

# TEACHING NOTES

## THEORY OF QUADRATIC EQUATIONS / INEQUALITIES / ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS

**Syllabus IIT JEE :** Quadratic equations with real coefficients, relations between roots and coefficients, formation of quadratic equations with given roots, symmetric functions of roots.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> LECTURE :

#### QUADRATIC POLYNOMIAL :

A polynomial of degree two in one variable of the type

$y = ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a \neq 0$ ,  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  is called a quadratic polynomial, where

$a$  = leading coefficient of the trinomial

$c$  = absolute term of the trinomial

In case  $a = 0$ ,  $y = bx + c$ , is called a linear polynomial. ( $b \neq 0$ )

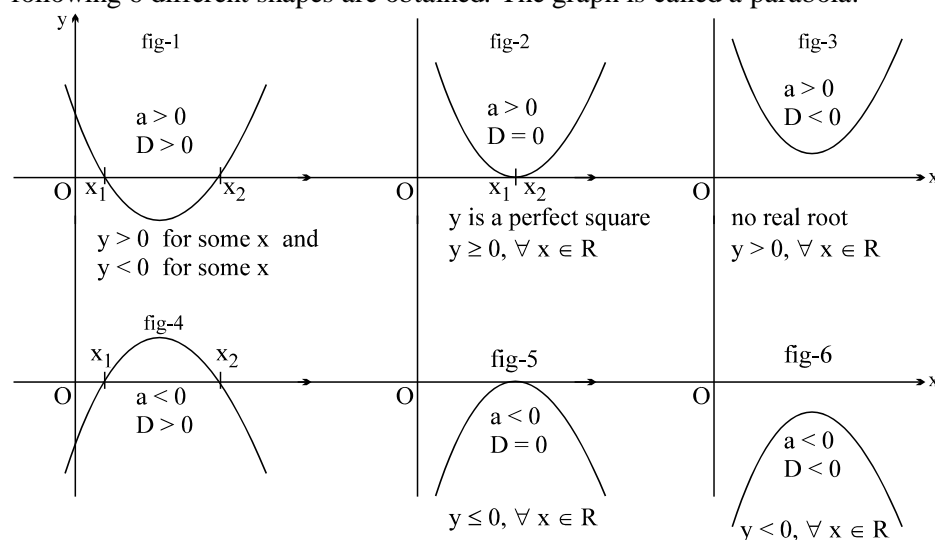
If  $c = 0$  then  $y = bx$  is called an odd linear polynomial

The standard appearance of a polynomial of degree  $n$  is

$y = f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_0$  when  $a_n \neq 0$  and  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$

(note that a polynomial of degree 3 is called a cubic and of degree 4 is called a biquadratic polynomial)

Now for different values of  $a, b, c$ , if graph of  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  is plotted then the following 6 different shapes are obtained. The graph is called a parabola.



#### EXPLANATION OF ABOVE GRAPHS :

The first 3 figures are obtained when  $a > 0$ . Here the mouth of the parabola opens upwards. Shape resembles that of a cup, filling water or sign of union. Last 3 graphs are obtained when  $a < 0$ . Here the mouth of the parabola opens downwards. Shape resembles that of a cup, spilling water or sign of intersection.

**Figure-1** is indicative that there are two values of  $x$  for which the value of  $y$  is zero. These values  $x = x_1$  or  $x = x_2$  are called the zeroes of the polynomial.

Note that for  $x > x_2$  or  $x < x_1$ ,  $y$  is positive whereas for  $x_1 < x < x_2$ ,  $y$  is negative. In this case  $y$  can take both positive and negative values.

**In figure-2** the curve touches the axis of  $x$ . Here both zeroes of the polynomial coincide. Note that in this case the value of  $y$  is always non negative for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**In figure-3** the curve completely lies above the  $x$ -axis. There is no real zero and the value of  $y$  is always greater than zero for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . This is an important case.

Similar explanation can be given for figure-4, 5 and 6.

Now a quadratic polynomial when equated to zero is called a quadratic equation i.e.

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0, \quad a \neq 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Solving a quadratic equation would mean finding the value or values of  $x$  for which  $ax^2 + bx + c$  vanishes and these values of  $x$  are also called the roots of the quadratic equation or zeroes of the corresponding quadratic polynomial. Two methods of solving a quadratic equation and

- (1) graphical (not very useful)                      (2) algebraic

### ALGEBRAIC METHOD :

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad a \neq 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0 \quad (a \neq 0)$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a} = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

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

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad (\text{Vieta's theorem})$$

Hence  $\alpha = \frac{-b + \sqrt{D}}{2a}$  and  $\beta = \frac{-b - \sqrt{D}}{2a}$  where  $D = b^2 - 4ac$

The quantity  $D = b^2 - 4ac$  is called the discriminant of the quadratic equation and plays a very vital role in deciding the nature of roots of the equation without actually determining them. Now

If  $D > 0$  then roots are real. (This corresponds to the figure-1 or figure-4 depending on the sign of 'a')

If  $D = 0$  roots are coincident. (This corresponds to the figure-2 or figure-5)

If  $D \geq 0$  roots are real

If  $D < 0$  no real roots. Infact roots are complex conjugate. This corresponds to figure-3 or figure-6.

We therefore see that the condition for  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  to be +ve  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  becomes  $a > 0$  and  $D < 0$ . Similarly  $ax^2 + bx + c < 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $a < 0$  and  $D < 0$ .

### Note :

- (1) In case the coefficient of quadratic equation are rational then the roots are rational if  $D > 0$  and is a perfect square.
- (2) Irrational roots occur in pair of conjugate surd i.e. if one root is  $2 + \sqrt{3}$  the other is  $2 - \sqrt{3}$ .
- (3) If coefficient of quadratic equation are real and one root is  $\alpha + i\beta$  then other root is  $\alpha - i\beta$ .

### RELATION BETWEEN ROOTS AND COEFFICIENT OF QUADRATIC EQUATION :

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0, \quad a \neq 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots then  $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}$  ;  $\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$

Hence we can form the quadratic equation if the sum and product of its roots are known

i.e.  $x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$

$$x^2 - \left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$x^2 - (\text{sum of roots})x + \text{product of roots} = 0$$

**Ex.1** Form a quadratic equation whose one root is

(a)  $\cos 36^\circ$  (b)  $\tan \frac{\pi}{12}$  (c)  $\tan \frac{\pi}{8}$  (d)  $\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{8}$

**Note :**

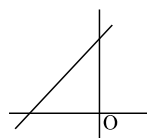
(a) If exactly one root of quadratic equation is 0, then  $P = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{c}{a} = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$  and the quadratic becomes  $ax^2 + bx = 0$ .

(b) If both roots of the quadratic equation are zero then  $S = 0$  and  $P = 0 \Rightarrow b = c = 0$  and the quadratic equation becomes  $x^2 = 0$ .

(c) If one root is  $\infty$ , put  $x = \frac{1}{y}$  in  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , we get  
 $cy^2 + by + a = 0$  must have one root zero  $\Rightarrow P = 0$  i.e.  $\frac{a}{c} = 0$

Hence,  $a = 0$  and  $-\frac{b}{c} \neq 0 \Rightarrow b \neq 0$ .

original quadratic equation becomes  $bx + c = 0$



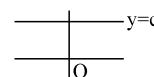
(d) When both roots of the quadratic equation are infinity then. The quadratic equation  $cy^2 + by + a = 0$  must have both roots zero.

i.e.  $-\frac{b}{c} = 0$  and  $\frac{a}{c} = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$ ;  $a = 0$  and  $c \neq 0$ .

