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Chapter-4 Quadratic Equation



Very Short Question

Q. 2. Find the values of p for which the quadratic equation $4x^2 + px + 3 = 0$ has equal roots. [CBSE (AI) 2014]

Sol. Given equation is $4x^2 + px + 3 = 0$

Here, $a = 4$, $b = p$ and $c = 3$

For equal roots,

$$D = b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 - 4 \times 4 \times 3 = 0$$

$$p^2 - 48 = 0$$

$$p^2 = 48$$

$$p = \pm \sqrt{48} = \pm 4\sqrt{3}$$

Hence, the value of p is $4\sqrt{3}$ and $-4\sqrt{3}$.

Q. 1. Solve the quadratic equation $2x^2 + ax - a^2 = 0$ for x . [CBSE 2014]

Sol. Given equation is $2x^2 + ax - a^2 = 0$

Here, $a = 2$, $b = a$ and $c = -a^2$.

Using the formula,

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\text{we get } x = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4 \times 2 \times (-a^2)}}{2 \times 2}$$

$$x = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{9a^2}}{4} = \frac{-a \pm 3a}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-a + 3a}{4} = \frac{a}{2}, x = \frac{-a - 3a}{4} = -a$$

$$\text{Hence, } x = \frac{a}{2}, -a.$$

Q.7. For what values of k , the roots of the equation $x^2 + 4x + k = 0$ are real? [CBSE 2019]

Sol. $x^2 + 4x + k = 0$

∴ Roots of given equation are real,

$$D \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4)^2 - 4 \times k \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4k \geq -16$$

$$\Rightarrow k \leq 4$$

∴ k has all real values ≤ 4

Q.5. Write the discriminant of the quadratic equation $(x + 5)^2 = 2(5x - 3)$. [CBSE 2019]

Sol. $(x + 5)^2 = 2(5x - 3)$

$$x^2 + 10x + 25 = 10x - 6$$

$$x^2 + 0x + 31 = 0$$

$$\therefore D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= 0 - 4(1)(31) = -124$$

Q. 5. If $x^2 + 2kx + 4 = 0$ has a root $x = 2$, then find the value of k . [CSBE 2011]

Sol. Since $x = 2$ is a root of given equation.

$$\therefore (2)^2 + 2k(2) + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + 4k + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -2$$

Hence, the value of k is -2 .

Short Question



Q.5. If the roots of the quadratic equation $(a-b)x^2 + (b-c)x + (c-a) = 0$ are equal, prove that $2a = b + c$. **HOTS** [CBSE (AI) 2016]

Sol. Given equation is $(a-b)x^2 + (b-c)x + (c-a) = 0$

For equal roots

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D &= b^2 - 4ac = 0 \\ \therefore (b-c)^2 - 4(a-b)(c-a) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow b^2 + c^2 - 2bc - 4ac + 4a^2 + 4bc - 4ab &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 4a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 4ab + 2bc - 4ac &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (2a)^2 + (-b)^2 + (-c)^2 + 2(2a)(-b) + 2(-b)(-c) &+ 2(-c)(2a) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (2a - b - c)^2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2a - b - c &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2a &= b + c \end{aligned}$$

Q.10. For what values of k , are the roots of the quadratic equation $(k+4)x^2 + (k+1)x + 1 = 0$ equal? **HOTS** [CBSE 2013]

Sol. Given equation is $(k+4)x^2 + (k+1)x + 1 = 0$

Here, $a = k+4$, $b = k+1$, $c = 1$

For equal roots,

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D &= b^2 - 4ac = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (k+1)^2 - 4(k+4)(1) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow k^2 + 1 + 2k - 4k - 16 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow k^2 - 2k - 15 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow k^2 - 5k + 3k - 15 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow k(k-5) + 3(k-5) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (k-5)(k+3) &= 0 \\ \text{either } k-5 &= 0 \Rightarrow k = 5 \\ \text{or } k+3 &= 0 \Rightarrow k = -3 \\ \text{Hence, the values of } k &\text{ are } 5 \text{ and } -3. \end{aligned}$$

Q.31. Solve for x by using quadratic formula $36x^2 - 12ax + (a^2 - b^2) = 0$. [CBSE 2011]

Sol. Given equation is

$$36x^2 - 12ax + a^2 - b^2 = 0$$

Here, $A = 36$, $B = -12a$ and $C = a^2 - b^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D &= B^2 - 4AC \\ &= (-12a)^2 - 4(36)(a^2 - b^2) \\ &= 144a^2 - 144a^2 + 144b^2 = 144b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } x &= \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{D}}{2A} \\ &= \frac{-(-12a) \pm \sqrt{144b^2}}{2 \times 36} \\ &= \frac{12a \pm 12b}{72} = \frac{a \pm b}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the roots are $\frac{a+b}{6}$ and $\frac{a-b}{6}$.

