

2. THEORY OF EQUATIONS

SYNOPSIS

Definition : An equation of the form $f(x) = p_0x^n + p_1x^{n-1} + p_2x^{n-2} + \dots + p_n = 0$ ($p_0 \neq 0$) is called an n^{th} degree polynomial equation, where p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n are complex numbers

Relation between roots and coefficients :

1. If $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$ are the roots of the equation $f(x) = p_0x^n + p_1x^{n-1} + p_2x^{n-2} + \dots + p_n = 0$ then

i) Sum of the roots $= \sum \alpha_i = s_1 = -\frac{p_1}{p_0}$

ii) Sum of the product of roots taken two at a time $= s_2 = \frac{p_2}{p_0}$

iii) Sum of the product of roots taken three at a time $= s_3 = -\frac{p_3}{p_0}$

iv) Product of the roots $= \alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\dots\alpha_n = s_n = (-1)^n \frac{p_n}{p_0}$

►► If α, β, γ are the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ then

i) $s_1 = \alpha + \beta + \gamma = -\frac{b}{a}$

ii) $s_2 = \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = \frac{c}{a}$

iii) $s_3 = \alpha\beta\gamma = -\frac{d}{a}$

i.e. the equation having roots α, β, γ is

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

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - s_1x^2 + s_2x - s_3 = 0$$

►► If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are the roots of $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$ then

i) $s_1 = \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a}$

ii) $s_2 = \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta = \frac{c}{a}$

iii) $s_3 = \alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{d}{a}$

iv) $s_4 = \alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \frac{e}{a}$

i.e. the equation having roots $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ is

$$\Rightarrow x^4 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta)x^3 + (\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta)x^2 - (\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta)x + \alpha\beta\gamma\delta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 - s_1x^3 + s_2x^2 - s_3x + s_4 = 0$$

►► If α, β, γ are the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$

i) $\sum \alpha^2 = s_1^2 - 2s_2$

ii) $\sum \alpha^3 = s_1^3 - 3s_1s_2 + 3s_3$

iii) $\sum \alpha^4 = s_1^4 - 4s_1^2s_2 + 4s_1s_3 + 2s_2^2$

iv) $\sum \alpha^2(\beta + \gamma) = s_1s_2 - 3s_3 = \sum \alpha^2\beta$

2. To solve a cubic equation, when the roots are

i) in A.P., they are taken as $\alpha - \beta, \alpha, \alpha + \beta$

ii) in H.P., they are taken as $\frac{1}{\alpha - \beta}, \frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta}$

iii) in G.P. they are taken as $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \alpha, \alpha\beta$.

3. To solve a biquadratic equation, take the roots as
- $\alpha - 3\beta, \alpha - \beta, \alpha + \beta, \alpha + 3\beta$ when they are in A.P.
 - $\frac{1}{\alpha - 3\beta}, \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta}, \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta}, \frac{1}{\alpha + 3\beta}$ when they are in H.P.
 - $\frac{\alpha}{\beta^3}, \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \alpha\beta, \alpha\beta^3$ when they are in G.P.
4. The condition that the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ are in A.P. is $2b^3 + 27a^2d = 9abc$.
5. The condition that the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ are in G.P. is $ac^3 = b^3d$.
6. The condition that the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ are in H.P. is $2c^3 + 27ad^2 = 9bcd$.
7. The condition that one root of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ is sum of the other two roots, is $8a^2d + b^3 = 4abc$.
8. The condition that the products of two of the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ is -1 , is $a(a + c) + d(b + d) = 0$.
9. If $\alpha + \sqrt{\beta}$ is a root of $f(x) = 0$, whose coefficients are rational then $\alpha - \sqrt{\beta}$ is also a root, where $\sqrt{\beta}$ is irrational.
10. If $a + ib$ is a root of $f(x) = 0$ whose coefficients are real then $a - ib$ is also a root, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$.
11. In an equation, if all the coefficients are of the same sign then the equation has no positive root.
12. In an equation, if all the coefficients of even powers of x are all positive (or all negative) and the coefficients of odd powers of x are of opposite sign, then the equation has no negative root.
13. The equation of lowest degree with rational coefficients, having a root $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$ is $x^4 - 2(a + b)x^2 + (a - b)^2 = 0$.
14. The equation of lowest degree with rational coefficients, having a root $\sqrt{a} + i\sqrt{b}$ is $x^4 - 2(a - b)x^2 + (a + b)^2 = 0$.
15. If $f(x) = (x - \alpha)^2 \phi(x)$ when $\phi(x)$ is not divisible by $x - \alpha$ then α is called second order multiple root of $f(x) = 0$.
16. A multiple root α of order n of $f(x) = 0$ is multiple root of order $n - 1$ of $f'(x) = 0$.
17. If α, β, γ are the roots of $f(x) = x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ then the equation having roots
- $\alpha + \beta, \beta + \gamma, \gamma + \alpha$ is $f(-p - x) = 0$
 - $\alpha\beta, \beta\gamma, \gamma\alpha$ is $f\left(-\frac{r}{x}\right) = 0$

