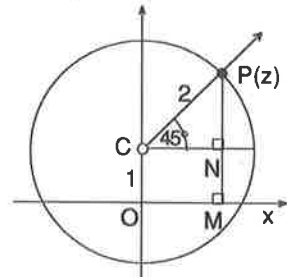


**Solution 4.9(6):**  $|z - i| = 2$  and  $\arg(z - i) = \frac{\pi}{4}$



The locus of  $|z - i| = 2$  is a circle of

radius 2 with the centre at  $C(0, 1)$ .  
Arg  $(z - i)$  represents a ray through C, making an angle of  $45^\circ$ . These two loci intersect in only one point  $P(x, y)$ .

$$CP = 2, \angle PCN = 45^\circ$$

$$x = OM = CN = 2 \cos 45^\circ = \sqrt{2}$$

$$y = PM = PN + NM = 2 \sin 45^\circ + 1$$

$$= \sqrt{2} + 1$$

$$\therefore P \text{ is } (\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2} + 1).$$

## SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS: CHAPTER 5

### SOLUTIONS: EXERCISE 5.1

**Solution 5.1(1):** (a)  $16x^4 - 1$

$$= (4x^2 - 1)(4x^2 + 1)$$

$$= (2x - 1)(2x + 1)(2x - i)(2x + i)$$

(b)  $4x^2 + x + 3 = 4\left(x^2 + \frac{x}{4} + \frac{3}{4}\right)$

$$= 4\left[\left(x + \frac{1}{8}\right)^2 + \frac{47}{64}\right]$$

$$= 4\left(x + \frac{1}{8} + i\frac{\sqrt{47}}{8}\right)\left(x + \frac{1}{8} - i\frac{\sqrt{47}}{8}\right)$$

(c)  $x^4 + x^2 + 1 = x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 - x^2$

$$= (x^2 + 1)^2 - x^2$$

$$= (x^2 + x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$$

$$= \left[\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}\right]\left[\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}\right]$$

$$= \left(x + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)\left(x + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) \times$$

$$\times \left(x - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)\left(x - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)$$

**Solution 5.1(2):** We use the Remainder theorem: When  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x - a$ , the remainder is  $P(a)$ .

$$P(x) = 2x^4 + x^2 - i = x^2(2x^2 + 1) - i$$

When  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x - (1 - 2i)$  the remainder is  $P(1 - 2i)$ .

Now  $x = 1 - 2i$

$$\therefore x^2 = 1 - 4i + 4i^2 = -3 - 4i$$

$$\therefore P(1 - 2i) = (-3 - 4i)(-6 - 8i + 1) - i$$

$$= (3 + 4i)(5 + 8i) - i$$

$$= 15 + 44i + 32i^2 - i = -17 + 43i$$

**Solution 5.1(3):** Let  $P(x) = x^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 - x + 2$

Since  $P(x)$  is divisible by  $x^2 - 1$ , it is divisible by each of the factors of  $x^2 - 1$ , i.e.  $(x - 1)$  and  $(x + 1)$ . We use the Factor theorem: If  $(x - a)$  is a factor of  $P(x)$  then  $P(a) = 0$ . Substituting  $x = 1$

$$P(1) = 1 + b + c - 1 + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore b + c = -2$$

(1)

Again substituting  $x = -1$ ,

$$P(-1) = 1 - b + c + 1 + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore -b + c = -4$$

Adding (1) and (2):  $2c = -6$ , giving  $c = -3$

Then from (1):  $b - 3 = -2$ , giving  $b = 1$

Hence  $b = 1$  and  $c = -3$ .

**Solution 5.1(4):** When  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x - 3)(x - 4)$ , the remainder must be of the form  $ax + b$ .

$$\therefore P(x) = (x - 3)(x - 4)Q(x) + ax + b \quad (1)$$

By the Remainder theorem: When  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x - c)$ , the remainder is  $P(c)$ .

$$\therefore P(3) = 0 + 3a + b = 3$$

$$\text{and } P(4) = 0 + 4a + b = 4$$

$$\therefore 3a + b = 3$$

$$4a + b = 4$$

Subtracting (2) from (3):  $a = 1$

Then from (2),  $b = 0$ .

So, from (1), when  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x - 3)(x - 4)$ , the remainder is  $x$ .

