

Ch-2: Polynomials

Polynomial: An algebraic expression whose number as the exponents of the variable are called Polynomials in one variable. It is denoted by p or x .

Example: $3y^2 + 5y, x^3 - x^2 + 4x + 7$.

Degree of Polynomial: If $p(x)$ is a polynomial in x then the highest power of x in $p(x)$ is called the degree of Polynomial.

Example: $7u^6 + u^2 - 9$ is a polynomial of degree 6

Types of polynomials:

Standard form

$ax + b$ - Linear polynomial

$ax^2 + bx + c$ - Quadratic polynomial

$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ - Cubic polynomial

Note: If $p(x)$ is a polynomial in x , and if k is any real number, then the value obtained by replacing x by k in $p(x)$, is called the value of $p(x)$ at $x = k$, and is denoted by $p(k)$.

Example: $p(x) = x^2 - 3x - 4$

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

$$= 1 + 3 + 4$$

$$= 8$$

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

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

$$= 16 - 12 + 4$$

$$= 8$$

Relationship between zeros and coefficient of polynomial.

1. zeroes of linear polynomial is $\frac{-b}{a}$ (constant)
 a (coefficient of x)

2. zeroes of quadratic polynomial: $\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a}$
 $\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$

let zeroes of the polynomial be α and β .

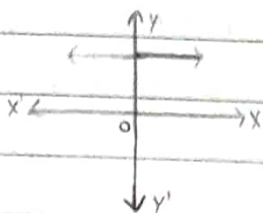
3. zeroes of cubic polynomial: be α , β and γ
 $\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = \frac{c}{a}$
 $\alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{d}{a}$

Geometrical meaning of the zeroes of a polynomial

1. The graph of a linear polynomial is a straight line which intersects the x -axis exactly at one point.
2. The graph of quadratic polynomial represents parabola. It intersects maximum 2 points.

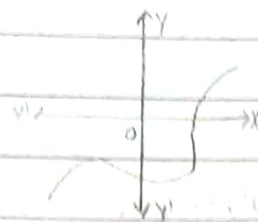
Exercise 2.1

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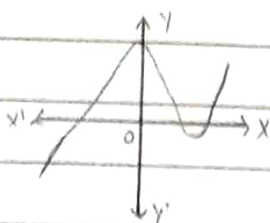
Sol: This graph shows $p(x)$ has no zero.

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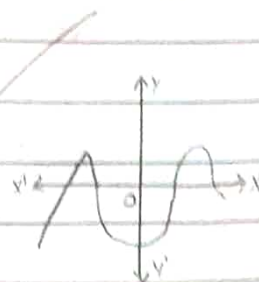
Sol: This graph shows $p(x)$ has one zero.

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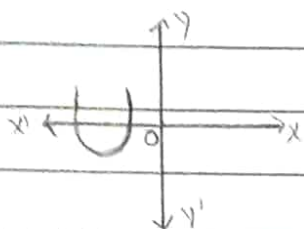
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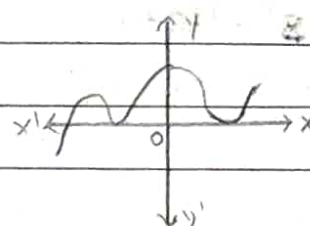


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(iv)



(vi)



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Note: If α and β are the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial

$\therefore (x - \alpha), (x - \beta)$ are the factors of polynomial

$$\therefore ax^2 + bx + c = k(x - \alpha)(x - \beta)$$

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

where $\alpha + \beta$ and $\alpha\beta$ are the sum and product of zeroes of a polynomial.

Exercise 2.2

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

(i) $x^2 - 2x - 8$

Sol: $x^2 - 2x - 8 = x^2 - 4x + 2x - 8$
 $= x(x - 4) + 2(x - 4)$
 $= (x + 2)(x - 4)$

zeroes of polynomial are: $x - 4 = 0$

$$x = 4$$

$$x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

Verification:

$$\alpha = 4 \text{ and } \beta = -2$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 4 - 2 = 2$$

$$\frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-(-2)}{1} = 2$$

$$\therefore \alpha\beta = \frac{-c}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta = 4 \times -2 = -8$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{-8}{1} = -8$$

$$\therefore \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

(ii) $4s^2 - 4s + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol: } 4s^2 - 4s + 1 &= 4s^2 - 2s - 2s + 1 \\ &= 2s(2s-1) - 1(2s-1) \\ &= (2s-1)(2s-1) \end{aligned}$$

Zeros of polynomial are

$2s-1=0$	$2s-1=0$
$2s=1$	$2s=1$
$s = \frac{1}{2}$	$s = \frac{1}{2}$

Verification:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \beta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$\frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-(-4)}{4} = 1$$

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

$$\alpha \beta = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

(iii) $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol: } 6x^2 - 3 - 7x &= 6x^2 - 7x - 3 \\ &= 6x^2 - 9 + 2x - 3 \\ &= 3x(2x-3) + 1(2x-3) \\ &= (3x+1)(2x-3) \end{aligned}$$

zeros of polynomial are:

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 2x - 3 = 0 & 3x + 1 = 0 \\
 2x = 3 & 3x = -1 \\
 x = \frac{3}{2} & x = \frac{-1}{3} \\
 \alpha = \frac{3}{2} & \beta = \frac{-1}{3}
 \end{array}$$