Transformed equations :

- The second term of $f(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0$ can be removed by diminishing the roots by h where $h = -\frac{a_1}{na_0}$ and a_0 is the coefficient of the first term a_1 is the coefficient of the second term n is the degree of $f(x) = 0$
- If $f(x) = 0$ is an equation of degree n then to eliminate r^{th} term in $f(x) = 0$ can be transformed to $f(y + h) = 0$ where h is a constant such that $f^{(n-r+1)}(h) = 0$.

Reciprocal equation (R.E.) :

1. If an equation is unaltered by changing x as $\frac{1}{x}$, then it is a reciprocal equation.
2. If $x^n + p_1x^{n-1} + p_2x^{n-2} + \dots + p_{n-1}x + p_n = 0$ is a polynomial equation such that $p_n = 1$, $p_1 = p_{n-1}$, $p_2 = p_{n-2}$ etc ; then the equation is R.E. of the 1st type.
3. If $p_n = -1$, $p_1 = -p_{n-1}$, $p_2 = -p_{n-2}$ etc; then the equation is R.E. of the 2nd type.
4. A reciprocal equation of the 1st type and even degree is called a standard R.E.
5. $x + 1$ is a factor of R.E. of the 1st type and odd degree.
6. $x^2 - 1$ is a factor of R.E. of the 2nd type and even degree.

LECTURE SHEET

EXERCISE-I

Quotient, Remainders :

1. The Quotient obtained when $x^4 + 11x^3 - 44x^2 + 76x + 48$ is divided by $x^2 - 2x + 1$ is
 1) $x^2 - 13x + 5$ 2) $x^2 + 13x - 19$ 3) $x^2 - 13x + 19$ 4) $x^2 + 13x + 25$
2. The value of k so that $x^4 - 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 33x + k$ is divisible by $x^2 - 5x + 6$ is
 1) 45 2) 48 3) 51 4) 54

Formation of equations :

3. The equation whose roots are $\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}, 3i, -3i$ is
 1) $x^4 + 7x^2 - 18 = 0$ 2) $x^4 - 7x^2 + 18 = 0$ 3) $x^4 + 7x^2 + 18 = 0$ 4) $x^4 - 7x^2 - 18 = 0$
4. The equation of lowest degree with rational coefficients having a root $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$ is
 1) $x^4 + 10x^2 - 1 = 0$ 2) $x^4 - 10x^2 + 1 = 0$ 3) $x^4 + 10x^2 + 1 = 0$ 4) $x^4 - 10x^2 - 1 = 0$

Models on roots of the equation :

5. If $\alpha, \beta, 1$ are roots of $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ ($\alpha > 1$) then $3\alpha + \beta =$
 1) 7 2) 5 3) 14 4) 10
6. The condition that the product of two of the roots $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ is -1 , is
 1) $r^2 + pr + q + 1 = 0$ 2) $q^2 + pq + q + 1 = 0$ 3) $p^2 + pq + p + 1 = 0$ 4) $r^2 - pr - q + 1 = 0$
7. If one root of $24x^3 - 14x^2 - 63x + 45 = 0$ is double the other then the roots are
 1) $-1, \frac{1}{2}, 2$ 2) $2, 2, -1$ 3) $\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{5}{3}$ 4) $-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{1}{3}$
8. If $x^4 + 4x^3 - 2x^2 - 12x + 9 = 0$ has a pair of equal roots then the roots are
 1) $-1, -1, 2, 2$ 2) $1, 1, -2, -2$ 3) $-1, -1, 3, 3$ 4) $1, 1, -3, -3$
9. If $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}$ is a root of $3x^5 - 4x^4 - 42x^3 + 56x^2 + 27x - 36 = 0$ then the rational root is
 1) $\frac{4}{3}$ 2) $\frac{3}{4}$ 3) $-\frac{3}{4}$ 4) $-\frac{4}{3}$