Q.24. Solve the equation $\frac{4}{x} - 3 = \frac{5}{2x+3}; x \neq 0$,

$-\frac{3}{2}$, for x .

[CBSE 2014]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. Given that, } \frac{4}{x} - 3 &= \frac{5}{2x+3} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{4-3x}{x} &= \frac{5}{2x+3} \\ \Rightarrow (4-3x)(2x+3) &= 5x \\ \Rightarrow 8x - 6x^2 + 12 - 9x &= 5x \\ \Rightarrow 6x^2 + 6x - 12 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + x - 2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + 2x - x - 2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x(x+2) - 1(x+2) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (x-1)(x+2) &= 0 \\ \text{either } x-1 &= 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \\ \text{or } x+2 &= 0 \Rightarrow x = -2 \end{aligned}$$

Q.18. If $x = \frac{2}{3}$ and $x = -3$ are roots of the quadratic equation $ax^2 + 7x + b = 0$, find the values of a and b . [CBSE 2016]

Sol. Since $x = \frac{2}{3}$ and $x = -3$ are roots of the quadratic equation

$$\begin{aligned} ax^2 + 7x + b &= 0 \\ \therefore a\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + 7\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + b &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 4a + 42 + 9b &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 4a + 9b &= -42 \quad \dots(1) \\ \text{and } a(-3)^2 + 7(-3) + b &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 9a - 21 + b &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 9a + b &= 21 \quad \dots(2) \end{aligned}$$

From eqs.(1) and (2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 81a + 9b &= 189 \\ 4a + 9b &= -42 \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting above two equations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 77a &= 231 \\ \Rightarrow a &= \frac{231}{77} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Now, from eq.(2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 9(3) + b &= 21 \\ \Rightarrow b &= 21 - 27 \\ \Rightarrow b &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the values of a and b are 3 and -6, respectively.

Chapter 4

Quadrilateral Equations

Exercise No. 4.1

Choose the correct answer from the given four options in the following questions:

1.

Which of the following is a quadratic equation?

Solution:

Correct answer is (D) $x^3 - x^2 = (x - 1)x^2$

Justification:

We have quadratic equation:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0,$$

(A)

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

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = 16 - 8x + x^2 + 3$$

$$10x - 18 = 0$$

This is linear equation.

$$\begin{aligned} (B) \quad -2x^2 &= (5 - x)(2x - 2/5) \\ -2x^2 &= 10x - 2x^2 - 2 + 2/5x \\ 52x - 10 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is also a linear equation.

$$\begin{aligned} (k+1)x^2 + 3/2 x &= 7, \\ \text{As } k = -1 \\ (-1+1)x^2 + 3/2 x &= 7 \\ 3x - 14 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is a linear equation.

(D) $x^3 - x^2 = (x - 1)^3$
 $x^3 - x^2 = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1$
 $2x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$

Above equation represents a quadratic equation.

2.

Which of the following is not a quadratic equation?

- (A) $2(x - 1)^2 = 4x^2 - 2x + 1$ (B) $2x - x^2 = x^2 + 5$
(C) $(\sqrt{2}x + \sqrt{3})^2 + x^2 = 3x^2 - 5x$ (D) $(x^2 + 2x)^2 = x^4 + 3 + 4x^3$

Solution:

Correct answer is (D) $(x^2 + 2x)^2 = x^4 + 3 + 4x^3$

Equation to be quadratic, it should be in the form,

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0, a \neq 0$$

(A)

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

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

$$2x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$$

This equation represents a quadratic equation.

(B)

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

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

This equation represents a quadratic equation.

(C)

$$(\sqrt{2}x + \sqrt{3})^2 = 3x^2 - 5x$$

$$2x^2 + 2\sqrt{6}x + 3 = 3x^2 - 5x$$

$$x^2 - (5 + 2\sqrt{6})x - 3 = 0$$

This equation represents a quadratic equation.

(D)

$$(x^2 + 2x)^2 = x^4 + 3 + 4x^2$$

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 4x^2 = x^4 + 3 + 4x^2$$

$$4x^3 - 3 = 0$$

This equation represents a cubic equation.

3.

Which of the following equations has 2 as a root?

