



NCERT Solutions For Class 10 Maths Polynomials Exercise 2.2

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

$$(i) x^2 - 2x - 8 \quad (ii) 4s^2 - 4s + 1 \quad (iii) 6x^2 - 3 - 7x$$

$$(iv) 4u^2 + 8u \quad (v) t^2 - 15 \quad (vi) 3x^2 - x - 4$$

**Answer :**

$$(i) \quad x^2 - 2x - 8 = (x - 4)(x + 2)$$

The value of  $x^2 - 2x - 8$  is zero when  $x - 4 = 0$  or  $x + 2 = 0$ , i.e., when  $x = 4$  or  $x = -2$

Therefore, the zeroes of  $x^2 - 2x - 8$  are 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

$$= 4 \times (-2) = -8 = \frac{(-8)}{1} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$$

$$(ii) \quad 4s^2 - 4s + 1 = (2s - 1)^2$$

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 =

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1 = \frac{-(-4)}{4} = \frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } s)}{(\text{Coefficient of } s^2)}$$

$$\text{Product of zeroes} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } s^2}$$

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

Sum of zeroes =

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$$(iii) \quad 6x^2 - 3 - 7x = 6x^2 - 7x - 3 = (3x + 1)(2x - 3)$$

The value of  $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$  is zero when  $3x + 1 = 0$

or  $2x - 3 = 0$ , i.e.,  $x = \frac{-1}{3}$  or  $x = \frac{3}{2}$

Therefore, the zeroes of  $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$  are

$$\frac{-1}{3} \text{ and } \frac{3}{2}.$$

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 =

$$\frac{-1}{3} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{-3}{6} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad 4u^2 + 8u &= 4u^2 + 8u + 0 \\ &= 4u(u + 2) \end{aligned}$$

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 =

$$0 \times (-2) = 0 = \frac{0}{4} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } u^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad t^2 - 15 \\ &= t^2 - 0t - 15 \\ &= (t - \sqrt{15})(t + \sqrt{15}) \end{aligned}$$

The value of  $t^2 - 15$  is zero when  $t - \sqrt{15} = 0$  or  $t + \sqrt{15} = 0$ , i.e., when

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

$$\text{(i)} \quad \frac{1}{4}, -1 \quad \text{(ii)} \quad \sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{(iii)} \quad 0, \sqrt{5}$$

$$\text{(iv)} \quad 1, 1 \quad \text{(v)} \quad -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{(vi)} \quad 4, 1$$

**Answer :**

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

Let the polynomial be  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , and its zeroes be  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

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

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

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

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

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

Let the polynomial be  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , and its zeroes be  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

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

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{c}{a}$$

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

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

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

Let the polynomial be  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , and its zeroes be  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

$$\alpha + \beta = 0 = \frac{0}{1} = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$\alpha \times \beta = \sqrt{5} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{1} = \frac{c}{a}$$

If  $a = 1$ , then  $b = 0$ ,  $c = \sqrt{5}$

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

$$(iv) \quad 1, 1$$

Let the polynomial be  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , and its zeroes be  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

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

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

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

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

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

Let the polynomial be  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , and its zeroes be  $\alpha$  and

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