2k}$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{4k}{2k} = 2$$

As sum of the roots is twice the product of the roots, so

$$\alpha + \beta = 2 \alpha \beta$$

$$\frac{3}{2k} = 2(2)$$

$$\frac{3}{2k} = 4$$

$$\text{or } k = \frac{3}{8}$$

**(ii) Sum of the roots of the equation  $x^2 + (3k - 7)x + 5k = 0$  is  $\frac{3}{2}$  times the product of the roots.**

**Solution:**

$$x^2 + (3k - 7)x + 5k = 0$$



Here  $a = 1, b = 3k - 7, c = 5k$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{3k - 7}{1} = -3k + 7$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{5k}{1} = 5k$$

As sum of the roots is twice the product of the roots, so

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{3}{2} \alpha \beta$$

$$-3k + 7 = \frac{3}{2}(5k)$$

$$-3k + 7 = \frac{15k}{2}$$

$$-3k - \frac{15k}{2} = -7$$

$$\frac{-6k - 15k}{2} = -7$$

$$\frac{-21k}{2} = -7$$

$$k = (-7) \left( -\frac{2}{21} \right)$$

$$k = \frac{2}{3}$$

### 3. Find k, if

(i) Sum of the squares of the roots of the equation  $4kx^2 + 3kx - 8 = 0$  is 2.

*Solution:*

$$4kx^2 + 3kx - 8 = 0 \text{ is 2}$$

Here  $a = 4k, b = 3k, c = -8$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{3k}{4k} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{-8}{4k}$$

As sum of the roots is twice the product of the roots is 2, so,

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 2$$

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

$$\left( -\frac{3}{4} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{-8}{4k} \right) = 2$$

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

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



$$\frac{9}{16} + \frac{16}{4k} = 2$$

$$\frac{16}{4k} = 2 - \frac{9}{16} \Rightarrow \frac{16}{4k} = \frac{32-9}{16}$$

$$\frac{16}{4k} = \frac{23}{16} \Rightarrow 23 \times 4k = 16 \times 16$$

$$k = \frac{16 \times 16}{23 \cdot 4} \Rightarrow k = \frac{64}{23}$$

(ii) Sum of the squares of the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 2kx + (2k + 1) = 0$  is 6.

**Solution:**

$$x^2 - 2kx + (2k + 1) = 0 \text{ is } 6$$

Here  $a = 1, b = -2k, c = 2k + 1$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{(-2k)}{1} = 2k$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{2k+1}{1} = 2k+1$$

As sum of the roots is twice the product of the roots is 2, so,

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 6$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = 6$$

$$(2k)^2 - 2(2k+1) = 6$$

$$4k^2 - 4k - 2 = 6$$

$$4k^2 - 4k - 2 - 6 = 0$$

$$4k^2 - 4k - 8 = 0$$

$$4(k^2 - k - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - k - 2 = 0$$

$$k^2 - 2k + k - 2 = 0$$

$$k(k-2) + 1(k-2) = 0$$

$$(k+1)(k-2) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } k+1=0 \quad \text{or} \quad k-2=0$$

$$k=-1 \quad \quad \quad k=2$$

4. Find p, if

(i) The roots of the equation  $x^2 - x + p^2 = 0$  differ by unity.

**Solution:**

$$x^2 - x + p^2 = 0$$

Here  $a = 1, b = -1, c = p^2$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha - 1$  be the roots of given equation.

$$\text{Then } \alpha + \alpha - 1 = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \text{and } \alpha(\alpha - 1) = \frac{c}{a}$$



$$2\alpha - 1 = -\frac{(-1)}{1}$$

$$2\alpha - 1 = 1$$

$$2\alpha = 1 + 1$$

$$2\alpha = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 1$$

$$\alpha^2 - 1 = \frac{p^2}{1}$$

$$\alpha^2 - 1 = p$$

put  $\alpha = 1$  in above eq., we get

$$(1)^2 - 1 = p$$

$$1 - 1 = p$$

or  $p = 0$

(ii) the roots of the equation  $x^2 + 3x + p - 2 = 0$  differ by 2.