**Solution 5.1(5):**

$$\text{Let } P(x) = x^4 - 6x^3 + 12x^2 - 10x + 3$$

$$\therefore P'(x) = 4x^3 - 18x^2 + 24x - 10$$

$$P''(x) = 12x^2 - 36x + 24 = 12(x - 1)(x - 2)$$

Since  $P(x) = 0$  has a root of multiplicity 3,  $P'(x)$  has a zero of multiplicity 2 and  $P''(x)$  has a common zero with  $P(x)$ .

$$\text{Now } P''(x) = 12(x - 1)(x - 2)$$

$$P(1) = 1 - 6 + 12 - 10 + 3 = 0$$

$$P(2) = 16 - 48 + 48 - 20 + 3 \neq 0$$

Hence  $x = 1$  is the triple zero of  $P(x)$ .

$$\therefore P(x) = x^4 - 6x^3 + 12x^2 - 10x + 3 \quad (1)$$

$$P(x) = (x - 1)^3(ax + b)$$

$$= (x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1)(ax + b) \quad (2)$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $x^3$  and the constant terms of (1) and (2):

$$a = 1, b = -3$$

Hence the roots of  $P(x) = 0$  are:  $x = 1, 1, 1, 3$ .

**Solution 5.1(6):** Let  $P(z) = z^4 + 2z^3 + z^2 - 1 = 0$

$$z = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \text{ is a root of } P(z) = 0$$

We use the theorem: If  $z = (a + ib)$  is a root of  $P(z) = 0$ , then  $\bar{z} = (a - ib)$  is also a root of  $P(z) = 0$ . We form the quadratic

$$z^2 - (z_1 + \bar{z}_1)z + z_1\bar{z}_1 \text{ where } z_1 = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$\therefore z_1 + \bar{z}_1 = 2 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -1$$

$$z_1\bar{z}_1 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = 1$$

On dividing  $P(z)$  by  $z^2 + z + 1$ , we have:

$$\begin{array}{r} z^2 + z + 1 \overline{) z^4 + 2z^3 + z^2 + 0z - 1} \\ \underline{z^4 + z^3 + z^2} \phantom{- 1} \\ z^3 + z^2 + z \phantom{- 1} \\ \underline{-z^2 - z - 1} \phantom{- 1} \\ -z^2 - z - 1 \\ \underline{-z^2 - z - 1} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore P(z) = (z^2 + z + 1)(z^2 + z - 1)$$

$$\therefore z^2 + z + 1 = 0 \text{ or } z^2 + z - 1 = 0$$

Hence the four roots are

$$z = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

**Solution 5.1(7):** The conjugate zeros of a polynomial with real coefficients occur in pairs.

$$z = -3i \text{ and } z = 1 + 2i \text{ are the zeros of } P(z).$$

$\therefore z = 3i$  and  $z = 1 - 2i$  are also the zeros of  $P(z)$ .

The quadratic factor corresponding to the zeros  $3i$  and  $-3i$  is  $(z - 3i)(z + 3i) = z^2 + 9$ . The quadratic factor corresponding to the other zeros  $z = 1 \pm 2i$  is

$$z^2 - (1 + 2i + 1 - 2i)z + (1 - 2i)(1 + 2i) = z^2 - 2z + 5$$

Hence the required polynomial  $P(z)$  of the lowest degree with real coefficients is:

$$P(z) = (z^2 + 9)(z^2 - 2z + 5)$$

$$= z^4 - 2z^3 + 14z^2 - 18z + 45$$

**Solution 5.1(8):**

$$P(x) = x^4 - 7x^3 + 18x^2 - 22x + 12$$

$$x = 1 + i, x^2 = 1 + 2i + i^2 = 1 + 2i - 1 = 2i$$

$$x^4 = -4$$

$$\text{Now } P(x) = x^4 - 7x^3 + 18x^2 - 22x + 12$$

$$\text{Substituting } x = 1 + i, P(1 + i)$$

$$= -4 - 7 \times 2i(1 + i) + 36i - 22(1 + i) + 12$$

$$= -4 - 14i + 14 + 36i - 22 - 22i + 12 = 0$$

By the Factor theorem  $x = 1 + i$  is a zero of  $P(x)$ .

Now the complex zeros of  $P(x)$  with real coefficients occur in conjugate pairs. So, another zero of  $P(x)$  is  $x = 1 - i$ .

The quadratic factor corresponding to these two zeros is  $x^2 - (1 + i + 1 - i)x + (1 + i)(1 - i)$

$$\text{i.e. } x^2 - 2x + 2$$

On dividing  $P(x)$  by  $x^2 - 2x + 2$  we have:

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2x + 2 \overline{) x^4 - 7x^3 + 18x^2 - 22x + 12} \\ \underline{x^4 - 2x^3 + 2x^2} \phantom{- 22x + 12} \\ -5x^3 + 16x^2 - 22x \phantom{+ 12} \\ \underline{-5x^3 + 10x^2 - 10x} \phantom{+ 12} \\ 6x^2 - 12x + 12 \\ \underline{6x^2 - 12x + 12} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore P(x) = (x^2 - 2x + 2)(x^2 - 5x + 6)$$

$$= (x - 3)(x - 2)(x^2 - 2x + 2)$$

Hence the zeros of  $P(x)$  are:  $x = 2, 3, 1 \pm i$ .