- (A) $x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$ (B) $x^2 + 3x - 12 = 0$
(C) $2x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0$ (D) $3x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0$

Solution:

Correct answer is (C) $2x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0$

As 2 is a root then putting value 2 in place of x, we should get zero.

(A)

$$x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$$

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

$$1 \neq 0$$

Therefore, $x = 2$ is not a root of $x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$

(B)

$$x^2 + 3x - 12 = 0$$

$$(2)^2 + 3(2) - 12 = -2 \neq 0$$

Therefore, $x = 2$ is not a root of $x^2 + 3x - 12 = 0$

(C)

$$2x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0$$

$$2(2)^2 - 7(2) + 6 = 0$$

So, $x = 2$ is a root of $2x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0$

(D)

$$3x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0$$

$$3(2)^2 - 6(2) - 2 = -2$$

$$-2 \neq 0$$

Therefore, $x = 2$ is not a root of $3x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0$

4.

If $\frac{1}{2}$ is a root of the equation $x^2 + kx - \frac{5}{4} = 0$, then the value of k is

- (A) 2 (B) -2
(C) $\frac{1}{4}$ (D) $\frac{1}{2}$

Solution:

Correct answer is (A) 2.

As, $\frac{1}{2}$ is a root of the equation $x^2 + kx - \frac{5}{4} = 0$.

Putting the value of $\frac{1}{2}$ in place of x gives us the value of k.

As,

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(\frac{1}{2})^2 + k(\frac{1}{2}) - \frac{5}{4} = 0$$

$$(\frac{k}{2}) = (\frac{5}{4}) - \frac{1}{4}$$

So, $k = 2$

5.

Which of the following equations has the sum of its roots as 3?

- (A) $2x^2 - 3x + 6 = 0$ (B) $-x^2 + 3x - 3 = 0$
(C) $\sqrt{2}x^2 - 3/\sqrt{2}x + 1 = 0$ (D) $3x^2 - 3x + 3 = 0$

Solution:

Correct answer is (B) $-x^2 + 3x - 3 = 0$.

The sum of the roots of a quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, $a \neq 0$ is given by,

Coefficient of x / coefficient of $x^2 = -\frac{b}{a}$

(A) We have,

$$2x^2 - 3x + 6 = 0$$

Sum of the roots = $-\frac{b}{a}$

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

Sum of the roots = $3/2$

(B) We have,

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

Sum of the roots = $-b/a$

$$= -(3/-1)$$

$$= 3$$

(C) We have,

$$\sqrt{2}x^2 - 3/\sqrt{2}x + 1 = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 3x + \sqrt{2} = 0$$

Sum of the roots = $-b/a$

$$= -(-3/2)$$

$$= 3/2$$

(D) We have,

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

Sum of the roots = $-b/a$

$$= -(-3/3)$$

$$= 1$$

6.

Value(s) of k for which the quadratic equation $2x^2 - kx + k = 0$ has equal roots is

- (a) 0 only
- (b) 4
- (c) 8 only
- (d) 0, 8

Solution:

(d)

The condition for equal roots of quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is $b^2 - 4ac = 0$.

We have:

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

Condition for equal roots,
 $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}(-k)^2 - 4(2)(k) &= 0 && (\text{As, } a = 2, b = -k, c = +k) \\ k^2 - 8k &= 0 \\ k(k - 8) &= 0 \\ k &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Or

$$k - 8 = 0$$

$$k = 8$$

As, the values of k are 0 and 8.

The answer is (d).

7.

Which constant must be added and subtracted to solve the quadratic equation

$$9x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x - \sqrt{2} = 0$$

by the method of completing the square?

(a) $\frac{1}{8}$

(b) $\frac{1}{64}$

(c) $\frac{1}{4}$

(d) $\frac{9}{64}$

Solution:

(b) $\frac{1}{64}$

The given equation is

$$9x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x - \sqrt{2} = 0$$

So, to make the expression a complete square, we have to subtract $\frac{1}{64}$.

$$9x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{64} - \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{64} = 0$$

$$\left(3x + \frac{1}{8}\right)^2 = \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{64}$$

8.

The quadratic equation has:

$$2x^2 - \sqrt{5}x + 1 = 0$$

- (a) two distinct real roots**
- (b) two equal real roots**
- (c) no real roots**
- (d) more than two real roots**

Solution:

(c) no real roots

We have,

$$2x^2 - \sqrt{5}x + 1 = 0$$

Now,

$$D = b^2 - 4ac,$$

Checking the following conditions:

- (i) for no real roots $D < 0$
- (ii) for two equal roots $D = 0$
- (iii) for two distinct roots $D > 0$ and any quadratic equation must have only roots.