In this case the equation becomes  $y = c$ .

e.g. if  $(2p - q)x^2 + (p - 1)x + 5 = 0$  has both roots infinite. Find  $p$  and  $q$ .

[Ans.  $p = 1$ ;  $q = 2$ ]



(e) If  $f(\alpha, \beta) = f(\beta, \alpha)$  then  $f(\alpha, \beta)$  denotes symmetric functions of roots.

e.g.  $f(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2$ ;  $f(\alpha, \beta) = \cos(\alpha - \beta)$

It is to be noted that every symmetric function in  $\alpha, \beta$  can be expressed in terms of two symmetric functions  $\alpha + \beta$  and  $\alpha\beta$ .

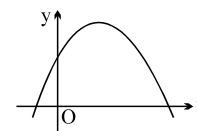
## ILLUSTRATION FOR THE FIRST LECTURE :

1. Graph of  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  is as shown in the figure then

(i)  $a < 0$  (ii)  $D > 0$  (iii)  $S > 0$  (iv)  $P < 0$

(v)  $-\frac{b}{a} > 0$  ( $b > 0$ ) (vi)  $\frac{c}{a} < 0$  ( $c > 0$ )

(vii)  $b$  and  $c$  have the same sign and different than  $a$ .



2. The quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has no real root, then prove that

$$c(a + b + c) > 0$$

[Hint: both  $f(0)$  and  $f(1)$  have the same sign  $\Rightarrow f(0) \cdot f(1) > 0 \Rightarrow$  result]

3. Find the set of values of 'a' for which the quadratic polynomial

(i)  $(a + 4)x^2 - 2ax + 2a - 6 < 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  [Ans.  $(-\infty, -6)$ ]

(ii)  $(a - 1)x^2 - (a + 1)x + (a + 1) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  [Ans.  $(5/3, \infty)$ ]

4. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 2x + 5 = 0$  then form a quadratic equation whose roots are  $\alpha^3 + \alpha^2 - \alpha + 22$  and  $\beta^3 + 4\beta^2 - 7\beta + 35$ .

[Hint:  $\alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 - \alpha + 22 = 7$  &  $\beta^2 - 2\beta + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow \beta^3 + 4\beta^2 - 7\beta + 35 = 5$ ]

5. If  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  then prove that  $g(x) = f(x) + f'(x) + f''(x) > 0 \quad (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})$

6. If  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has roots  $x_1, x_2$  then find the value of  $(ax_1 + b)^{-3} + (ax_2 + b)^{-3}$ .

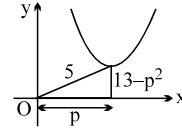
7. If  $p(q-r)x^2 + q(r-p)x + r(p-q) = 0$  has equal roots prove that  $\frac{2}{q} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{r}$  (cyclic order) i.e.  $p, q, r$  are in H.P.

8. If a quadratic equation (in  $x$  or  $y$ ) is formed from  $y^2 = 4ax$  and  $y = mx + c$  and has equal roots then prove that  $c = a/m$ .

9. If  $x = 3 + \sqrt{5}$  find the value of  $x^4 - 12x^3 + 44x^2 - 48x + 17$ .

[Ans. 1]

10. If the roots of the quadratic equation  $(x-a)(x-b) - k = 0$  are  $c$  and  $d$  then prove that  $a$  and  $b$  are the roots of the quadratic equation  $(x-c)(x-d) + K = 0$ .



[Sol.  $x^2 - (a+b)x + ab - K = 0 \leq \frac{c}{d}$

$$\therefore \begin{aligned} c+d &= a+b \\ cd &= ab - k \end{aligned} \quad \text{must be true}$$

$$\text{TPT } (x-c)(x-d) + K = 0 \leq \frac{a}{b}$$

$$x^2 - (a+d)x + cd + K = 0$$

$$\therefore a+b = c+d \quad \dots(1)$$

$$ab = cd + K \quad \dots(2)$$

Hence Proved ]

11. For what value of  $p$  the vertex of the parabola if  $x^2 + 2px + 13$  lies at a distance of 5 unit from the origin.

12. Find the least value of the function  $f(x) = 2bx^2 - x^4 - 3b^2$  in  $[-2, 1]$  depending on the parameter  $b$ .

[Ans. for  $b \in (-\infty, 2]$  least value is  $f(4) = 8b - 3b^2 - 16$  ;  
for  $b \in [2, \infty)$  least value is  $f(0) = -3b^2$  ]

13. Find all numbers  $p$  for each of which the least value of the quadratic trinomial  $4x^2 - 4px + p^2 - 2p + 2$  on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  is equal to 3.

[Ans.  $p = 1 - \sqrt{2}$  or  $5 + \sqrt{10}$ ]

14. If the roots of  $ax^2 + 2bx + c = 0$  be possible and different, then the roots of  $(a+c)(ax^2 + 2bx + c) = 2(ac - b^2)(x^2 + 1)$  will be impossible, and vice versa.

[Hint:  $4(ac - b^2)[(a-c)^2 + 4b^2]$  ]

**Home work after 1<sup>st</sup> lecture :**

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> LECTURE

If a quadratic equation has more than 2 roots then it becomes an identity.

**Proof:** Let  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \begin{cases} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{cases}$

$$\text{Hence } a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$a\beta^2 + b\beta + c = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

$$a\gamma^2 + b\gamma + c = 0 \quad \dots(3)$$

From equation (1) and (2)

$$a(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) + b(\alpha - \beta) = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha \neq \beta,$$

hence  $a(\alpha + \beta) + b = 0 \dots(4)$

similarly  $a(\beta + \gamma) + b = 0 \dots(5)$

by subtraction, (4) and (5)

$$a(\alpha - \gamma) = 0$$

$\alpha \neq \gamma$ , hence  $a = 0$

if  $a = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$

Hence QE becomes  $0x^2 + 0x + 0 = 0$  which is an identity.

### EXAMPLES :

1. For what values of  $p$ , the equation

$$(p + 2)(p - 1)x^2 + (p - 1)(2p + 1)x + p^2 - 1 = 0 \text{ has more than two roots.}$$

2. 
$$\frac{(x-a)(x-b)}{(c-a)(c-b)} + \frac{(x-b)(x-c)}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{(x-c)(x-a)}{(b-c)(b-a)} = 1$$

3. 
$$\frac{a^2(x-b)(x-c)}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{b^2(x-c)(x-a)}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{c^2(x-a)(x-b)}{(c-a)(c-b)} = x^2$$

4. 
$$\frac{(a+x)^2}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{(b+x)^2}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{(c+x)^2}{(c-a)(c-b)} = 1$$

[Ans.  $x = -a ; -b ; -c$  are the solutions ]

### Solving quadratic and rational inequalities. (Method of intervals)

**Type-1** : Quadratic inequality involving non-repeated linear factors.

(1)  $3x^2 - 7x + 6 < 0$  [Ans.  $x \in \phi$ ]

(2)  $(x^2 - x - 6)(x^2 + 6x) \geq 0$  (Asking)

