



Polynomials



$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots + a_nx^n$$

constant term

Polynomial
in term
(x)

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x$$

linear polynomial

ex $p(x) = 2x + 3$

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

Quadratic polynomial

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

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

Cubic polynomial

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



Value of a Polynomial at a given point



$$p(x) = 2x + 3$$

$$\text{at } x = 2$$

$$p(2) = 2(2) + 3$$
$$= 4 + 3$$

$$p(2) = 7$$

$$(ii) p(x) = 3x - 3$$

$$\text{at } x = 2$$

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

$$p(2) = 3$$

$$\text{at } x = 1$$

It is the zero of the polynomial

$$p(1) = 3(1) - 3$$

$$p(1) = 3 - 3$$

$$p(1) = 0$$

$$(ii) p(x) = x^2 - 4$$

$$x = 2$$

$$p(2) = 2^2 - 4 = 4 - 4 = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

$$p(-2) = (-2)^2 - 4 = 4 - 4 = 0$$



Relation Between the Zeros & Coefficients of a Quadratic Polynomial



linear polynomial

$$p(x) = 2x - 6$$

$$p(x) = 0$$

$$2x - 6 = 0$$

$$2x = 6$$

$$x = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$\boxed{x = 3}$$

middle
term split
method

$$p(x) = \underline{a}x^2 + bx + c$$

→ Parabola

$$a > 0$$



↓
opening
upward

$$a < 0$$



↓
opening
downward

QUESTION (CBSE 2008)



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$$6x - 3 = -18$$



Find the zeros of the polynomial $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$ and verify the relationship between the zeros and the coefficients.

$$P(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

Quadratic term

Linear term

constant term

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a=6 \\ b=-7 \\ c=-3 \end{array} \right\}$$

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

$$6x^2 - 7x - 3$$

$$-9 \times 2 = -18 \quad (a \times c)$$

$$-9 + 2 = -7 \quad (b)$$

$$6x^2 - 9x + 2x - 3$$

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

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

$$2x-3=0 \quad | \quad 3x+1=0$$

(i) Sum of zeros = $-\frac{b}{a}$
 $\frac{3}{2} + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = -\left(\frac{-7}{6}\right)$

$$\frac{9-2}{6} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{7}{6} = \frac{7}{6}}$$

(ii) Product of zeros = $\frac{c}{a}$

$$\frac{3}{2} \times -\frac{1}{3} = -\frac{3}{6}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

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Find a quadratic polynomial whose zeros are 1 and -3.

$$p(x) = k \left[x^2 - (\text{sum of zeros})x + \text{product of } z \right]$$

$p(x) = 0$ equal to equation

$$x^2 - [1 + (-3)]x + 1(-3)$$

$$x^2 - [1 - 3]x - 3$$

$$x^2 - [-2]x - 3$$

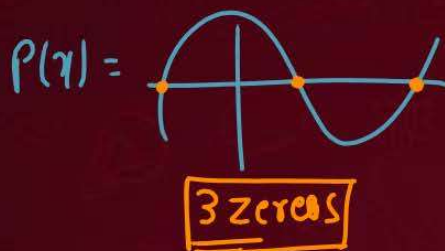
$$x^2 + 2x - 3$$

QUESTION



The zeros of the quadratic polynomial $x^2 + 88x + 125$ are

- A Both positive
- B Both negative**
- C One positive & one negative
- D Both equal



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

$$\alpha + \beta = -88$$

$$-10 \times 6 = -60$$

$$-10 + 6 = -4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-4 + (-4) = -8 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

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

$$\alpha \cdot \beta = 125$$

$$+4 \times +4 = 16$$

Case I \rightarrow negative
 \rightarrow positive

Case II Both are negative