Solution:

$$x^2 + 3x + p - 2 = 0$$

Here  $a = 1, b = 3, c = p - 2$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha - 2$  be the roots of given equation.

$$\text{Then } \alpha + \alpha - 2 = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\text{and } \alpha(\alpha - 2) = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$2\alpha - 2 = -\frac{3}{1}$$

$$\alpha^2 - 2 = \frac{p - 2}{1}$$

$$2\alpha - 2 = -3$$

$$\alpha^2 - 2 = p - 2$$

$$2\alpha = -3 + 2$$

$$\alpha^2 - 2\alpha = p - 2$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{put}$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ in above eq., we get}$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = p - 2$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + 1 = p - 2$$

$$\frac{1 + 4}{4} = p - 2$$

$$\frac{5}{4} = p - 2$$

$$p = \frac{5}{4} + 2$$

or

$$p = \frac{13}{4}$$

5. Find  $m$ , if

(i) The roots of the equation  $x^2 - 7x + 3m - 5 = 0$  satisfy the relation  $3\alpha + 2\beta = 4$

Solution:

$$x^2 - 7x + 3m - 5 = 0$$

Here  $a = 1, b = -7, c = 3m - 5$



Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of given equation.

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{(-7)}{1} = 7$$

$$\text{And product of roots} = \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{3m}{1} = 3m - 5$$

Now  $\alpha + \beta = 7$  and  $\alpha\beta = 3m - 5$  \_\_\_\_\_ (ii)

$$\beta = 7 - \alpha \quad \text{_____ (i)}$$

Since  $3\alpha + 2\beta = 4$  \_\_\_\_\_ (iii)

Put  $\beta$  in eq (iii), we have

$$3\alpha + 2(7 - \alpha) = 4$$

$$3\alpha + 14 - 2\alpha = 4$$

$$3\alpha - 2\alpha + 14 = 4$$

$$\alpha = 4 - 14$$

$$\alpha = -10$$

Put  $\alpha = -10$  in eq. (i), we get

$$\beta = 7 + 10$$

$$\beta = +17$$

Put  $\alpha = -10, \beta = +17$  in eq. (ii), we get

$$(-10)(17) = 3m - 5$$

$$-170 = 3m - 5$$

or  $m = -165$

$$m = -55$$

(ii) The roots of the equation  $x^2 + 7x + 3m - 5 = 0$  satisfy the relation  $3\alpha - 2\beta = 4$ .

**Solution:**

$$x^2 + 7x + 3m - 5 = 0$$

Here  $a = 1, b = 7, c = 3m - 5$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of given equation.

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{7}{1} \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{3m - 5}{1}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -7 \quad \alpha\beta = 3m - 5 \quad \text{_____ (ii)}$$

$$\beta = -7 - \alpha \quad \text{_____ (i)}$$

Since  $3\alpha + 2\beta = 4$  \_\_\_\_\_ (iii)

Put  $\beta$  in eq. (iii), we have

$$3\alpha + 2(-7 - \alpha) = 4$$

$$3\alpha + 14 + 2\alpha = 4$$

$$3\alpha + 2\alpha = 4 - 14$$

$$5\alpha = -10$$

$$\alpha = -2$$

Put  $\alpha = -2$  in eq. (i), we get



$$\beta = -7 - (-2)$$

$$\beta = -7 + 2$$

$$\beta = -5$$

Put  $\alpha = -2$  and  $\beta = -5$  in eq. (iii), we get

$$(-2)(-5) = 3m - 5$$

$$10 = 3m - 5$$

or  $3m = 10 + 5$

$\Rightarrow m = 5$

(iii) The roots of the equation  $3x^2 - 2x + 7m + 2 = 0$  satisfy the relation  $7\alpha - 3\beta =$

**Solution:**

$$3x^2 - 2x + 7m + 2 = 0$$

Here  $a = 3, b = -2, c = 7m + 2$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of given equation.

$$\text{Then sum of roots} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{(-2)}{3} \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{7m + 2}{3} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\beta = \frac{2}{3} - \alpha \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Since  $7\alpha - 3\beta = 18$  --- (iii)