(3) Solve  $f'(x) \geq g'(x)$  where  $f(x) = 5 - 3x + \frac{5}{2}x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3}$ ,  $g(x) = 3x - 7$ . [Ans.  $[2, 3]$ ]

**Type-2** : Quadratic inequality involving Repeated linear factors.

(1)  $(x + 1)(x - 3)(x - 2)^2 \geq 0$ . [Ans.  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (3, \infty)$ ]

(2)  $x(x + 6)(x + 2)^2(x - 3) > 0$  [Ans.  $(-6, 0)(x + 1)^3 - \{2\}$ ]

(3)  $(x - 1)^2(x + 1)^3(x - 4) < 0$  [Ans.  $(-1, 4) - \{1\}$ ]

(4) Number of positive integral solution of  $\frac{x^3(2x-3)^2(x-4)^6}{(x-3)^3(3x-8)^4} \leq 0$

(A) only one

(B) 2

(C\*) 3

(D) 4

[Hint:  $x \in \{1, 2, 4\}$ ]

**Type-3** : Quadratic / algebraic inequality of the type of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ . (Rational inequality)

(1)  $\frac{2x-3}{3x-7} \in (-\infty, \frac{3}{2}) \cup (\frac{7}{3}, +\infty)$  (2)  $\frac{x^2-5x+12}{x^2-4x+5} > 3 \quad [(\frac{1}{2}, 3)]$

(3)  $\frac{x^2-5x+6}{x^2+x+1} < 0 \quad [(2, 3)]$  (4)  $\frac{(x-1)^2(x+1)^3}{x^4(x-2)} < 0 \quad [(-1, 2) - \{0, 1\}]$

(5)  $\frac{x+1}{x-1} \geq \frac{x+5}{x+1} \quad [(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, 3)]$  (6)  $\frac{2(x-4)}{(x-1)(x-7)} \geq \frac{1}{x-2} \quad [(1, 2) \cup (7, +\infty)]$

$$(7) \frac{x^2 + 6x - 7}{|x + 4|} < 0 \quad [(-7, -4) \cup (-4, 1)]$$

$$(8) \frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{2x^2 - x - 1} > 0 \quad [(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, -\frac{1}{2}) \cup (-1, \infty)]$$

**Type-4 :** Double inequality and biquadratic inequality.

$$(1) \quad 1 < \frac{3x^2 - 7x + 8}{x^2 + 1} \leq 2$$

$$(2) \quad \text{For what value of 'x' } \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3x^2 - 7x + 8}{x^2 + 1}\right) \text{ is meaningful.}$$

$$(3) \quad (x^2 + 3x + 1)(x^2 + 3x - 3) \geq 0 \quad [\text{Ans. } (-\infty, -4] \cup [-2, -1] \cup [1, \infty)]$$

$$(4) \quad (x^2 + 3x)(2x + 3) - 16 \frac{(2x + 3)}{(x^2 + 3x)} \geq 0.$$

### CONDITION OF COMMON ROOTS :

Let  $a_1x^2 + b_1x + c_1 = 0$  and  $a_2x^2 + b_2x + c_2 = 0$  have a common root  $\alpha$ .

$$\text{Hence } a_1\alpha^2 + b_1\alpha + c_1 = 0$$

$$a_2\alpha^2 + b_2\alpha + c_2 = 0$$

by cross multiplication

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{b_1c_2 - b_2c_1} = \frac{\alpha}{a_2c_1 - a_1c_2} = \frac{1}{a_1b_2 - a_2b_1}$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{b_1c_2 - b_2c_1}{a_2c_1 - a_1c_2} = \frac{a_2c_1 - a_1c_2}{a_1b_2 - a_2b_1}$$

Which is the required condition.

This is also the condition that the two quadratic functions  $a_1x^2 + b_1x + c_1$  and  $a_2x^2 + b_2x + c_2$  may have a common factor.

**Note:** If both roots of the given equations are common then  $\frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{b_2}{b_1} = \frac{c_2}{c_1}$

### EXAMPLES :

1. Find the value of  $k$  for which the equations  $3x^2 + 4kx + 2 = 0$  and  $2x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$

have a common root. [Ans.  $k = \frac{7}{4}$  or  $-\frac{11}{8}$ ]

[Hint: From the 2<sup>nd</sup> equation  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $x = -2$ . Either  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $x = -2$  may be the common root]

2. If the quadratic equation  $x^2 + bx + c = 0$  and  $x^2 + cx + b = 0$  ( $b \neq c$ ) have a common root then prove that their uncommon roots are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + x + bc = 0$

[Hint:  $\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c = 0$

$$\alpha^2 + c\alpha + b = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\alpha^2}{b^2 - c^2} = \frac{\alpha}{c - b} = \frac{1}{c - b} ; \text{ Hence } \alpha = 1 \text{ or } \alpha = -(b + c)$$

if  $\alpha = 1$  then  $\alpha\beta_1 = c \Rightarrow \beta_1 = c$   
 and  $\alpha\beta_2 = b \Rightarrow \beta_2 = b$   
 where  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are the common root  
 $\therefore$  required equation  $x^2 - (b + c)x + bc = 0$   
 but  $-(b + c) = 1$   
 $\therefore x^2 + x + bc = 0$  ]

### Home Work after Q.No. 2.

If the equations  $x^2 + abx + c = 0$  and  $x^2 + acx + b = 0$  have a common root then show that the quadratic equation containing their other common roots is  
 $a(b + c)x^2 + (b + c)x - abc = 0$

3.(a) Find the value of p and q if the equation  $px^2 + 5x + 2 = 0$  and  $3x^2 + 10x + q = 0$  have

both roots is common. [Hint:  $\frac{p}{3} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{2}{q}$ ] [Ans.  $p = \frac{3}{2}$ ;  $q = 4$ ]

(b) If the equation  $x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$  and  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$  have a common root find a and b.  
 [Hint: since roots of 1<sup>st</sup> are imaginary hence both roots must be common]

4. If the equation  $4x^2 \sin^2 \theta - (4 \sin \theta)x + 1 = 0$  and  
 $a^2(b^2 - c^2)x^2 + b^2(c^2 - a^2)x + c^2(a^2 - b^2) = 0$  have a common root and the 2<sup>nd</sup> equation has equal root find the possible values of  $\theta$  in  $(0, \pi)$ .

