NCERT Solutions for Class 10 MATHS – Polynomials



1. Find the zeroes of the following quadratic polynomials and verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients.

(i) $x^2 - 2x - 8$ (ii) $4s^2 - 4s + 1$ (iii) $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$ (iv) $4u^2 + 8u$ (vi) $3x^2 - x - 4$ (v) $t^2 - 15$ (i) $x^2 - 2x - 8 = (x - 4)(x + 2)$ Sol. The value of $x^2 - 2x - 8$ is zero when x - 4 = 0 or x + 2 = 0, i.e. when x = 4 or x = -2Therefore, the zeroes of $x^2 - 2x - 8$ and 4 and -2. Sum of zeroes $=4-2=2=\frac{-(-2)}{1}=\frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } x)}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$ Product of zeroes $= 4 \times (-2) = -8 = \frac{(-8)}{1} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$ (ii) $4s^2 - 4s + 1$ The value of $4s^2 - 4s + 1$ is zero when 2s - 1 = 0, i.e., $s = \frac{1}{2}$ Therefore, the zeroes of $4s^2 - 4s + 1$ are $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$. Sum of zeroes $=\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1=\frac{-(-4)}{4}=\frac{-(\text{Coefficient of s})}{\text{Coefficient of s}^2}$ Product of zeroes $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of s}^2}$ (iii) $6x^2 - 3 - 7x = 6x^2 - 7x - 3 = (3x + 1)(2x - 3)$ The value of $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$ is zero when 3x + 1 = 0 or 2x - 3 = 0, i.e., $x = \frac{-1}{3}$ or $x = \frac{3}{2}$



 $=\frac{-15}{1}=\frac{\text{constant}}{\text{coefficient of }t^2}$



Therefore, the zeroes of $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$ are $\frac{-1}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{2}$ Sum of zeroes = $\frac{-1}{3} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{7}{6} = \frac{-(-7)}{6} = \frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } x)}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$ Product of zeroes $=\frac{-1}{3} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{-3}{6} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$ (iv) $4u^2 + 8u = 4u^2 + 8u + 0$ =4u(u+2)The value of $4u^2 + 8u$ is zero when 4u = 0 or u + 2 = 0, i.e., u = 0 or u = -2. Therefore, the zeroes of $4u^2 + 8u$ are 0 and – 2. Sum of zeroes $= 0 + (-2) = -2 = \frac{-(+8)}{4} = \frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } u)}{\text{Coefficient of } u^2}$ Product of zeroes $= 0 \times (-2) = 0 = \frac{0}{4} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } u^2}$ $(\mathbf{v}) t^2 - 15 = (t - \sqrt{15}) (t + \sqrt{15})$ The value of $t^2 - 15$ is zero When $t = \pm\sqrt{15}$ or $-\sqrt{15}$ Therefore, the zeroes of $t^2 - 15$ are $\pm \sqrt{15}$. Sum of zeroes $= +\sqrt{15} + (-\sqrt{15})$ $=0=\frac{0}{1}=\frac{-(\text{coefficient of t})}{\text{coefficient of t}^2}$ Product of zeroes $=(+\sqrt{15})\times(-\sqrt{15})$ = -15





(vi) $3x^2 - x - 4 = (3x - 4)(x + 1)$

The value of $3x^2 - x - 4$ is zero when 3x - 4 = 0 or x + 1 = 0, i.e.,

When
$$x = \frac{4}{3}$$
 or $x = -1$

Therefore, the zeroes of $3x^2 - x - 4$ are $\frac{4}{3}$ and -1.

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

Product of zeroes
$$=\frac{4}{3} \times (-1) = \frac{-4}{3}$$

 $=\frac{\text{constant term}}{\text{coefficient of }x^2}$

2. Find a quadratic polynomial each with the given numbers as the sum and product of its zeroes respectively.

$(i)\frac{1}{4}, -1$	(ii) $\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{3}$	(iii) $0,\sqrt{5}$ (iv) 1, 1
(v) $-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$	(vi) 4,1	
(i) $\frac{1}{4}$, -1		guru.in

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β .