### SOLUTIONS: EXERCISE 5.2

**Solution 5.2(1):**  $x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$

We have:

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = -4 \quad (2)$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -4 \quad (3)$$

(a)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2$   
 $= (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)$   
 $= 1 - 2(-4) = 9$

(b) We have:  
 $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)$   
 $= \alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2 + \beta^2\gamma + \beta\gamma^2 + \gamma^2\alpha$   
 $+ \gamma\alpha^2 + 3\alpha\beta\gamma$

Substituting from (1), (2), (3) and rearranging:

$$\sum \alpha^2\beta = 1 \times (-4) - 3 \times (-4) = 8$$

(c) Substituting  $x = \alpha, \beta, \gamma$  in the equation and then adding:

$$\sum \alpha^3 - \sum \alpha^2 - 4\sum \alpha + 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum \alpha^3 = \sum \alpha^2 + 4\sum \alpha - 12$$

Using the result of (a) and (1):

$$\sum \alpha^3 = 9 + 4 - 12 = 1$$

(d) We have:  $x^3 = x^2 + 4x - 4$

Substituting  $x = \alpha$  and then multiplying the resulting equation by  $\alpha$ ,

$$\alpha^4 = \alpha^3 + 4\alpha^2 - 4\alpha$$

Adding two similar expressions for  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  to the last equation we have:

$$\sum \alpha^4 = \sum \alpha^3 + 4\sum \alpha^2 - 4\sum \alpha$$

$$= 1 + 4 \times 9 - 4 \times 1 = 33$$

$$(e) \alpha^{-2} + \beta^{-2} + \gamma^{-2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^2\beta^2 + \beta^2\gamma^2 + \gamma^2\alpha^2}{\alpha^2\beta^2\gamma^2}$$

$$\text{Now } \alpha^2\beta^2 + \beta^2\gamma^2 + \gamma^2\alpha^2$$

$$= (\Sigma\alpha\beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta\gamma\Sigma\alpha$$

$$= 16 - 2 \times (-4) \times 1 = 24$$

$$\therefore \Sigma\alpha^{-2} = \frac{24}{16} = \frac{3}{2}$$

**Solution 5.2(2):** The roots of  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8 = 0$  are in G. P.

Let the roots be:  $\alpha = \frac{b}{r}$ ,  $\beta = b$ ,  $\gamma = br$ , being in G.P.

$$\therefore \alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{b}{r} \cdot b \cdot br = b^3$$

Now  $\alpha\beta\gamma = \text{product of the roots} = 8$

$$\therefore b^3 = 8, \text{ so } b = 2$$

Hence one root of the equation is equal to 2.

We divide the left hand side by  $(x - 2)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 5x + 4 \\ x - 2 \overline{) x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8} \\ \underline{x^3 - 2x^2} \phantom{- 8} \\ -5x^2 + 14x \phantom{- 8} \\ \underline{-5x^2 + 10x} \phantom{- 8} \\ 4x - 8 \\ \underline{4x - 8} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8$$

$$= (x - 2)(x^2 - 5x + 4)$$

$$= (x - 2)(x - 1)(x - 4)$$

Hence the roots of the given equation are: 1, 2, 4.

**Solution 5.2(3):**  $6x^3 - 17x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$

$$\text{We have: } \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{17}{6} \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = \text{product of the roots} = -\frac{6}{6} = -1$$

Now  $\alpha\beta = -2$

$$\therefore -2\gamma = -1, \text{ i.e. } \gamma = \frac{1}{2}$$

We divide the equation by  $(2x - 1)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 7x - 6 \\ 2x - 1 \overline{) 6x^3 - 17x^2 - 5x + 6} \\ \underline{6x^3 - 3x^2} \phantom{- 5x + 6} \\ -14x^2 - 5x \phantom{+ 6} \\ \underline{-14x^2 + 7x} \phantom{+ 6} \\ -12x + 6 \\ \underline{-12x + 6} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore 6x^3 - 17x^2 - 5x + 6$$

$$= (2x - 1)(3x^2 - 7x - 6) = 0$$

$$\text{Now } 3x^2 - 7x - 6 = (3x + 2)(x - 3)$$

$$\text{Hence the required roots are } x = \frac{1}{2}, 3, -\frac{2}{3}$$

**Solution 5.2(4):**  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$  (1)

Let  $y = x^2$ , so that when  $x = \alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ,