[Hint:  $x = 1$  is the common  $(\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$  or  $\frac{5\pi}{6})$  put in equation to get  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$  ]

5. If one root of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - x + 3a = 0$  is double the root of the equation  $x^2 - x + a = 0$  then find the value of 'a' ( $a \neq 0$ )

[Hint:  $x^2 - x + 3a = 0 \begin{cases} 2\alpha \\ \beta \end{cases}$  ;  $x^2 - x + a = 0 \begin{cases} \alpha \\ \beta \end{cases}$ ,

$$\therefore \begin{aligned} \alpha^2 - \alpha + a &= 0 \\ 4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 3a &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{-3a + 2a} = \frac{\alpha}{4a - 3a} = \frac{1}{-2 + 4} \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2}{-a} = \frac{\alpha}{a} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \alpha = -1 \text{ or } \alpha = \frac{a}{2} \Rightarrow a = -2$$
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6. If each pair of the equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x^2 + p_1x + q_1 &= 0 \\ x^2 + p_2x + q_2 &= 0 \\ x^2 + p_3x + q_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ has exactly one root in common then show that}$$

$$(p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^2 = 4(p_1p_2 + p_2p_3 + p_3p_1 - q_1 - q_2 - q_3)$$

[Sol. Let  $x^2 + p_1x + q_1 = 0 \begin{cases} \alpha \\ \beta \end{cases}$

$$x^2 + p_2x + q_2 = 0 \begin{cases} \beta \\ \gamma \end{cases}$$

$$x^2 + p_3x + q_3 = 0 \begin{cases} \gamma \\ \alpha \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now } |(\alpha + \beta) - (\beta + \gamma)|^2 = |\alpha - \gamma|^2$$

$$p_1^2 + p_2^2 - 2p_1p_2 = p_3^2 - 4q_3$$

$$\text{or } p_1^2 + p_2^2 - p_3^2 = 2p_1p_2 - 4q_3$$

$$\text{||ly } p_2^2 + p_3^2 - p_1^2 = 2p_3p_4 - 4q_1$$

$$\text{and } p_3^2 + p_1^2 - p_2^2 = 2p_3p_1 - 4q_2$$

$$\text{adding } p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = 2 \sum p_1p_2 - 4 \sum q_1$$

$$(p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^2 = 4 \left[ \sum p_1p_2 - \sum q_1 \right]$$

7. Find the value of ' $\alpha$ ' for which the system of inequality  
 $x^2 + 2x + \alpha \leq 0$  and  $x^2 - 4x - 6\alpha \leq 0$  has a unique solution. **(Only for XIII)**  
 [Ans.  $\alpha = 0, 1$ ]

8. For what value of 'a' do the curves  $y = 1 + \frac{x^2}{a^3}$  and  $y = 4\sqrt{x}$  possesses only one point  
 in common. **[Only for XIII]** [Ans.  $a = 1/3$  or  $a < 0$ ]

**Home Work :** General inequaliteis from Prilepko.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> LECTURE

#### MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM VALUES OF QUADRATIC AND RATIONAL FUNCTIONS :

- (1)  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  attains its maximum or minima at the point with abscissa  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$   
 according as  $a < 0$  or  $a > 0$ .
- (2) Maximum or minimum value can also be obtained by making a perfect square and then taking an interpretation.
- Ex.  $y = 2x^2 - 3x + 1$  find the minimum value.  
 $y = 7 + 5x - 2x^2$  find the maximum value.
- (3) For computing the maximum or minimum values of rational function consider the following examples :

#### EXAMPLES :

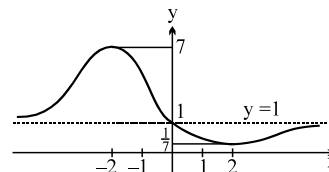
1. If  $x$  is real then  $\frac{x^2 - 3x + 4}{x^2 + 3x + 4}$  lies from  $\frac{1}{7}$  and 7.

[Sol.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6(x^2 - 4)}{(x^2 + 3x + 4)^2}$  which vanishes where  $x = 2$  or  $-2$  ;

$$f(2) = \frac{1}{7} \quad \& \quad f(-2) = 7$$

Note that  $y$  is always  $> 0$  as both  $N^r$  &  $D^r > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 The graph is as follows

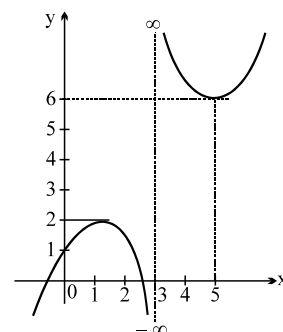
Note :  $\left[ \frac{1}{7}, 7 \right]$  is also the range of the given function. ]





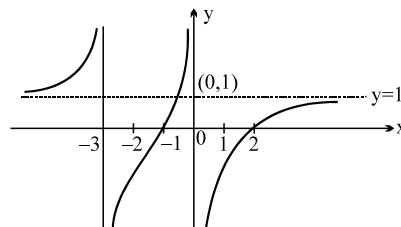
2. If  $x$  is real, prove that the expression  $y = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 11}{2(x - 3)}$  can have all numerical values except which lie between 2 and 6.

[Sol.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 5}{(x - 3)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ \& } x = 5$   
 $y|_{x=1} = 2$  ;  $y|_{x=5} = 6$  ]



3. Prove that  $y = \frac{(x+1)(x-2)}{x(x+3)}$  can have any value in  $(-\infty, \infty)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

[Sol.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2(2x^2 + x + 3)}{(x^2 + 3x)^2} \uparrow \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $y \uparrow$  in  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$  ]



4. Find the maximum and minimum value of  $y = \frac{x^2 + 14x + 9}{x^2 + 2x + 3} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

[Ans. Maximum = 4 ; minimum = -5]

5. Find all possible values of 'a' for which the expression  $\frac{ax^2 - 7x + 5}{5x^2 - 7x + a}$  may be capable of all values,  $x$  being any real quantity.

[Ans.  $a \in (-12, 2)$ ]

[Hint: For common roots between  $N^r$  and  $D^r$

$$ax^2 - 7x + 5 = 0$$

$$5x^2 - 7x + a = 0$$

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{-7a + 35} = \frac{\alpha}{25 - a^2} = \frac{1}{-7(a - 5)}$$

$$a \neq 5$$

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{7} = \frac{\alpha}{a + 5} = \frac{1}{7} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{a + 5} = \frac{a + 5}{7} \Rightarrow a = 2 \text{ or } a = -12$$

Hence for  $a = 2$  or  $a = -12$  we have a common factor in  $N^r$  &  $D^r$ .

for  $a = 2$

$$y = \frac{2x^2 - 7x + 5}{5x^2 - 7x + 2} = \frac{(2x - 5)(x - 1)}{(x - 1)(5x - 2)} \quad \dots(1)$$

for  $a = -12$

$$y = \frac{-12x^2 - 7x + 5}{5x^2 - 7x - 12} = \frac{(x + 1)(5 - 12x)}{(x + 1)(5x - 12)} \quad \dots(2)$$

for  $a = 2$

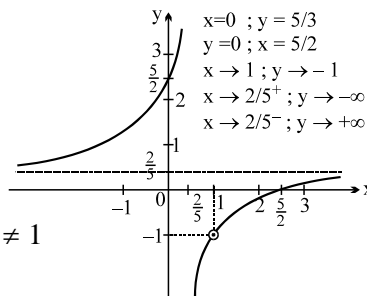
in (1) when  $x \rightarrow 1$   $y = -1$   
 $y$  can take the value  $-1$  for any  $x$ .

in (2) when  $x \rightarrow -1$   $y = 1$ ;  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$ ,  $y \rightarrow \frac{2}{5}$

$y$  can not take the value  $1$  for any  $x$ .

The graph of  $y = \frac{2x-5}{5x-2} \cdot \frac{x-1}{x-1} = \frac{2x-5}{5x-2}$  when  $x \neq 1$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(5x-2)2 - (2x-5)5}{(5x-2)^2} = \frac{21}{(5x-2)^2} > 0 \Rightarrow y \uparrow$$



**Note that** in this case  $y$  can take all values except  $-1$  and  $2/5$ . Similar would be the situation when  $a = -12$ . Hence the values of  $a = 2$  and  $-12$  are to be excluded. ]

6. Show that the expression  $\frac{(ax-b)(dx-c)}{(bx-a)(cx-d)}$  will be capable of all values when  $x$  is real,

if  $a^2 - b^2$  and  $c^2 - d^2$  have the same sign.