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{-b}{a}$$
$$\alpha\beta = -1 = \frac{-4}{4} = \frac{c}{a}$$

Sol.

If a = 4, then b = -1, c = -4

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $4x^2 - x - 4$.





(ii) $\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{3}$

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β .

$$\alpha + \beta = \sqrt{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{3} = \frac{-b}{a}$$
$$\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{c}{a}$$

If a = 3, then $b = -3\sqrt{2}, c = 1$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $3x^2 - 3\sqrt{2}x + 1$.

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β .

$$\alpha + \beta = 0 = \frac{0}{1} = \frac{-b}{a}$$
$$\alpha \times \beta = \sqrt{5} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{1} = \frac{c}{a}$$
If a = 1, then $b = 0, c = 0$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $x^2 + \sqrt{5}$.

 $\sqrt{5}$

(iv) 1, 1

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β .

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

If a = 1, then b = -1, c = 1

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $x^2 - x + 1$.

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(v) $-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β .

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-1}{4} = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$a \times \beta = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{c}{a}$$
If $a = 4$, then $b = 1$, $c = 1$
Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $4x^2 + x + 1$.
(vi) 4, 1
 $\alpha + \beta = 4 = \frac{4}{1} = \frac{-b}{a}$

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

If a = 1, then $b = -4, c = 1$

Sol.

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $x^2 - 4x + 1$.

3. Check whether the first polynomial is a factor of the second polynomial by dividing the second polynomial by the first polynomial:

(i)
$$t^{2} - 3, 2t^{4} + 3t^{3} - 2t^{2} - 9t - 12$$

(ii) $x^{2} + 3x + 1, 3x^{4} + 5x^{3} - 7x^{2} + 2x + 2$
(iii) $x^{3} - 3x + 1, x^{5} - 4x^{3} + x^{2} + 3x + 1$
(i)
 $2t^{2} + 3t + 4$
 $t^{2} - 3\sqrt{2t^{4} + 3t^{3} - 2t^{2} - 9t - 12}$

Since the remainder is 0, Hence, $t^2 - 3$ is a factor of $2t^4 + 3t^3 - 2t^2 - 9t - 12$

Did you know?







(ii)
$$x^{2} + 3x + 1$$
, $3x^{4} + 5x^{3} - 7x^{2} + 2x + 2$

$$3x^{2} - 4x + 2$$

$$x^{2} + 3x + 1 \int 3x^{4} + 5x^{3} - 7x^{2} + 2x + 2$$

$$3x^{4} + 9x^{3} + 3x^{2}$$

$$- - - -$$

$$-4x^{3} - 10x^{2} + 2x + 2$$

$$-4x^{3} - 12x^{2} - 4x$$

$$+ + + +$$

$$2x^{2} + 6x + 2$$

$$2x^{2} + 6x + 2$$

$$- - - -$$

$$0$$

Since the remainder is 0.

Hence, $x^2 + 3x + 1$ is a factor of $3x^4 + 5x^3 - 7x^2 + 2x + 2$

(iii)
$$x^3 - 3x + 1$$
, $x^5 - 4x^3 + x^2 + 3x + 1$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^{2} + 3x + 1 \overline{\smash{\big)}} x^{5} - 4x^{3} + x^{2} + 3x + 1} \\ x^{5} - 3x^{3} + x^{2} \\ - + & - \\ \hline -x^{3} + 3x + 1 \\ -x^{3} + 3x - 1 \\ + & - & + \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Since the remainder $\neq 0$,

 $x^{3}-3x+1$ is not a factor of $x^{5}-4x^{3}+x^{2}+3x+1$

4. Obtain all other zeroes of $3x^4 + 6x^3 - 2x^2 - 10x - 5$, if two of its zeroes are $\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$ and $-\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$.

Sol.
$$p(x) = 3x^4 + 6x^3 - 2x^2 - 10x - 5$$

Since the two zeroes are
$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$$
 and $-\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$,





$$\therefore \left(x - \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}\right) \left(x + \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}\right) = \left(x^2 - \frac{5}{3}\right) \text{ is a factor of } 3x^4 + 6x^3 - 2x^2 - 10x - 5.$$

Therefore, we divide the given polynomial by $x^2 - \frac{5}{3}$.