$$y = \alpha^2, \beta^2, \gamma^2.$$

We write Equation (1) so that the odd powers of  $x$  are on one side:

$$x(x^2 + q) = -px^2 - r$$

Squaring both sides

$$x^2(x^4 + 2x^2q + q^2) = p^2x^4 + 2prx^2 + r^2$$

Substituting  $x^2 = y$

$$y(y^2 + 2qy + q^2) = p^2y^2 + 2pry + r^2$$

$$\text{or } y^3 + (2q - p^2)y^2 + (q^2 - 2rp)y - r^2 = 0$$

is the required equation whose roots are

$$\alpha^2, \beta^2 \text{ and } \gamma^2.$$

$$\therefore \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = -(2q - p^2) = p^2 - 2q \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } \alpha^2\beta^2 + \beta^2\gamma^2 + \gamma^2\alpha^2 = q^2 - 2rp \quad (3)$$

**Solution 5.2(5):**

$$x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x - 21 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$x = \alpha$  and  $x = \beta = -\alpha$  satisfy (1)

$$\therefore \alpha^4 - 2\alpha^3 + 4\alpha^2 + 6\alpha - 21 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } \alpha^4 + 2\alpha^3 + 4\alpha^2 - 6\alpha - 21 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Adding (2) and (3): } 2(\alpha^4 + 4\alpha^2 - 21) = 0$$

$$\therefore (\alpha^2 + 7)(\alpha^2 - 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \pm\sqrt{3} \text{ or } \alpha = \pm i\sqrt{7}$$

$\alpha = \sqrt{3}$  and  $\beta = -\sqrt{3}$  both satisfy Equation

(1), but  $\alpha = i\sqrt{7}$  does not satisfy (1).

We divide the equation by  $x^2 - 3$ , then:

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2x + 7 \\ x^2 - 3 \overline{) x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x - 21} \\ \underline{x^4 - 3x^2} \phantom{+ 6x - 21} \\ -2x^3 + 7x^2 + 6x \phantom{- 21} \\ \underline{-2x^3 + 6x} \phantom{- 21} \\ 7x^2 - 21 \\ \underline{7x^2 - 21} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$\therefore$  The other two roots of the equation are given by:  $x^2 - 2x + 7 = 0$

$$\therefore x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 28}}{2} = 1 \pm i\sqrt{6}$$

Hence the required roots are:

$$x = \pm\sqrt{3}, 1 \pm i\sqrt{6}$$

**Solution 5.2(6):**  $x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$

Let the roots be  $a - d, a, a + d$ , so that they are in A. P.  $\therefore a - d + a + a + d = p$

$$3a = p \text{ or } a = \frac{p}{3} \quad (1)$$

Continued

$x = a = \frac{p}{3}$  satisfies the equation.

$$\therefore \frac{p^3}{27} - p \cdot \frac{p^2}{9} + q \cdot \frac{p}{3} - r = 0$$

This simplifies to

$$2p^3 - 9pq + 27r = 0 \quad (2)$$

which is the required condition for the equation to have roots in A. P.

To solve the equation

$$x^3 - 12x^2 + 39x - 28 = 0 \quad (3)$$

we note that  $p = 12, q = 39, r = 28$

Substituting in L. H. S. of (2):

$$2 \times 1728 - 9 \times 12 \times 39 + 27 \times 28,$$

this is equal to zero, so Equation (3) has

roots which are in A. P. From (1) one root is

$$x = \frac{p}{3} = \frac{12}{3} = 4$$

We divide the L.H.S. of the equation by  $(x - 4)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 8x + 7 \\ x - 4 \overline{) x^3 - 12x^2 + 39x - 28} \\ \underline{x^3 - 4x^2} \phantom{+ 39x - 28} \\ -8x^2 + 39x \phantom{- 28} \\ \underline{-8x^2 + 32x} \phantom{- 28} \\ 7x - 28 \\ \underline{7x - 28} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Now the roots of  $x^2 - 8x + 7 = 0$  are given by

$$(x - 7)(x - 1) = 0, \text{ i.e. } x = 1 \text{ or } 7.$$

Hence the required roots are 1, 4, 7 which are clearly in A. P.