[Sol. TPT  $(a^2 - b^2)(c^2 - d^2) > 0$  (note that  $ad \neq bc$ )

$$y = \frac{adx^2 - (ac+bd)x + bc}{bcx^2 - (bd+ac)x + ad} \Rightarrow ybcx^2 - (bd+ac)y x + y ad = adx^2 - (ac+bd)x + bc$$

$$(ybc - ad)x^2 - [y(bd+ac) - (ac+bd)]x + (y ad - bc) = 0 \quad \text{as } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$[y(bd+ac) - (ac+bd)]^2 \geq 4(ybc - ad)(y ad - bc)$$

$$(bd+ac)^2 \cdot y^2 + (ac+bd)^2 - 2(bd+ac)(ac+bd)y \geq 4[(abcd)y^2 - (b^2c^2 + a^2d^2)y + abcd]$$

$$(ac-bd)^2 \cdot y^2 - 2[(ac+bd)^2 - 2(b^2c^2 + a^2d^2)]y + (ac-bd)^2 \geq 0$$

$$(ac-bd)^2 \cdot y^2 - 2[(ac-bd)^2 - 2(bc-ad)^2]y + (ac-bd)^2 \geq 0$$

$$4[(ac-bd)^2 - 2(bc-ad)^2]^2 - 4[(ac-bd)^2]^2 \leq 0$$

$$[(ac-bd)^2 - 2(bc-ad)^2 + (ac-bd)^2][(ac-bd)^2 - 2(bc-ad)^2 - (ac-bd)^2] \leq 0$$

**Home Work :** Exercise 9 (b) of H & K.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> LECTURE

**A.** To find the condition that a quadratic function of  $x, y$  of the type

$f(x, y) = ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  may be resolved into two linear factors.

The required condition is

$$abc + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - ch^2 = 0.$$

### EXAMPLES :

1. If the expression  $3x^2 + 2pxy + 2y^2 + 2ax - 4y + 1$  can be resolved into linear factors then prove that  $p$  must be one of the roots of the equation  $t^2 + 4at + 2a^2 + 6 = 0$ .

[Sol.  $a = 3, h = p, b = 2, g = a, f = -2, c = 1$

condition for this to be resolved into 2 linear factors

$$abc + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - ch^2 = 0$$

$$6 + (-4ap) - 12 - 2a^2 - p^2 = 0$$

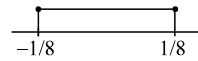
$$-p^2 - 4ap - 2a^2 - 6 = 0$$

$$p^2 + 4ap + 2a^2 + 6 = 0$$

$\therefore p$  is one of the roots of  $t^2 + 4at + 2a^2 + 6 = 0$ ]

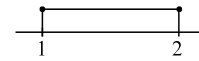
- 2.(a) If the equation  $x^2 + 16y^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$  is satisfied by real values of  $x$  and  $y$  then prove that  $1 \leq x \leq 2$  and  $-\frac{1}{8} \leq y \leq \frac{1}{8}$ .

[Sol.  $x^2 - 3x + 16y^2 + 2 = 0$   
 $x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \therefore D \geq 0$   
 $9 - 4(16y^2 + 2) \geq 0$   
 $9 - 64y^2 - 8 \geq 0$   
 $1 - 64y^2 \geq 0$   
 $\therefore 64y^2 - 1 \leq 0$   
 $(8y + 1)(8y - 1) \leq 0$



$$\therefore -\frac{1}{8} \leq y \leq \frac{1}{8}$$

$16y^2 + x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$   
 $y \in \mathbb{R} \quad \therefore D \geq 0$   
 $-64(x^2 - 3x + 2) > 0$   
 $x^2 - 3x + 2 \leq 0$   
 $(x - 2)(x - 1) \leq 0$



$$\therefore x \in [1, 2]$$

$$1 \leq x \leq 2$$

- (b) Show that in the equation  $x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2 - 2x - 3y - 35 = 0$ , for every real value of  $x$  there is a real value of  $y$ , and for every value of  $y$  there is a real value of  $x$ .
3. Prove that the expression  $2x^2 + 3xy + y^2 + 2y + 3x + 1$  can be factorised into two linear factors. Find them.

[Sol.  $a = 2, b = 1, h = 3/2, g = 3/2, f = 1, c = 1$   
 $abc + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - ch^2 = 0$

$$2 + \frac{9}{2} - 2 - \frac{9}{4} - \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\frac{9}{2} - \frac{9}{2} = 0 \quad ]$$

4. If  $(ax^2 + bx + c)y + a'x^2 + b'x + c' = 0$  find the condition that  $x$  may be a rational function of  $y$ . [Ans.  $(ac' - a'c)^2 = (ab' - a'b)(bc' - b'c)$ ]

[Hint: Solve for  $x$  and then  $D$  must be a perfect square. ]

[Sol.  $(ay + a')x^2 + (by + b')x + cy + c' = 0$

$$2(ay + a')x = -(by + b') \pm \sqrt{\underbrace{(by + b')^2 - 4(ay + a')(cy + c')}_{\text{perfect sum}}}$$

$$(b^2y^2 + b'^2 + 2bb'y) - 4[acy^2 + (ac' + a'c)y + a'c']$$

$$(b^2 - 4ac)y^2 + 2[bb' - 2(ac' + a'c)]y + (b'^2 - 4a'c') = 0$$

$$4[bb' - 2(ac' + a'c)]^2 = 4(b^2 - 4ac)(b'^2 - 4a'c')$$

on simplifying, we get

$$(ac' - a'c)^2 = (ab' - a'b)(bc' - b'c) \quad \text{Ans. } ]$$

## B. THEORY OF EQUATIONS :

$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \equiv a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$$

$$= a[x^3 - (\sum x_1)x^2 + (\sum x_1x_2)x^2 - x_1x_2x_3]$$

$$\therefore x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_1 = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\text{and } x_1x_2x_3 = -\frac{d}{a}$$

**Note:** A polynomial equations of degree odd with real coefficient must have at least one real root as imaginary roots always occur in pair of conjugates.