We factorize $x^2 + 2x + 1$

Therefore, its zero is given by x + 1 = 0

$$x = -1$$

As it has the term $(x+1)^2$, therefore, there will be 2 zeroes at x = -1.

Hence, the zeroes of the given polynomial are $\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}, -\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}, -1$ and -1.





- 5. On dividing $x^3 3x^2 + x + 2$ by a polynomial g(x), the quotient and remainder were x 2 and -2x + 4, respectively. Find g(x).
- Sol. $p(x) = x^3 3x^2 + x + 2$ (Dividend) g(x) = ? (Divisor) Quotient = (x-2)Remainder = (-2x+4)Dividend = Divisor × Quotient + Remainder $x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 2 = g(x) \times (x-2) + (-2x+4)$

 $x^{3} - 3x^{2} + x + 2 + 2x - 4 = g(x)(x - 2)$

$$x^{3} - 3x^{2} + 3x - 2 = g(x)(x - 2)$$

g(x) is the quotient when we divide $(x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 2)$ by (x-2)

$$\frac{x^{2} - x + 1}{x - 2}$$

$$\frac{x^{3} - 3x^{2} + 3x - 2}{x^{3} - 2x^{2}}$$

$$\frac{- +}{-x^{2} + 3x - 2}$$

$$\frac{- +}{-x^{2} + 2x}$$

$$\frac{+ -}{-x^{2} + 2x}$$

$$\frac{+ -}{-x^{2} + 2x}$$

$$\frac{- +}{0}$$

$$(x^{2} - x + 1)$$

6. Give examples of polynomials p(x), g(x), q(x) and r(x), which satisfy the division algorithm and (i) deg p(x) = deg q(x) (ii) deg q(x) = deg r(x) (iii) deg r(x) = 0

Sol. According to the division algorithm, if p(x) and g(x) are two polynomials with

 $g(x) \neq 0$, then we can find polynomials q(x) and r(x) such that $p(x) = g(x) \times q(x) + r(x)$,

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Degree of r(x) = 0 or degree of r(x) < degree of g(x)

Degree of a polynomial is the highest power of the variable in the polynomial.

(i) deg $p(x) = \deg q(x)$

Degree of quotient will be equal to degree of dividend when divisor is constant (i.e., when any polynomial is divided by a constant).

Let us assume the division of $6x^2 + 2x + 2$ by 2.

Here,
$$p(x) = 6x^2 + 2x + 2$$

g(x) = 2

 $q(x) = 3x^2 + x + 1$ and r(x) = 0

Degree of p(x) and q(x) is the same i.e., 2.

Checking for division algorithm,

$$p(x) = g(x) \times q(x) + r(x)$$

$$6x^2 + 2x + 2 = 2(3x^2 + x + 1)$$

Thus, the division algorithm is satisfied.

(ii)
$$\deg q(x) = \deg r(x)$$

Let us assume the division of $x^3 + x$ by x^2

Here, $p(x) = x^3 + x$

$$g(x) = x^2$$

$$q(x) = x$$
 and $r(x) = x$

Clearly, the degree of q(x) and r(x) is the same i.e., 1.

Checking for division algorithm,

 $p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) \times q(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x})$

$$x^3 + x = (x^2) \times x + x$$

Did you know?

$$x^3 + x = x^3 + x$$

Thus, the division algorithm is satisfied.







(iii) deg r(x) = 0

Degree of remainder will be 0 when remainder comes to a constant.

Let us assume the division of $x^3 + 1$ by x^2 .

Here,
$$p(x) = x^3 + 1$$

$$g(x) = x^2$$

q(x) = x and r(x) = 1

Clearly, the degree of r(x) is 0.

Checking for division algorithm,

$$p(x) = g(x) \times q(x) + r(x)$$

$$x^{2} + 1 = (x^{2}) \times x + 1$$

$$x^3 + 1 = x^3 + 1$$

Thus, the division algorithm is satisfied.

- 7. Find a cubic polynomial with the sum, sum of the product of its zeroes taken two at a time, and the product of its zeroes as 2, -7, -14 respectively.
- **Sol.** Let the polynomial be $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ and the zeroes be α, β , and γ .