**Solution 5.2(7):** Let  $P(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x + k$

$$\text{then } \frac{dP}{dx} = 6x^2 - 18x + 12$$

$$= 6(x - 2)(x - 1)$$

Since  $P(x)$  has two equal zeros,  $\frac{dP}{dx}$  and  $P(x)$

must have a common root.

$$\text{Now } \frac{dP}{dx} = 0 \text{ gives } x = 1 \text{ or } 2.$$

If  $x = 1$  satisfies  $P(x) = 0$ , then

$$2 - 9 + 12 + k = 0, \text{ giving } k = -5.$$

If  $x = 2$  satisfies  $P(x) = 0$ , then

$$16 - 36 + 24 + k = 0, \text{ giving } k = -4$$

When  $k = -5$ , we write

$$P(x) = (x - 1)^2(ax + b)$$

$$= (x^2 - 2x + 1)(ax + b)$$

Comparing with  $P(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x - 5$

$$a = 2, b = -5$$

Hence the three roots for  $k = -5$  are

$$x = 1, 1, \frac{5}{2}$$

Again when  $k = -4$ , the equation

$$P(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x - 4 \quad (1)$$

$$= (x - 2)^2(mx + n)$$

$$= (x^2 - 4x + 4)(mx + n) \quad (2)$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $x^3$  and the constant terms in (1) and (2),

$$m = 2, 4n = -4 \text{ or } n = -1$$

For  $k = -4$ , the roots are  $x = 2, 2, \frac{1}{2}$

Hence the two values of  $k$  are  $-5$  and  $-4$  and the corresponding roots are:

$$(1, 1, \frac{5}{2}) \text{ or } (2, 2, \frac{1}{2})$$

**Solution 5.2(8):**

$$x^4 - 8x^3 + 21x^2 - 20x + 5 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{We have } \alpha + \beta = \gamma + \delta \quad (2)$$

Now  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 8$

$$\text{Using (2), } \alpha + \beta = \gamma + \delta = 4 \quad (3)$$

Let  $\alpha\beta = m$  and  $\gamma\delta = n$ , then

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = x^2 - 4x + m$$

$$\text{and } x^2 - (\gamma + \delta)x + \gamma\delta = x^2 - 4x + n$$

Hence

$$x^4 - 8x^3 + 21x^2 - 20x + 5$$

$$= (x^2 - 4x + m)(x^2 - 4x + n)$$

Comparing the coefficients of like powers of  $x$ , we have:  $-4(m + n) = -20$  and  $mn = 5$

$$\therefore m + n = 5 \text{ and } mn = 5$$

$$\therefore m \text{ and } n \text{ are the roots of } y^2 - 5y + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Hence the two quadratics are:

$$x^2 - 4x + \left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{and } x^2 - 4x + \left(\frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) = 0 \quad (5)$$

Solving (4) and (5) the required roots are:

$$\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 2(5 + \sqrt{5})}}{2}, \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 2(5 - \sqrt{5})}}{2}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{2}, \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{6 + 2\sqrt{5}}}{2}$$

Now  $6 \pm 2\sqrt{5} = (\sqrt{5} \pm 1)^2$ , hence the required

$$\text{roots are: } \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

**Solution 5.2(9):**  $x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$  (1)

Let the roots be  $a - 3d, a - d, a + d, a + 3d$

$\therefore$  sum of the roots is

$$a - 3d + a - d + a + d + a + 3d = -p$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{p}{4} \quad (2)$$

$$\Sigma\alpha\beta = \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta$$

Substituting for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$ ,

$$\Sigma\alpha\beta = 6a^2 - 10d^2 = q \quad \text{Continued}$$

Substituting for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$ ,  
 $\Sigma\alpha\beta = 6a^2 - 10d^2 = q$  Continued  
 Using  $a = -\frac{p}{4}$ ,  $6\frac{p^2}{16} - 10d^2 = q$

$$\therefore d^2 = \frac{3p^2 - 8q}{80} \quad (3)$$

$$\Sigma\alpha\beta\gamma = \alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta$$

Substituting for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$ ,  
 $\Sigma\alpha\beta\gamma = 4a(a^2 - 5d^2) = -r$  (4)  
 $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = (a^2 - d^2)(a^2 - 9d^2) = s$  (5)

The required conditions are obtained by putting the expressions for  $a$  and  $d^2$  in (4) and (5).