10. If $-1+i$ is a root of $x^4 + 4x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x + k = 0$ then the other roots are
 1) $-1, -1$ 2) $-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$ 3) $-1 \pm \sqrt{2}$ 4) $1 \pm \sqrt{2}$
11. If the roots of $x^3 - 9x^2 + kx + l = 0$ are in A.P with common difference 2 then $(k, l) =$
 1) $(15, -15)$ 2) $(23, -15)$ 3) $(15, -23)$ 4) $(-15, 23)$
12. If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are the roots of $x^4 - 10x^3 + 35x^2 - 50x + 24 = 0$ which are in A.P. where $\alpha = 1$ then common difference of that A.P is $(\alpha < \beta < \gamma < \delta)$
 1) 1 2) 2 3) 3 4) 4
13. If the roots of $x^3 - 13x^2 + kx - 27 = 0$ are in G.P then $k =$
 1) -30 2) 30 3) 39 4) -39
14. If the roots of the equation $x^4 - 10x^3 + 50x^2 - 130x + 169 = 0$ are of the form $a \pm ib$ and $b \pm ia$ then $(a, b) =$
 1) $(3, 2)$ 2) $(2, 1)$ 3) $(-3, 2)$ 4) $(-3, -2)$

Symmetric Functions of the roots :

15. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^4 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$ then $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 =$
 1) $p^2 - 2q$ 2) $p^3 - 3pq + 3r$ 3) $p^4 - 3p^2q + 3pr + 2q^2$ 4) $2q$
16. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$ then $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 =$
 1) $p^2 - 2q$ 2) $p^3 - 3pq + 3r$ 3) $p^4 - 3p^2q + 3pr + 2q^2$ 4) $2q$
17. If α, β, γ are the roots of the equation $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ then $\Sigma \alpha^2(\beta + \gamma) =$
 1) $p^2 - 2q$ 2) $-p^3 + 3pq - 3r$ 3) $p^4 - 4p^2q + 4pr + 2q^2$ 4) $3r - pq$
18. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0$ then $\alpha^{-2} + \beta^{-2} + \gamma^{-2} =$
 1) 12 2) 13 3) 14 4) 15
19. If α, β, γ are the roots of the equation $px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$ then $\Sigma \alpha^2 \beta^2 =$
 1) $\frac{r^2 + 2qs}{p^2}$ 2) $\frac{r^2 - 2qs}{p^2}$ 3) $\frac{ps + r^2}{p^2}$ 4) $\frac{ps - r^2}{p^2}$

Transformed Equations :

20. If $f(x) = 5x^3 + 4x^2 - 13x - 25$ and $f(x-3) = 5x^3 - 41x^2 + 98x + k$ then $k =$
 1) 85 2) -85 3) 105 4) -105
21. The equation whose roots are multiplied by 3 of those of $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 5 = 0$ is
 1) $2x^3 - 9x^2 + 36x - 135 = 0$ 2) $2x^3 - 9x^2 - 36x + 135 = 0$
 3) $x^3 - 9x^2 + 36x + 135 = 0$ 4) $2x^3 - 9x^2 + 36x + 135 = 0$
22. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x - 3 = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $\frac{\alpha}{3}, \frac{\beta}{3}, \frac{\gamma}{3}$ is
 1) $x^3 + 6x^2 - 36x - 81 = 0$ 2) $9x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$
 3) $9x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$ 4) $x^3 - 6x^2 + 36x + 81 = 0$