**EXAMPLES :**

1. Solve the cubic  $24x^3 - 14x^2 - 63x + 45 = 0$ , one root being double the other.

[Sol.  $24x^3 - 14x^2 - 63x + 45 = 0$   $\begin{matrix} \swarrow \alpha \\ \searrow 2\alpha \\ \quad \beta \end{matrix}$

$$3\alpha + \beta = \frac{7}{12} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$2\alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta + \beta\alpha = -\frac{21}{8} \quad \dots(2) \quad \text{or} \quad 2\alpha^2 + 3\alpha\beta = -\frac{21}{8}$$

$$2\alpha^2\beta = -\frac{15}{8} \quad \dots(3) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \beta \text{ must be -ve}$$

put  $\beta = \frac{7}{12} - 3\alpha$  in equation (2)

$$2\alpha^2 + 3\alpha \left( \frac{7}{12} - 3\alpha \right) = -\frac{21}{8}$$

$$2\alpha^2 + \frac{7}{4}\alpha - 9\alpha^2 = -\frac{21}{8}$$

$$-7\alpha^2 + \frac{7}{4}\alpha + \frac{21}{8} = 0 \quad \quad \quad 8\alpha^2 - 6\alpha + 4\alpha - 3$$

$$-\alpha^2 + \frac{\alpha}{4} + \frac{3}{8} = 0 \quad \quad \quad 2\alpha(4\alpha - 3) + 4\alpha - 3$$

$$8\alpha^2 - 2\alpha - 3 = 0 \quad \quad \quad \alpha = \frac{3}{4} \text{ or } \alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$$

if  $\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$  then  $\beta = \frac{7}{12} - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{7-27}{12} = -\frac{20}{12} = -\frac{5}{3}$

i.e.  $\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$  or  $\beta = -\frac{5}{3}$

If  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$  then  $\beta = \frac{7}{12} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{7+18}{24} = \frac{25}{24}$

i.e.  $\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$  &  $\beta = \frac{25}{24}$  (does not satisfy (3) )

Hence  $\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$  &  $\beta = -\frac{5}{3}$  roots are  $\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, -\frac{5}{3}$  ]

**Similar problem of Home Work :**  $24x^3 + 46x^2 + 9x - 9 = 0$

2. Find the

(i) sum of the squares and

(ii) sum of the cubes of the roots of the cubic equation  $x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$   $\begin{matrix} \swarrow \alpha \\ \searrow \beta \\ \quad \gamma \end{matrix}$

[Sol. (i)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 - 2\Sigma\alpha\beta$

(ii)  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 - 3\alpha\beta\gamma = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 - \alpha\beta - \beta\gamma - \gamma\alpha)$

$\therefore \Sigma \alpha^3 = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)[\Sigma \alpha^2 - \Sigma \alpha\beta] + 3\alpha\beta\gamma$

3. Solve the cubic  $4x^3 + 16x^2 - 9x - 36 = 0$ , the sum of its two roots being equal to zero.

$$[\text{Ans. } \left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, -4\right)]$$

4.  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are the roots of the equation  $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right) = 3 \tan 3x$  no two of which have equal tangents, find the value of  $\tan \alpha + \tan \beta + \tan \gamma + \tan \delta$ . [Ans. Zero]

5. Find the cubic each of whose roots is greater by unity than a root of the equation  $x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0$ . [Ans.  $y^3 - 8y^2 + 19y - 1 = 0$ ]

[Sol. If  $y$  is one root of the required equation then  $y = x + 1 \Rightarrow x = y - 1$ .  
Now put  $x = y - 1$  in the given equation.]

6. Form a cubic whose roots are the cubes of the roots of  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 2 = 0$ . [Ans.  $y^3 + 33y^2 + 12y + 8 = 0$ ]

[Sol.  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -3$

$$\Sigma \alpha\beta = 0 ; \alpha\beta\gamma = -2$$

$$y^3 - (\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3)y^2 + (\alpha^3\beta^3 + \beta^3\gamma^3 + \gamma^3\alpha^3)y + \alpha^3\beta^3\gamma^3 = 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = (a + b + c)[a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (ab + bc + ca)] + 3abc$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = (a + b + c)[(a + b + c)^2 - 3(ab + bc + ca)] + 3abc$$

$$= (-3) [9] + 3 (-2)$$

$$= -33$$

Similarly intercept  $\alpha^3\beta^3 + \beta^3\gamma^3 + \gamma^3\alpha^3$  ]

7. Given the product  $p$  of sines of the angles of a triangle & product  $q$  of their cosines, find the cubic equation, whose coefficients are functions of  $p$  &  $q$  & whose roots are the tangents of the angles of the triangle. [REE'92, 6]

$$[\text{Ans: } qx^3 - px^2 + (1 + q)x - p = 0]$$

[Sol. Given  $\sin A \sin B \sin C = p ; \cos A \cos B \cos C = q$

$$\text{Hence } \tan A \tan B \tan C = \tan A + \tan B + \tan C = p/q$$

Hence equation of cubic is

$$x^3 - \frac{p}{q}x^2 + \left(\sum \tan A \tan B\right)x - \frac{p}{q} = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{now } \sum \tan A \tan B = \frac{\sin A \sin B \cos C + \sin B \sin C \cos A + \sin C \sin A \cos B}{\cos A \cos B \cos C}$$

We know that  $A + B + C = \pi$

$$\cos(A+B+C) = -1$$

$$\cos(A+B) \cos C - \sin(A+B) \sin C = -1$$

$$(\cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B) \cos C - \sin C (\sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B) = -1$$

$$1 + \cos A \cos B \cos C = \sin A \sin B \cos C + \sin B \sin C \cos A + \sin C \sin A \cos B$$

dividing by  $\cos A \cos B \cos C$

$$\frac{1+q}{q} = \sum \tan A \tan B$$

$$\text{Hence (i) becomes } qx^3 - px^2 + (1+q)x - p = 0 \quad \text{Ans.}]$$

**Home Work :** 9 (c) of H & K.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> LECTURE

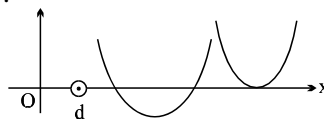
### LOCATION OF ROOTS:

This article deals with an elegant approach of solving problems on quadratic equations when the roots are located / specified on the number line with variety of constraints :

Consider  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  with  $a > 0$ .

**Type-1 :** Both roots of the quadratic equation are greater than a specified number say (d).  
The necessary and sufficient condition for this are :

(i)  $a > 0$  ; (ii)  $D \geq 0$  ; (iii)  $f(d) > 0$  ; (iv)  $-\frac{b}{2a} > d$



**Note :** If  $a < 0$  then intercept accordingly.

**EXAMPLES ON (TYPE-1) :**

1. Find all the values of the parameter 'd' for which both roots of the equation

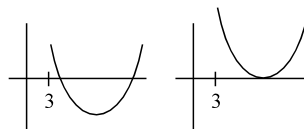
$$x^2 - 6dx + (2 - 2d + 9d^2) = 0 \text{ exceed the number 3.} \quad [\text{Ans. } d > \frac{11}{9}]$$

[Sol. (i)  $D \geq 0$

$$9t^2 - 2 + 2t - 9t^2 \geq 0$$

$$t - 1 \geq 0$$

$$t \geq 1$$



(ii)  $-\frac{b}{2a} > 3$ ;  $3t > 3$ ;  $t > 1$

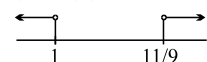
(iii)  $f(3) > 0$

$$9 - 18t + 2 - 2t + 9t^2 > 0$$

$$9t^2 - 20t + 11 > 0$$

$$9t^2 - 9t - 11t + 11 > 0$$

$$(t-1)(9t-11) > 0$$



$$\therefore t \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (11/9, \infty)$$

$\therefore$  Intersection of (i), (ii) and (iii) is  $t > 11/9$  ]

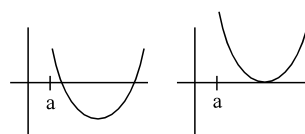
2. Find all the values of 'a' for which both roots of the equation  $x^2 + x + a = 0$  exceed the quantity 'a'.  
[Ans.  $(-\infty, -2)$ ]

[Sol. (i)  $D \geq 0$

$$1 - 4a \geq 0$$

$$4a \leq 1$$

$$a \leq 1/4$$

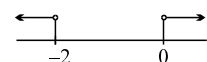


(ii)  $-\frac{b}{2a} > a$ ;  $-\frac{1}{2} > a$ ;  $a < -\frac{1}{2}$

(iii)  $f(a) > 0$

$$a^2 + 2a > 0$$

$$a(a+2) > 0$$



$$\therefore a \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (0, \infty)$$

$\therefore a \in (-\infty, -2)$  Ans. ]

3. Determine the values of 'a' for which both roots of the quadratic equation  $(a^2 + a - 2)x^2 - (a + 5)x - 2 = 0$  exceed the number minus one.