These are:  $p^3 - 4pq + 8r = 0$  (6)  
 and  $(36q - 11p^2)(4q + p^2) = 1600s$

For the equation:

$$x^4 + 2x^3 - 21x^2 - 22x + 40 = 0$$

$$\Sigma\alpha = 4a = -2, \text{ giving } a = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Sigma\alpha\beta = 6a^2 - 10d^2 = -21$$

$$\therefore \frac{6}{4} - 10d^2 = -21$$

$$\therefore d^2 = \frac{9}{4}, \text{ giving } d = \pm \frac{3}{2}$$

Hence the roots are:  $-5, -2, 1, 4$ , which are clearly in A. P.

$$\text{Solution 5.2(10): } x^3 + 3x + 9 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore x^3 = -3(x + 3) \quad (2)$$

Substituting  $x = \alpha$

$$\alpha^3 = -3(\alpha + 3)$$

Cubing both sides:

$$\alpha^9 = -27(\alpha^3 + 9\alpha^2 + 27\alpha + 27)$$

Adding to this the similar expressions for  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$

$$\Sigma\alpha^9 = -27(\Sigma\alpha^3 + 9\Sigma\alpha^2 + 27\Sigma\alpha + 81)$$

Now from (2)

$$\Sigma\alpha^3 = -3(\Sigma\alpha + 9)$$

From (1),  $\Sigma\alpha = 0$ , hence  $\Sigma\alpha^3 = -27$  (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma\alpha^2 &= \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 \\ &= (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 - 2\Sigma\alpha\beta = 0 - 2 \times 3 \\ &= -6 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\therefore \Sigma\alpha^9 = -27[-27 + 9 \times (-6) + 0 + 81]$$

$$= -27 \times 0 = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha^9 + \beta^9 + \gamma^9 = 0$$

### SOLUTIONS: EXERCISE 5.3

$$\text{Solution 5.3(1): } z^2 + 2\sqrt{2}iz + 2\sqrt{3}i = 0$$

Using the quadratic formula

$$z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-2\sqrt{2}i \pm \sqrt{-8 - 8\sqrt{3}i}}{2}$$

$$= -\sqrt{2}i \pm \sqrt{-2 - 2\sqrt{3}i}$$

$$\text{Now, } -2 - 2\sqrt{3}i = (1 - \sqrt{3}i)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore z &= -\sqrt{2}i \pm (1 - \sqrt{3}i) \\ &= 1 - (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})i, -1 + (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})i \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 5.3(2):**

$$x^4 + mx^3 + 13x^2 + nx - 36 = 0 \quad (1)$$

Denoting the L.H.S. of (1) by  $P(x)$ , and using the given data that  $x = 3$  is a double root of (1),  $P(x)$  and  $P'(x)$  have a common zero  $x = 3$ .

$$\text{Now } P'(x) = 4x^3 + 3mx^2 + 26x + n \quad (2)$$

$x = 3$  satisfies (1) and (2)

$$\therefore 81 + 27m + 117 + 3n - 36 = 0$$

$$\text{and } 108 + 27m + 78 + n = 0$$

These simplify to

$$27m + n = -186 \quad (3)$$

$$27m + 3n = -162 \quad (4)$$

Subtracting (3) from (4):

$$2n = 24 \text{ giving } n = 12$$

$$\text{and from (3) } m = -\frac{198}{27} = -\frac{22}{3}$$

**Solution 5.3(3):** We have  $x^4 - 3x^2 + 2x - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= Ax(x-1)(x-2)(x-3) \\ &\quad + Bx(x-1)(x-2) + Cx(x-1) \\ &\quad + Dx + E \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

(1) is an identity, so we may substitute any suitable value of  $x$  in (1). We select those values of  $x$ , which make most of the R.H.S. vanish. Put  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$  in succession, then

$$\text{when } x = 0, -1 = E \text{ or } E = -1, \quad (2)$$

$$\text{when } x = 1, 1 - 3 + 2 - 1 = D + E$$

$$\therefore D + E = -1, \text{ so } D = 0, \quad (3)$$

$$\text{when } x = 2, 16 - 12 + 4 - 1 = 2C + 2D + E$$

$$2C + 2D + E = 7, \quad 2C + 0 - 1 = 7$$

$$\therefore C = 4, \quad (4)$$

$$\text{when } x = 3, 81 - 27 + 6 - 1$$

$$= 6B + 6C + 3D + E$$

$$\therefore 6B + 6C + 3D + E = 59$$

$$\therefore 6B + 24 + 0 - 1 = 59$$

$$\therefore B = 6 \quad (5)$$

It is easier to compare the coefficients of  $x^4$  on both sides of (1), then substitute any value of  $x$ .

$$\therefore A = 1 \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Hence, } A = 1, B = 6, C = 4, D = 0, E = -1$$

You can also find the values of  $A, B, C, D, E$  by comparing like powers in the two sides of (1).

**Solution 5.3(4):** Since  $P(x)$  has a triple zero

$$x = c, \text{ we can write } P(x) = (x - c)^3 Q(x),$$

where  $Q(c) \neq 0$ .

$$\therefore P'(x) = 3(x - c)^2 Q(x) + (x - c)^3 Q'(x)$$

$$= (x - c)^2 [3Q(x) + (x - c)Q'(x)]$$

Hence  $P'(x)$  has a double zero  $x = c$ .