Verification:

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-7}{3} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{-2}{6} + \frac{9}{6} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$\frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-(-7)}{6} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = \frac{7}{6}$$

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

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{-3}{6} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

(iv) $4u^2 + 8u$

Sol: $4u^2 + 8u = 4u(u + 2)$

zeros of polynomial are:

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 4u = 0 & u + 2 = 0 \\
 u = \frac{0}{4} = 0 & u = -2
 \end{array}$$

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\beta = -2$$

Verification:

$$\alpha + \beta = 0 - 2 = -2$$

$$\frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-8}{4} = -2$$

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

$$\alpha \beta = 0x - 2 = 0$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

(v) $t^2 - 15$

Sol: $t^2 - 15 = t^2 - (\sqrt{15})^2$

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$$

$$(t + \sqrt{15})(t - \sqrt{15})$$

zeros of the polynomial are:

$$t + \sqrt{15} = 0 \quad | \quad t - \sqrt{15} = 0$$

$$t = -\sqrt{15} \quad | \quad t = \sqrt{15}$$

$$\alpha = -\sqrt{15} \quad \beta = \sqrt{15}$$

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Verification:

$$\alpha + \beta = -\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{15}$$

$$= 0$$

$$-\frac{b}{a} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

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

$$\alpha \beta = -\sqrt{15} \times \sqrt{15}$$

$$= -15$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{-15}{1} = -15$$

$$\therefore \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

(vi) $3x^2 - x - 4$

Sol: $3x^2 - x - 4 = 3x^2 - 4x + 3x - 4$

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

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

Zeros of polynomial

$$3x-4=0 \quad x = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$x+1=0 \quad x = -1$$

$$\alpha = \frac{4}{3} \quad \beta = -1$$

Verification:

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{4}{3} + (-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} = \frac{-(-1)}{3}$$

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

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{4}{3}(-1) = \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{4(-1)}{3} = \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$\therefore \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

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

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

Sol: Given $\alpha + \beta = \frac{1}{4}$ - Sum of zeroes
 $\alpha\beta = -1$ - Product of zeroes

Quadratic polynomial is $K(x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta)$

$$K(x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x - 1)$$

$$K(4x^2 - \frac{x}{4} - 4)$$

Substituting $K = 4$, one of the quadratic polynomial is

$$4(4x^2 - \frac{x}{4} - 4) \Rightarrow 4x^2 - x - 4$$

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

Sol: Given: $\alpha + \beta = \sqrt{2}$
 $\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{3}$

Quadratic polynomial is $K\left(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + \frac{1}{3}\right)$
 $K\left(\frac{3x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1}{3}\right)$

When $K = 3$ one of the quadratic polynomial is
 $3\left(\frac{3x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1}{3}\right)$

$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1$

(iii) $0, \sqrt{5}$

Sol: Given: $\alpha + \beta = 0$
 $\alpha\beta = \sqrt{5}$

Quadratic polynomial is $K(x^2 - 0x + \sqrt{5})$

When $K = 1$, Quadratic polynomial is $(x^2 + \sqrt{5})$

(iv) $1, 1$

Sol: Given: $\alpha + \beta = 1$
 $\alpha\beta = 1$

Quadratic polynomial is $K(x^2 - (x+1))$
 $K\left(\frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x}\right)$

$= x^2 - x + 1$

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

Sol: Given: $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{1}{4}$

$\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{4}$

Quadratic polynomial is $K(x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta)$

$$K(x^2 - (-\frac{1}{4})x + \frac{1}{4})$$

$$K(4x^2 + \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{4})$$

$$K = 4$$

$$4\left(\frac{4x^2 + x + 1}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + x + 1$$

(vi) 4, 1

Sol: Given: $\alpha + \beta = 4$
 $\alpha\beta = 1$

Quadratic polynomial is $K(x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta)$

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

$$+ \left(\frac{x^2 - 4x + 1}{+}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 1$$

Example Question

Verify that $3, -1, -\frac{1}{3}$ are the zeroes of the cubic polynomial $p(x) = 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 11x - 3$ and then verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients.

Sol: $x = 3, p(3) = 3(3)^3 - 5(3)^2 - 11(3) - 3$

$$= 81 - 45 - 33 - 3$$

$$= 81 - 81 = 0$$

$x = -1, p(-1) = 3(-1)^3 - 5(-1)^2 - 11(-1) - 3$

$$= -3 - 5 + 11 - 3$$

$$= 11 - 11 = 0$$

$x = -\frac{1}{3}, p\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 - 5\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - 11\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) - 3$

$p\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 3 \times \frac{-1}{27} - 5\left(\frac{1}{9}\right) + \frac{11}{3} - 3$

$$= \frac{-1}{9} - \frac{5}{9} + \frac{11}{3} - 3$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 3 + (-1) + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 2 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{3} = -\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right) = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 3 \times (-1) + (-1) \times \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= -3 + \frac{1}{3} - 1 = -\frac{9}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{3}{3} = -\frac{11}{3}$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = -\frac{11}{3}$$

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

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{11}{3}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = 3 \times -1 \times -\frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

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

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