23. The equation whose roots are squares of the roots of $x^4 + x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ is
 1) $x^4 - 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$ 2) $x^4 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$
 3) $x^4 - 3x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$ 4) $x^4 - 3x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$
24. The equation whose roots are cubes of the roots of $x^3 + 3x^2 + 2 = 0$ is
 1) $x^3 + 33x^2 + 12x + 8 = 0$ 2) $x^3 + 33x^2 - 12x - 8 = 0$
 3) $x^3 - 33x^2 + 12x - 8 = 0$ 4) $x^3 + 33x^2 + 12x - 8 = 0$
25. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 - 3x + 1 = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $\alpha - \frac{1}{\beta\gamma}, \beta - \frac{1}{\gamma\alpha}, \gamma - \frac{1}{\alpha\beta}$ is
 1) $x^3 - 3x + 8 = 0$ 2) $x^3 - 6x + 8 = 0$ 3) $x^3 - 9x + 8 = 0$ 4) $x^3 - 12x + 8 = 0$

EXERCISE-II

Multiple Roots :

1. The repeated root of the equation $4x^3 - 12x^2 - 15x - 4 = 0$ is
 1) $\frac{5}{2}$ 2) $-\frac{1}{2}$ 3) $\frac{1}{3}$ 4) $-\frac{1}{3}$
2. If $f(x) = 0$ has a repeated root α , then another equation having α as root is
 1) $f(2x) = 0$ 2) $f(3x) = 0$ 3) $f'(x) = 0$ 4) $f(4x) = 0$
3. The equation $x^3 - 3qx + 2r = 0$ has a repeated root then
 1) $q^2 = r^3$ 2) $q = r^2$ 3) $q^3 = r$ 4) $q^3 = r^2$
4. The polynomial $x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + C$ can be written in the form $(x-a)^2(x-b)$ then $C =$
 1) 5 2) 3 3) 25 4) 27

Conditional roots :

5. If the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ are in G.P. then the roots of $ay^3 + bky^2 + ck^2y + dk^3 = 0$ are in
 1) A.P 2) G.P 3) H.P 4) A.G.P
6. If 2, 5, 7, -4 are the roots of $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$ then the roots of $ax^4 - bx^3 + cx^2 - dx + e = 0$ are
 1) 2, 5, 7, -4 2) -2, -5, -7, 4 3) 2, 5, 7, 4 4) 2, -5, 7, -4
7. If 1, 2, 3 are the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ then the roots of $ax\sqrt{x} + bx + c\sqrt{x} + d = 0$ are
 1) 2, 3, 4 2) 1, 4, 9 3) 2, 4, 6 4) 1, $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}$

Removal of 2nd, 3rd and fractional Coefficients :

8. The transformed equation of $x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x + 8 = 0$ by eliminating second term is
 1) $x^3 + 7x + 2 = 0$ 2) $x^3 - 7x + 2 = 0$ 3) $x^3 + 5x + 2 = 0$ 4) $x^3 - 5x + 2 = 0$
9. Number of transformed equations of $x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ by eliminating third term is
 1) 4 2) 3 3) 2 4) 1
10. The transformed equation $x^3 - \frac{5}{2}x^2 - \frac{7}{18}x + \frac{1}{108} = 0$ by removing fractional coefficients, is
 1) $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 12 = 0$ 2) $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 6 = 0$
 3) $x^3 - 3x^2 - 24x - 216 = 0$ 4) $x^3 - 15x^2 - 14x + 2 = 0$

11. The transformed equation of $2x^3 - \frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{8} + \frac{3}{16} = 0$ by eliminating fractional coefficients and having unity for the coefficient of the first term is

- 1) $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 6 = 0$ 2) $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3 = 0$
 3) $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 12 = 0$ 4) $x^3 - 24x^2 - 3x + 3 = 0$

Reciprocal Equation :

12. The reciprocal equation among the following is

- 1) $2x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$ 2) $2x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$
 3) $2x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x + 4 = 0$ 4) $2x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x - 4 = 0$

13. The equation $6x^6 - 25x^5 + 31x^4 - 31x^2 + 25x - 6 = 0$ is reciprocal equation of

- 1) class one and $x = 1$ is a root 2) class one and $x = -1$ is a root
 3) class two and $x = \pm 1$ are roots 4) class two and $x = 1$ is a root but not $x = -1$