For simplicity, we let

$$R(x) = 3Q(x) + (x - c)Q'(x)$$

$$P'(x) = (x - c)^2 R(x)$$

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$$\therefore P''(x) = 2(x - c)R(x) + (x - c)^2 R'(x)$$

$$= (x - c)[2R(x) + (x - c)R'(x)]$$

Hence  $x = c$  is a zero of  $P''(x)$ .

Thus  $x = c$  is a zero of  $P(x)$ ,  $P'(x)$  and  $P''(x)$  if  $P(x)$  has a triple zero.

**Solution 5.3(5):** When  $x^3 + px + q$  is divided by  $(x - 2)(x + 3)$ , the remainder is  $2x + 1$ .

$$\therefore P(x) = x^3 + px + q = (x - 2)(x + 3)Q(x) + 2x + 1 \quad (1)$$

(1) is an identity, so when  $x = 2$ ,

$$P(2) = 8 + 2p + q = 5$$

$$x = -3, P(-3) = -27 - 3p + q = -5$$

These simplify to:

$$2p + q = -3$$

$$\text{and } -3p + q = 22$$

Subtracting  $5p = -25$ , gives  $p = -5$

$$\text{Hence } -10 + q = -3 \quad \therefore q = 7$$

$$\text{Solution 5.3(6): } P(x) = x^5 - px^2 + q \quad (1)$$

If  $P(x)$  has a multiple zero, then  $P(x)$  and  $P'(x)$  have a common zero, say  $x = c$ .

$$\therefore c^5 - pc^2 + q = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$5c^4 - 2pc = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$c \neq 0, \text{ so from (3) } p = \frac{5c^3}{2} \quad (4)$$

Substituting  $p = \frac{5c^3}{2}$  in (2):

$$c^5 - \frac{5}{2}c^5 + q = 0$$

$$\therefore c^5 = \frac{2}{3}q \quad (5)$$

$$\text{From (4), } c^3 = \frac{2p}{5}$$

$$\therefore c^{15} = \left(\frac{2p}{5}\right)^5$$

$$\text{From (5), } c^{15} = \left(\frac{2q}{3}\right)^3$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{2p}{5}\right)^5 = \left(\frac{2q}{3}\right)^3$$

Simplifying,  $108p^5 = 3125q^3$ , which is the required condition for  $P(x)$  to have a multiple zero.

**Solution 5.3(7):**

$$\text{Let } P(x) = x^n + mx - b = 0 \quad (1)$$

If  $P(x)$  has a multiple zero, then  $P(x)$  and  $P'(x)$  have a common zero, say  $x = c$ .

$$\therefore c^n + mc - b = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$nc^{n-1} + m = 0 \text{ or } c^{n-1} = -\frac{m}{n} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Multiplying by } c, \quad c^n = -\frac{mc}{n}$$

Substituting in (2)

$$-\frac{mc}{n} + mc - b = 0$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{bn}{m(n-1)}$$

$$\therefore c^{n-1} = \left[\frac{bn}{m(n-1)}\right]^{n-1} \quad (4)$$

From (4) and (3):

$$\frac{b^{n-1} \cdot n^{n-1}}{m^{n-1} \cdot (n-1)^{n-1}} = -\frac{m}{n}$$

$$\text{This simplifies to } \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^n = -\frac{b^{n-1}}{(n-1)^{n-1}}$$

$$\text{or } \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^n + \left(\frac{b}{n-1}\right)^{n-1} = 0,$$

which is the required condition for

$$x^n + mx - b = 0 \text{ to have a multiple root.}$$

$$\text{Solution 5.3(8): } x^3 - x - 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of Equation (1).

To find the equation whose roots are of the

form  $\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ , let  $y = \frac{1+x}{1-x}$ , so that when

$$x = \alpha, y = \frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}$$

$$\text{From } y = \frac{1+x}{1-x}, y - xy = 1 + x$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{y-1}{y+1}$$

Substituting in (1):

$$\left(\frac{y-1}{y+1}\right)^3 - \frac{y-1}{y+1} - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Multiplying by } (y+1)^3$$

$$(y-1)^3 - (y-1)(y+1)^2 - (y+1)^3 = 0$$

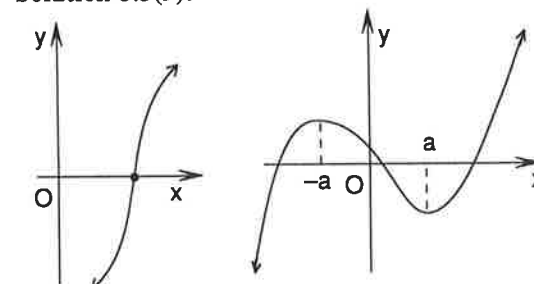
This simplifies to:

$$y^3 + 7y^2 - y + 1 = 0.$$

We may replace  $y$  by  $x$ ; then the required equation is

$$x^3 + 7x^2 - x + 1 = 0.$$

**Solution 5.3(9):**



(Fig. 1)