The equation is:

$$2x^2 - \sqrt{5}x + 1 = 0$$

So,

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

Where,

$$a = 2,$$

$$b = -\sqrt{5}$$

$$c = 1$$

$$D = 5 - 8$$

$$D = -3$$

As $D < 0$ so, the given equations has no real roots.

9.

Which of the following equations has two distinct real roots?

(a) $2x^2 - 3\sqrt{2}x + \frac{9}{4} = 0$

(b) $x^2 + x - 5 = 0$

(c) $x^2 + 3x + 2\sqrt{2} = 0$

(d) $5x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$

Solution:

Correct answer is (b) $x^2 + x - 5 = 0$

We have,

For real distinct roots $D > 0$

(a) Equation is $2x^2 - 3\sqrt{2}x + \frac{9}{4} = 0$

$D = b^2 - 4ac$

$D = 9 \times 2 - 18$

$D = 0$

For, $D = 0$, the given equation has two real equal roots.

(b) Equation is $x^2 + x - 5 = 0$

$D = b^2 - 4ac$

$D = (1)^2 - 4(1)(-5)$ (where, $a = 1$, $b = 1$, $c = -5$)

$D = 1 + 20$

$D = 21$

For, $D > 0$, the given equation has two distinct real roots.

(c) Equation is $x^2 + 3x + 2\sqrt{2} = 0$

$D = b^2 - 4ac$

$D = (3)^2 - 4(1)2\sqrt{2}$ (Where, $a = 1$, $b = 3$, $c = 2\sqrt{2}$)

$D = 9 - 11.312$

$D = -2.312$

As $D < 0$, so the given equation has no real roots.

(d) Equation is $5x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$

$D = b^2 - 4ac$

$D = (-3)^2 - 4(5)(1)$ (Where, $a = 5$, $b = -3$, $c = 1$)

$D = 9 - 20$

$D = -11$

As $D < 0$, so the given equation has no real roots.

10.

Which of the following equations has no real roots.

- (a) $x^2 - 4x + 3\sqrt{2} = 0$
- (b) $x^2 + 4x - 3\sqrt{2} = 0$
- (c) $x^2 - 4x - 3\sqrt{2} = 0$
- (d) $3x^2 + 4\sqrt{3}x + 4 = 0$

Solution:

Correct answer is (a) $x^2 - 4x + 3\sqrt{2} = 0$.

Given equation is $x^2 - 4x + 3\sqrt{2} = 0$

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$D = (-4)^2 - 4(1)(3\sqrt{2}) \quad (a = 1, b = -4, c = 3\sqrt{2})$$

$$D = 16 - 12 \times 1.414$$

$$D = 16 - 16.968$$

$$D = -0.968$$

As $D < 0$, so the given equation has no real roots.

(b)

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$D = (4)^2 - 4(1)3\sqrt{2} \quad (a = 1, b = 4, c = 3\sqrt{2})$$

$$D = 16 + 12\sqrt{2}$$

Here,

$$D > 0$$

Hence, the given equation has two distinct real roots.

(c)

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$D = (-4)^2 - 4(1)(-3\sqrt{2}) \quad (\text{where, } a = 1, b = -4, c = -3\sqrt{2})$$

$$D = 16 + 12\sqrt{2}$$

Here,

$$D > 0$$

So, the given equation has two real distinct roots.

(d)

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$D = 12\sqrt{2} - 4(3)(4) \quad (\text{where, } a = 3, b = 12\sqrt{2}, c = 4)$$

$$D = 16 \times 3 - 48 = 48 - 48$$

$$D = 0$$

So, the given equation has two real and equal roots.

11.

$(x^2 + 1)^2 - x^2 = 0$ has

- (a) four real roots**
- (b) two real roots**
- (c) no real roots**
- (d) one real root**

Solution:

(c) no real roots

We have,

$$(x^2 + 1)^2 - x^2 = 0$$

$$(x^2)^2 + (1)^2 + 2(x^2)(1) - x^2 = 0$$

$$x^4 + 1x^2 + 1 = 0$$

Taking,

$$x^2 = y \text{ so, } y^2 + 1y + 1 = 0$$

Now,

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$D = (1)^2 - 4(1)(1)$$

$$D = 1 - 4 \text{ (Where, } a = 1, b = 1, c = 1\text{)}$$

$$D = -3$$

$$D < 0$$

So, the given equation $y^2 + 1y + 1 = 0$ has no values of y in equation $y^2 + 1y + 1 = 0$ or if y is not real then x^2 will not be real so no values of x are real or the given equation has no real roots.