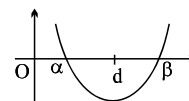
$$[\text{Ans. } (-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, -1/2) \cup (1, \infty)]$$

4. Find the values of  $a > 0$  for which both the roots of equation  $ax^2 - (a+1)x + a - 2 = 0$  are greater than 3.

**Type-2 :** Both roots lie on either of a fixed number say (d). Alternatively one root is greater than 'd' and other less than 'd' or 'd' lies between the roots of the given equation.

Conditions for this

$$\text{and } \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(i) } a > 0 \\ \text{(ii) } f(d) < 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ or } \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(i) } a < 0 \\ \text{(ii) } f(d) > 0 \end{array} \right\}$$



Note that no consideration for discriminant will be useful here.

### EXAMPLES ON (TYPE-2) :

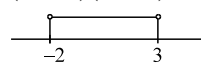
1. Find the value of  $k$  for which one root of the equation of  $x^2 - (k+1)x + k^2 + k - 8 = 0$  exceed 2 and other is smaller than 2. [Ans.  $k \in (-2, 3)$ ]

[Sol. since  $a > 0$   $f(0) < 0$   $\therefore f(2) < 0$

$$\therefore 4 - 2(k+1) + k^2 + k - 8 < 0$$

$$k^2 - k + 6 < 0$$

$$(k+2)(k-3) < 0$$



$$\therefore k \in (-2, 3)$$

2. Find the set of values of ' $a$ ' for which zeroes of the quadratic polynomial  $(a^2 + a + 1)x^2 + (a - 1)x + a^2$  are located on either side of 3. [Ans.  $\phi$ ]

[Sol. Leading co-efficient is always +ve

$$\therefore f(3) < 0$$

$$\therefore 9a^2 + 9a + 9 + 3a - 3 + a^2 < 0$$

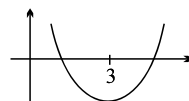
$$10a^2 + 12a + 6 < 0$$

$$5a^2 + 6a + 3 < 0$$

This is always +ve as  $5 > 0$

$$\therefore D < 0$$

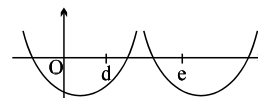
$$\therefore a \in \phi \text{ Ans.]}$$



**Type-3 :** Exactly one root lies in the interval  $(d, e)$  when  $d < e$ .

Conditions for this are :

$$\text{(i) } a \neq 0 ; \text{ (ii) } f(d) \cdot f(e) < 0$$



### EXAMPLES ON (TYPE-3) :

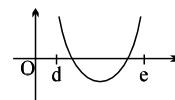
1. Find the set of values of  $m$  for which exactly one root of the equation  $x^2 + mx + (m^2 + 6m) = 0$  lie in  $(-2, 0)$  [Ans.  $(-6, -2) \cup (-2, 0)$ ]
2. Find all possible values of ' $a$ ' for which exactly one root of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - (a+1)x + 2a = 0$  lie in the interval  $(0, 3)$ . [Ans.  $(-\infty, 0] \cup (6, \infty)$ ]

**Note :** In this case also check for end points. If interval is closed say  $[d, e]$  then  $f(d) = 0$  or  $f(e) = 0 \Rightarrow$  no other root should lie in  $(d, e)$

**Type-4 :** When both roots are confined between the number  $d$  and  $e$  ( $d < e$ ). Conditions for this are

$$\text{(i) } a > 0 ; \text{ (ii) } D \geq 0 ; \text{ (iii) } f(d) > 0 ; \text{ (iv) } f(e) > 0$$

$$d < -\frac{b}{2a} < e$$



### EXAMPLES ON (TYPE-4) :

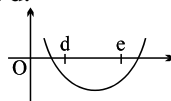
1. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 + 2(k-3)x + 9 = 0$  ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ ). If  $\alpha, \beta \in (-6, 1)$  then find the values of  $k$ .

$$[\text{Ans. } \left(6, \frac{27}{4}\right)]$$

**Type-5 :** One root is greater than e and the other roots is less than d.

Conditions are :

$$(i) f(d) < 0 \text{ and } f(e) < 0 \quad \text{if } (a > 0)$$



### EXAMPLES ON (TYPE-5) :

1. Find all the values of k for which one root of the quadratic equation  $(k-5)x^2 - 2kx + k - 4 = 0$  is smaller than 1 and the other root exceed 2. [Ans. (5, 24)]

### GENERAL AND MIXED PROBLEM :

- (1) For  $y = f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$   
 if  $f(p) < 0$  and  $f(q) > 0$   
 i.e.  $f(p)f(q) < 0 \Rightarrow$  then the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has one root lying between p and q.

### EXAMPLES :

1. Let  $\alpha$  be a real root of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c$  and  $\beta$  be a real root of the equation  $-ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ . Show that there exists a root  $\gamma$  of the equation  $\frac{a}{2}x^2 + bx + c = 0$  that lie between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . ( $\alpha, \beta \neq 0$ ).

[Sol.  $\alpha$  is a root of equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\therefore a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{similarly } -a\beta^2 + b\beta + c = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{a}{2}x^2 + bx + c \quad \dots(3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } f(\alpha) &= \frac{a}{2}\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c = \frac{a}{2}\alpha^2 - a\alpha^2 \quad \{\text{From (1)}\} \\ &= -\frac{a}{2}\alpha^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } f(\beta) &= \frac{a}{2}\beta^2 + b\beta + c = \frac{a}{2}\beta^2 + a\beta^2 \quad \{\text{From (2)}\} \\ &= \frac{3}{2}a\beta^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } f(\alpha)f(\beta) = -\frac{3}{4}a^2\alpha^2\beta^2 < 0 \quad [\because \alpha, \beta \neq 0]$$

$\therefore f(\alpha)$  and  $f(\beta)$  have opposite signs, therefore equation  $f(x) = 0$  will have exactly one root between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  if  $\alpha < \beta$  or one root between  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  if  $\beta < \alpha$ .

2. If  $a < b < c < d$ , then show that the quadratic equation  $(x-a)(x-c) + \lambda(x-b)(x-d) = 0$  has real roots for all real values of  $\lambda$ .

[Sol. Let  $f(x) = (x-a)(x-c) + \lambda(x-b)(x-d)$

Given,  $a < b < c < d$

$$\text{Now, } f(b) = (b-a)(b-c) < 0 \quad [\because b-a > 0 \text{ and } b-c < 0]$$

$$\text{and } f(d) = (d-a)(d-c) > 0$$

Since  $f(b)$  and  $f(d)$  have opposite signs therefore, equation  $f(x) = 0$  has one real root between b and d.