14. If the equation whose roots are p times the roots of $x^4 + 2x^3 + 46x^2 + 8x + 16 = 0$ is a reciprocal equation then $p =$

- 1) 2 2) 3 3) $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ 4) $\pm \frac{1}{3}$

15. If $3x^5 - 7x^4 + 4x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is a reciprocal equation of second type then $(a, b, c) =$

- 1) (3, -7, 4) 2) (-3, 7, -4) 3) (-4, 7, -3) 4) (4, -7, 3)

16. The equations $ax^2 + bx + a = 0$, $x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$ have two roots in common then $a + b$ must be equal to

- 1) 1 2) -1 3) 0 4) 2

17. Roots of the equation $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ remain unchanged by increasing each coefficient by one, then

- 1) $a = b = c = d \neq 0$ 2) $a = b \neq c = d \neq 0$ 3) $a \neq b = c = d \neq 0$ 4) $a = b = c \neq d \neq 0$

18. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + qx + r = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \beta^2$, $\beta^2 + \gamma\beta + \gamma^2$, $\gamma^2 + \gamma\alpha + \alpha^2$ is

- 1) $(x + q)^3 = 0$ 2) $(x - q)^3 = 0$ 3) $(x + 2q)^3 = 0$ 4) $(x + 3q)^3 = 0$

KEY SHEET (LECTURE SHEET)

EXERCISE-I

- 1) 2 2) 4 3) 1 4) 2 5) 1 6) 1 7) 3 8) 4 9) 1 10) 3
 11) 2 12) 1 13) 3 14) 1 15) 1 16) 2 17) 4 18) 2 19) 2 20) 2
 21) 1 22) 2 23) 2 24) 1 25) 4

EXERCISE-II

- 1) 2 2) 3 3) 4 4) 4 5) 2 6) 2 7) 2 8) 2 9) 3 10) 4
 11) 1 12) 2 13) 3 14) 3 15) 3 16) 3 17) 1 18) 1

PRACTICE SHEET

EXERCISE-I

Quotient, Remainders :

1. The remainder when $2x^5 - 3x^4 + 5x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 9$ is divisible by $x^2 - x - 3$ is :

- 1) $33x + 4$ 2) $41x + 3$ 3) $41x + 44$ 4) $33x - 4$

Formation of equations :

2. The polynomial equation of the lowest degree having roots $1, \sqrt{3}i$ is

- 1) $x^3 + x^2 + 3x + 3 = 0$ 2) $x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 3 = 0$ 3) $x^3 + x^2 - 3x - 3 = 0$ 4) $x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 3 = 0$

Models on roots of the equation :

3. If the sum of two of the roots of $x^3 + ax + b = 0$ is zero then $b =$

- 1) a 2) 1 3) -1 4) 0

4. The condition that one root of $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ is sum of the other two roots, is

- 1) $q^3 = 4(pq - 2r)$ 2) $p^3 = 4(pq - 2r)$
3) $r^3 = 4(pr - 2q)$ 4) $p^3 = 4(pq - r)$

5. If one root of $x^3 - 12x^2 + kx - 18 = 0$ is thrice the sum of remaining two roots then $k =$

- 1) 29 2) -29 3) 19 4) 15

6. If two of the roots of $2x^3 - 3x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$ are differ by 3 then roots are

- 1) $-1, \frac{1}{3}, 2$ 2) $-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{5}{3}$ 3) $-1, \frac{1}{2}, 2$ 4) $2, 2, -1$

7. If two roots of $x^3 - 9x^2 + 14x + 24 = 0$ are in the ratio 3 : 2 then the roots are

- 1) $6, 4, -1$ 2) $3, 2, 4$ 3) $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{49}{6}$ 4) $6, 4, 2$

8. If the sum of two of the roots of $x^4 - 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 10x - 10 = 0$ is zero then the roots are

- 1) $\pm\sqrt{5}, 1 \pm i$ 2) $\pm\sqrt{5}, 1, -1$ 3) $\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{5}, \pm 1$ 4) $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pm 2$

9. If the product of two of the roots of $x^4 - 5x^3 + 5x^2 + 5x - 6 = 0$ is 3 then the roots are

- 1) $1, -2, 4, -8$ 2) $\pm 1, 2, 3$ 3) $\pm 2i, 2, 3$ 4) $-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{3}, 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$