Put  $\beta = \frac{2}{3} - \alpha$  in eq. (iii), we get

$$7\alpha - 3\left(\frac{2}{3} - \alpha\right) = 18$$

$$7\alpha - 2 + 3\alpha = 18$$

$$7\alpha - 2 + 3\alpha = 18 + 2$$

$$10\alpha = 20$$

$$\alpha = 2$$

Put  $\alpha = 2$  in eq. (i), we get

$$\beta = \frac{2}{3} - 2$$

$$\beta = \frac{2 - 6}{3}$$

$$\beta = -\frac{4}{3}$$

Put  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta = -\frac{4}{3}$  in eq. (ii), we get



$$(2) \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) = \frac{7m+2}{3}$$

$$-\frac{8}{3} = \frac{7m+2}{3}$$

$$-\frac{8}{3} \times 3 = 7m+2$$

$$-8 = 7m+2$$

or  $7m = -8 - 2$

$$7m = -10$$

$$m = -\frac{10}{7}$$

6. Find  $m$ , if sum and product of the roots of the following equations is equal to a given number  $\lambda$ .

*Solution:*

(i)  $(2m+3)x^2 + (7m-5)x + (3m-10) = 0$

*Solution:*

$$(2m+3)x^2 + (7m-5)x + (3m-10) = 0$$

Here  $a = 2m+3$ ,  $b = 7m-5$ ,  $c = 3m-10$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of given equation

$$\text{Then } \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{7m-5}{2m+3} \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{3m-10}{2m+3}$$

As  $\alpha + \beta = \alpha\beta = \lambda$

So  $\lambda = -\frac{7m-5}{2m+3}$  (i) and  $\lambda = \frac{3m-10}{2m+3}$  (ii)

Comparing eq. (i) and eq (ii). we get

$$-\frac{7m-5}{2m+3} = \frac{3m-10}{2m+3}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& -(7m - 5)(2m + 3) = (2m + 3)(3m - 10) \\
& -(14m^2 + 21m - 10 - 15) = 6m^2 - 20m + 9m - 30 \\
& -(14m^2 + 11m - 15) = 6m^2 - 11m - 30 \\
& -14m^2 - 11m + 15 = 6m^2 - 11m - 30 \\
& -14m^2 - 6m^2 - 11m + 11m + 15 + 30 = 0 \\
& -20m^2 + 45 = 0, \\
& -20m^2 = -45
\end{aligned}$$

$$m^2 = \frac{45}{20}$$

$$m^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$(ii) 4x^2 - (3 + 5m)x - (9m - 17) = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$4x^2 - (3 + 5m)x - (9m - 17) = 0$$

Here  $a = 4$ ,  $b = -(3 + 5m)$ ,  $c = -(9m - 17)$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of given equation

$$\text{Then } \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{[-(3 + 5m)]}{4} \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{9m - 17}{4}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{3 + 5m}{4}$$

As  $\alpha + \beta = \alpha\beta = \lambda$

So  $\lambda = -\frac{3 + 5m}{4}$  (i) and  $\lambda = \frac{9m - 17}{4}$  (ii)

Comparing eq. (i) and eq (ii), we get

$$\frac{3 + 5m}{4} = \frac{9m - 17}{4}$$

$$4(3 + 5m) = -4(9m - 17)$$

$$3 + 5m = -(9m - 17)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + 5m = -(9m + 17)$$

$$5m + 9m = 17 - 3$$

$$14m = 14$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1$$



## Symmetric functions of the roots of a quadratic equation:

### Define symmetric functions of the roots of a quadratic equation:

#### Definition:

Symmetric functions are those functions in which the roots involved are such that the value of the expressions involving them remain unaltered, when roots are interchanged.

For example, if

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha, \beta) &= \alpha^2 + \beta^2, \text{ then} \\ f(\beta, \alpha) &= \beta^2 + \alpha^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 && (\because \beta^2 + \alpha^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2) \\ &= f(\alpha, \beta) \end{aligned}$$

## SOLVED EXERCISE 2.4

1. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$ , then evaluate

(i)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha^2 + \beta^2 \\ &x^2 + px + q = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Here  $a = 1, b = p, c = q$

As  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of given equation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \alpha + \beta &= -\frac{b}{a} & \text{and } \alpha\beta &= \frac{c}{a} \\ &= -\frac{p}{1} & &= \frac{q}{1} \\ &= -p & &= q \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 &= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta \\ &= (-p)^2 - 2(q) \\ &= p^2 - 2q \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $\alpha^3\beta + \alpha\beta^3$

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha^3\beta + \alpha\beta^3 \\ &x^2 + px + q = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Here  $a = 1, b = p, c = q$

As  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of given equation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \alpha + \beta &= -\frac{b}{a} & \text{and } \alpha\beta &= \frac{c}{a} \\ &= -\frac{p}{1} & &= \frac{q}{1} \\ &= -p & &= q \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = \alpha\beta(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) - 2\alpha\beta$$