Since one root is real and a, b, c, d,  $\lambda$  are real therefore, other root will also be real.

Hence equation  $f(x) = 0$  has real roots for all real values of  $\lambda$ . ]



**3.(a)** Prove that for any real value of  $a$  the inequality,  $(a^2 + 3)x^2 + (a + 2)x - 5 < 0$  is true for at least one negative  $x$ .

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

Case-I: when  $f(0) < 0$

obviously there is atleast one negative  $x$  for which  $f(x) < 0$

$\therefore f(0) = -5$  which is always true for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

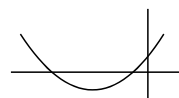
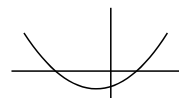
Case-II: If  $f(0) > 0$

and  $D > 0$

and  $-\frac{b}{2a} < 0$

$\therefore f(0) > 0$  is not possible. Hence  $f$

$\therefore a \in \mathbb{R}$



**3(b)** If  $f(x) = 4x^2 + ax + (a - 3)$  is negative for atleast one  $x$ , find all possible values of  $a$ .

[Sol. Case-I: if  $f(0) < 0$

$$a - 3 < 0 \Rightarrow a < 3$$

$$a \in (-\infty, +3)$$

Case-II: if  $f(0) \geq 0$  and

$$D > 0 \text{ and } -\frac{b}{2a} < 0$$

$$f(0) > 0 \text{ gives } a - 3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow a \geq 3 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$D > 0 \text{ gives } a^2 - 16(a - 3) > 0$$

$$a^2 - 16a - 48 > 0$$

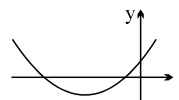
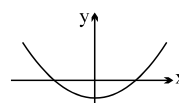
$$(a - 12)(a - 4) > 0 \Rightarrow a > 12 \text{ or } a < 4 \quad \dots(2)$$

$$-\frac{b}{2a} < 0 \text{ gives } -\frac{a}{8} < 0 \Rightarrow a > 0 \quad \dots(3)$$

from (1), (2) and (3)

$$a \in [3, 4) \cup (12, \infty)$$

finally  $a \in (-\infty, 4) \cup (12, \infty)$



**4.** Find the values of  $a$  for which the equation  $x^2 + 2(a - 1)x + a + 5 = 0$  has at least one positive root.  
[Ans.  $a \leq -1$ ]

**5.** Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$   $a \neq 0$ . If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ,

where  $\alpha < -n$  and  $\beta > n$ , then show that  $1 + \frac{c}{an^2} + \frac{1}{n} \left| \frac{b}{a} \right| < 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

[Sol.  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$f(x) = x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$f(x) < 0 \text{ and } f(-x) < 0$$

$$\therefore x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} < 0$$

$$\text{and } x^2 - \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} < 0$$

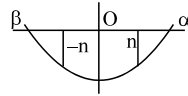
$$\text{hence } 1 + \frac{b}{ax} + \frac{c}{ax^2} < 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$1 - \frac{b}{ax} + \frac{c}{ax^2} < 0$$

This two inequalities must simultaneously be true  
note that the prodction of the roots is  $\alpha\beta < -n^2$

$$\frac{c}{a} < -n^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{c}{ax^2} + 1 < D$$

consider  $E = 1 + \underbrace{\frac{c}{ax^2}}_{-ve} + \frac{1}{n} \left| \frac{b}{a} \right| \dots(2)$



if  $b/a > 0$  then  $E = 1 + \frac{c}{ax^2} + \frac{1}{n} \frac{b}{a} < 0$

if  $b/a < 0$  then  $E = 1 + \frac{c}{ax^2} - \frac{1}{n} \frac{b}{a} < 0$  from (1)

hence (2) simultaneously satisfied both (1)

$\therefore$  (1) is equivalent to

$$1 + \frac{c}{ax^2} + \left| \frac{b}{a} \right| < 0$$

## 6<sup>TH</sup> LECTURE

### MISCELLANEOUS EQUATIONS INEQUALITIES AND LOGARITHMIC INEQUALITIES :

#### A. LINEAR EQUATION / INEQUALITIES INVOLVING MODULUS :

1.  $|x - 3| + 2|x + 1| = 4$  Ans  $\{-1\}$
2.  $|x + 2| - |x - 1| < x - \frac{3}{2}$
3. Find the least +ve integer satisfying  $|x + 1| + |x - 4| > 7$ .
4. Greater integer satisfying  $\frac{2x+1}{3} - \frac{3x-1}{2} > 1$

#### B. QUADRATIC EQUATION / INEQUALITY INVOLVING MODULUS & EXPONENTIAL :

1.  $|x^2 + 4x + 2| = \frac{5x+16}{3}$  Ans :  $\{-2, 1\}$
2.  $(|x - 1| - 3)(|x + 2| - 5) < 0$  Ans.  $(-7, 2) \cup (3, 4)$
3.  $|x - 5| > |x^2 - 5x + 9|$  Ans.  $(1, 3)$
4.  $2^{|x+2|} - |2^{x+1} - 1| = 2^{x+1} + 1$
5.  $\left| \frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x^2 - 4} \right| \leq 1$   $[(0, \frac{8}{5}) \cup (\frac{5}{2}, +\infty)]$
6.  $\left| \frac{x^2 - 3x - 1}{x^2 + x + 1} \right| < 3$   $[(-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, +\infty)]$

### C. LOGARITHMIC EQUATION :

1.  $\log_{\frac{1}{5}} \frac{4x+6}{x} \geq 0$  Ans.  $\left[-2, \frac{3}{2}\right)$
2. (a)  $\log_{2x+3}(x^2) < \log_{2x+3}(2x+3)$  Ans.  $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -1\right) \cup (-1, 3)$   
(b)  $\log_{x+3}(x^2 - x) < 1$  Ans.  $(-3, 2) \cup (-1, 0) \cup (1, 3)$
3.  $\log_7 \left(\frac{2x-6}{2x-1}\right) > 0$  Ans.  $\left(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}\right)$
4.  $\log_3 |3 - 4x| > 2$  Ans.  $\left(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2}\right) \cup (3, \infty)$
5.  $\log_{0.2}(x^2 - x - 2) > \log_{0.2}(-x^2 + 2x + 3)$  Ans.  $\left(2, \frac{5}{2}\right)$
6.  $(0.3)^{\log_{\frac{1}{3}} \log_2 \frac{3x+6}{x^2+2}} > 1$  Ans. (power  $< 0$ )
7.  $\log_{0.5} \left(\log_6 \frac{x^2+x}{x+4}\right) < 0$  Ans.  $(-4, -3) \cup (8, \infty)$
8.  $\log_3 \frac{|x^2 - 4x| + 3}{x^2 + |x - 5|} \geq 0$  Ans.  $\left(-\infty, -\frac{2}{3}\right] \cup \left[\frac{1}{2}, 2\right]$
9.  $\log_2^2 \left(\frac{4x-3}{4-3x}\right) > -\frac{1}{2}$  Ans.  $\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$  or all domain
10.  $(2\log_3^2 x - 3\log_3 x - 8)(2\log_3^2 x - 3\log_3 x - 6) \geq 3$   
[Hint : Put  $2\log_3^2 x - 3\log_3 x - 6 = t$  ]