10. If the roots of $x^4 + 5x^3 - 30x^2 - 40x + 64 = 0$ are in G.P. then the roots are

- 1) $1, -2, 4, -8$ 2) $\pm 1, 2, 3$ 3) $\pm 2i, 2, 3$ 4) $\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{3}, 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$

Symmetric Functions of the roots :

11. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 - x^2 + 8x - 6 = 0$ then $(1 + \alpha)(1 + \beta)(1 + \gamma) =$

- 1) 8 2) 12 3) 16 4) 24

12. If α, β, γ are the roots of the equation $x^3 - px^2 + qx + r = 0$ then $(\alpha + \beta)(\beta + \gamma)(\gamma + \alpha) =$

1) $2(p^2 - 3q)$

2) $r - pq$

3) $qp + r$

4) $\frac{p^2 - 2q}{r^2}$

13. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $(1 + \alpha^2)(1 + \beta^2)(1 + \gamma^2) =$

1) $(c - a)^2 + (b - 1)^2$

2) $(c + a)^2 + (b + 1)^2$

3) $(c - a)^2 - (b - 1)^2$

4) $(c + a)^2 - (b + 1)^2$

14. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + qx + r = 0$ then $\sum (\beta + \gamma)^{-1} =$

1) $\frac{q}{r}$

2) $\frac{r}{q}$

3) $-\frac{q}{r}$

4) $-\frac{r}{q}$

15. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ then $\sum \frac{1}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} =$

1) $\frac{q^2 - 2pr}{r^2}$

2) $q^3 - 3pqr + 3r^2$

3) $\frac{p^2 - 2q}{r^2}$

4) $\frac{pq}{r - 3}$

Transformed Equations :

16. If $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^2 - 6x - 2$ then the coefficient of x^3 in $f(x + 1)$ is

1) 24

2) -24

3) 4

4) -4

17. The equation whose roots are those of equation $x^4 - 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 2 = 0$ with contrary sign is

1) $x^4 + 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 2 = 0$

2) $x^4 + 3x^3 + x^2 + 7x - 2 = 0$

3) $x^4 - 3x^3 + 8x^2 + 4 = 0$

4) $10x^4 - 13x^2 + 40 = 0$

18. The equation whose roots exceed by 2 than the roots of $4x^4 + 32x^3 + 83x^2 + 76x + 21 = 0$ is

1) $4x^4 + 13x^2 + 9 = 0$

2) $4x^4 - 13x^2 + 9 = 0$

3) $4x^4 + 12x^2 - 9 = 0$

4) $4x^4 - 13x^2 - 9 = 0$

19. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$ then the equation whose roots $\beta + \gamma, \gamma + \alpha, \alpha + \beta$ is

1) $x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$

2) $x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$

3) $x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0$

4) $x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$

20. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $\frac{1}{\alpha\beta}, \frac{1}{\beta\gamma}, \frac{1}{\gamma\alpha}$ is

1) $4x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$

2) $4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$

3) $4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

4) $4x^3 - 6x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$

21. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 - 6x - 4 = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $\beta\gamma + \frac{1}{\alpha}, \gamma\alpha + \frac{1}{\beta}, \alpha\beta + \frac{1}{\gamma}$ is

1) $4x^3 + 30x^2 + 125 = 0$

2) $x^3 + 15x^2 - 120 = 0$

3) $4x^3 + 30x^2 - 125 = 0$

4) $4x^3 - 30x^2 - 125 = 0$

EXERCISE-II

Multiple Roots :

- The non-repeated root of $x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 2 = 0$ is
 1) $-\frac{5}{3}$ 2) -2 3) -1 4) 1
- If $x^4 - 5x^3 + 9x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0$ has a multiple root of order 3 then the roots are
 1) $1, 1, 1, 2$ 2) $1, 2, 2, 2$ 3) $-1, -1, -1, 2$ 4) $1, -2, -2, -2$
- The multiple roots of $x^4 - 2x^3 - 11x^2 + 12x + 36 = 0$ are
 1) $1, 2$ 2) $-1, 2$ 3) $2, 3$ 4) $-2, 3$

