

#### IV Powers of a root.

**Theory** If  $\alpha$  is a root of a polynomial equation  $f(x) = 0$ , then  $\alpha^m$  is a root of a polynomial equation  $f(y^{\frac{1}{m}}) = 0$ .

That is to say, change  $x \rightarrow y^{\frac{1}{m}}$ .

##### Class Work IV.1

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of  $x^2 - 2x + 5 = 0$ .

Find a new equation whose roots are  $\alpha^2, \beta^2$

Transform  $x \rightarrow \sqrt{y}$ .

The new equation is  $y^2 + 6y + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 0$

##### Class Work IV.2

If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma \neq 0$  are the roots of  $x^3 + 3px + q = 0$ , find the new equation whose roots are  $\frac{\beta\gamma}{\alpha}, \frac{\gamma\alpha}{\beta}, \frac{\alpha\beta}{\gamma}$ .

$$\frac{\beta\gamma}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha\beta\gamma}{\alpha^2} = -\frac{q}{\alpha^2}$$

$\therefore$  The roots of the new equation are  $-\frac{q}{\alpha^2}, \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

Transformation is:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

$$(\underline{\hspace{2cm}})^3 + 3p(\underline{\hspace{2cm}}) + q = 0$$

$$qy^3 + 9p^2y^2 - 6pqy + q^2 = 0$$