It is given that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{2}{1} = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma = \frac{-7}{1} = \frac{-7}{\alpha}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{-14}{1} = \frac{-d}{a}$$

If a = 1, then b = -2, c = -7, d = 14

Hence, the polynomial is $x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x + 14$.





8. If the zeroes of the polynomial $x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1$ are a - b, a, a + b, find a and b.

Sol. $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1$

Zeroes are a-b, a and a+b

Comparing the given polynomial with $px^3 + qx^2 + rx + t$, we obtain

$$p = 1, q = -3, r = 1, t = 1$$

Sum of zeroes = a - b + a + a + b

$$\frac{-q}{p} = 3a$$
$$\frac{-(-3)}{1} = 3a$$
$$3 = 3a$$

$$a = 1$$

The zeroes are 1-b, 1, 1+b.

Multiplication of zeroes =(1-b)(1+b)

$$\frac{-t}{p} = 1 - b^{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{1} = 1 - b^{2}$$

$$1 - b^{2} = -1$$

$$1 + 1 = b^{2}$$

$$b = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

Hence, a = 1 and $b = \sqrt{2}$ or $-\sqrt{2}$.

9. If two zeroes of the polynomial $x^4 - 6x^3 - 26x^2 + 138x - 35$ are $2 \pm \sqrt{3}$, find other zeroes.

Sol. Given that $2 + \sqrt{3}$ and $2 - \sqrt{3}$ are zeroes of the given polynomial. Therefore, $(x-2-\sqrt{3})(x-2+\sqrt{3})=x^2+4-4x-3=x^2-4x+1$ is a factor of the given polynomial. For finding the remaining zeroes of the given polynomial, we will find the quotient by dividing $x^4 - 6x^3 - 26x^2 + 138x - 35$ by $x^2 - 4x + 1$.

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

Clearly, $x^4 - 6x^3 - 26x^2 + 138x - 35 = (x^2 - 4x + 1)(x^2 - 2x - 35)$

It can be observed that $(x^2 - 2x - 35)$ is also a factor of the given polynomial.

And
$$(x^2 - 2x - 35) = (x - 7)(x + 5)$$

Therefore, the value of the polynomial is also zero when x = 7 or -5

Hence, 7 and – 5 are also zeroes of this polynomial.

10. If the polynomial $x^4 - 6x^3 + 16x^2 - 25x + 10$ is divided by another polynomial $x^2 - 2x + k$, the remainder comes out to be x + a, find k and a.

Sol. By division algorithm,

 $Dividend = divisor \times Quotient + Remainder$

 $Dividend - Remainder = Divisor \times Quotient$

 $x^{4}-6x^{3}+16x^{2}-25x+10-x-a=x^{4}-6x^{3}+16x^{2}-26x+10-a$ will be perfectly divisible by $x^{2}-2x+k$.





Let us divide $x^4 - 6x^3 + 16x^2 - 26x + 10 - a$ by $x^2 - 2x + k$

$$x^{2} - 2x + k \overbrace{x^{4} - 6x^{3} + 16x^{2} - 26x + 10 - a}^{x^{4} - 6x^{3} + 16x^{2} - 26x + 10 - a}$$

$$x^{4} - 2x^{3} + kx^{2}$$

$$- + -$$

$$-4x^{3} + (16 - k)x^{2} - 26x$$

$$-4x^{3} + 8x^{2} - 4kx$$

$$+ - +$$

$$(8 - k)x^{2} - (26 - 4k)x + 10 - a$$

$$(8 - k)x^{2} - (16 - 2k)x + (8k - k^{2})$$

$$- + -$$

$$(-10 + 2k)x + (10 - a - 8k + k^{2})$$

-10 + 2k = 0

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It can be observed that $(-10+2k)x+(10-a-8k+k^2)$ will be 0.

k = 5)

On comparing.

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k = 5 \Rightarrow $10 - a - 8k + k^2 = 0$ $10 - a - 8(5) + 5^2 = 0$ \Rightarrow a = -5 \Rightarrow

Hence k = 5 and a = -5

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