Conditional roots :

- If $1, 2, 3$ are the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ then the roots of $ax^3 + 2bx^2 + 4cx + 8d = 0$ are
 1) $2, 4, 6$ 2) $3, 4, 5$ 3) $\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}$ 4) $-1, 0, 1$

Removal of 2nd, 3rd and fractional Coefficients :

- Number of transformed equations of $x^4 + 2x^3 - 12x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$ by eliminating third term is
 1) 0 2) 1 3) 2 4) 3
- To remove the 2nd term of the equation $x^4 - 10x^3 + 35x^2 - 50x + 24 = 0$, diminish the roots by
 1) $\frac{2}{5}$ 2) $-\frac{2}{5}$ 3) $\frac{5}{2}$ 4) $-\frac{5}{2}$
- The transformed equation with integer coefficients whose roots are multiplied by some constant of those of $x^4 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{3}{4}x^2 - \frac{5}{4}x + \frac{1}{16} = 0$ is
 1) $y^4 - y^3 + 3y^2 - 10y + 1 = 0$ 2) $y^4 - 24y^2 + 9y - 24 = 0$
 3) $y^4 - 2y^3 + 6y - 6 = 0$ 4) $y^4 - 5y^3 + 3y^2 - 9y + 27 = 0$

Reciprocal Equation :

- The equation $x^4 + 3x^3 - 3x - 1 = 0$ is a reciprocal equation of
 1) class one and odd order 2) class two and even order
 3) class one and even order 4) class two and odd order
- If $2, 3$ are two roots of the reciprocal equation $6x^5 - 41x^4 + 97x^3 - 97x^2 + 41x - 6 = 0$ then the other roots are
 1) $1, -2, 3$ 2) $-1, -2, -3$ 3) $-1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}$ 4) $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}$
- If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are the roots of $x^4 - 2x^3 - 8x^2 + 18x - 9 = 0$ such that $\alpha + \beta = 0$ then $3\gamma + 4\delta =$
 1) 7 2) 10 3) 25 4) 15
- The roots of the equation $x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$ are such that sum of the two roots is equal to sum of the other two then $p^3 - 4pq =$
 1) r 2) $8r$ 3) $-8r$ 4) $-r$

12. If the roots of $x^4 - 8x^3 + 23x^2 + kx + 12 = 0$ are such that the difference of the two roots is equal to the difference of other two then $k =$
 1) 28 2) -28 3) 30 4) -30
13. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 - 7x + 6 = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $(\alpha + \beta)^2, (\beta + \gamma)^2, (\gamma + \alpha)^2$ is
 1) $x(x^2 + 7) = 36$ 2) $x(x + 7)^2 = 36$ 3) $x(x^2 - 7) = 36$ 4) $x(x - 7)^2 = 36$
14. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + x + 1 = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $(\alpha - \beta)^2, (\beta - \gamma)^2, (\gamma - \alpha)^2$ is
 1) $(x - 2)^3 + 3(x - 2) + 27 = 0$ 2) $(x + 1)^3 + 3(x + 1)^2 + 27 = 0$
 3) $(x + 2)^3 + 3(x + 2) + 27 = 0$ 4) $(x - 1)^2 + 3(x - 1) + 27 = 0$
15. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + x - 2 = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $\frac{\beta}{\gamma} + \frac{\gamma}{\beta}, \frac{\gamma}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}, \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ is
 1) $4x^3 + 12x^2 + 13x + 6 = 0$ 2) $4x^3 - 12x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$
 3) $4x^3 + 12x^2 - 13x - 6 = 0$ 4) $4x^3 - 12x^2 + 13x - 6 = 0$

KEY SHEET (PRACTICE SHEET)

EXERCISE-I

- 1) 2 2) 2 3) 4 4) 2 5) 1 6) 3 7) 1 8) 1 9) 2 10) 1
 11) 3 12) 3 13) 1 14) 1 15) 3 16) 3 17) 1 18) 2 19) 1 20) 4
 21) 3

EXERCISE-II

- 1) 2 2) 1 3) 4 4) 1 5) 3 6) 3 7) 1 8) 2 9) 3 10) 1
 11) 3 12) 2 13) 4 14) 2 15) 1