(Fig. 2)

$$(a) \quad P(x) = x^5 - 5px + q \quad (1)$$

$$P'(x) = 5x^4 - 5p = 5(x^4 - p) \quad (2)$$

If  $p < 0$ ,  $P'(x)$  can never vanish, hence  $P(x)$  has no turning points.

$$P(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty \text{ and}$$

$$P(x) \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow -\infty$$

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So  $P(x)$  has at least one real root in the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Looking at Fig. 1 and the above information, we can state that if  $p < 0$ , then  $P(x)$  has only one real zero.

- (b) The stationary points of  $P(x)$  are given by

$$P'(x) = 0$$

$$\therefore x^4 - p = 0$$

This equation has real roots if  $p \geq 0$ .

Let  $p = a^4$ , then

$$x^4 - a^4 = (x^2 - a^2)(x^2 + a^2) = 0$$

$\therefore$  There are only two turning points given

$$\text{by } x = \pm a = \pm p^{1/4}.$$

For 3 real roots, these turning points must be on opposite sides of the  $x$ -axis.

$$\text{Now } P'(x) = x(x^4 - 5p) + q$$

$$\therefore P(a) = a(a^4 - 5a^4) + q = q - 4a^5$$

$$\text{Similarly } P(-a) = q + 4a^5$$

Using the fact that  $P(a)$  and  $P(-a)$  are of

opposite signs,  $P(a) \cdot P(-a) < 0$

$$\therefore (q - 4a^5)(q + 4a^5) < 0$$

$$q^2 - 16a^{10} < 0$$

$$\therefore q^2 < 16a^{10} \quad q^4 < 256a^{20}$$

$$\text{Substituting } a^4 = p, \quad q^4 < 256p^5,$$

which is the required condition for  $P(x)$  to have 3 distinct real roots.

### Solution 5.3(10):

$$P(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 5x - 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$P'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 5 = (3x - 5)(x + 1)$$

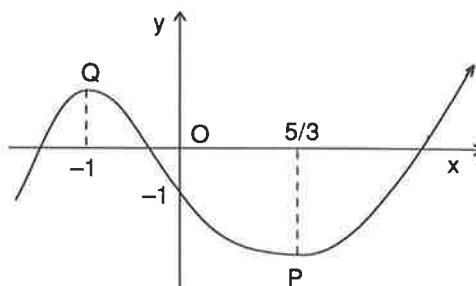
The turning points of  $P(x)$  are given by

$$(3x - 5)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{5}{3} \quad \text{or } x = -1$$

$$\text{Now } P(-1) = -1 - 1 + 5 - 1 = 2$$

$$P(5/3) = -\frac{202}{27}, \quad P(0) = -1$$



The two turning points

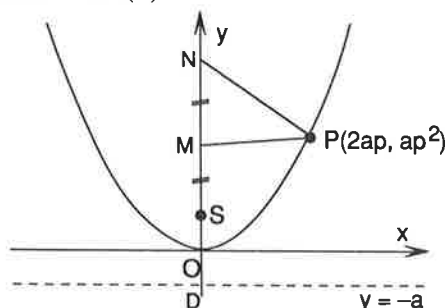
$$P\left(\frac{5}{3}, -\frac{202}{27}\right) \text{ and } Q(-1, 2)$$

are on opposite sides of the  $x$ -axis, so the curve  $y = P(x)$  intersects the  $x$ -axis in 3 distinct points and hence  $P(x)$  has 3 distinct zeros.

## SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS: CHAPTER 6

### SOLUTIONS: EXERCISE 6.1

#### Solution 6.1(1):



The equation of the normal; at  $P(2ap, ap^3)$  is

$$x + py = 2ap + ap^3 \quad (1)$$

Putting  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 2a + ap^2$

$\therefore$  N is  $(0, 2a + ap^2)$ , S is  $(0, a)$

M is the mid-point of NS.

$$\therefore M \text{ is } \left(0, \frac{3a + ap^2}{2}\right)$$

$$P(2ap, ap^2), \quad D(0, -a)$$

$$\therefore DM = DO + OM = a + \frac{3a + ap^2}{2}$$

$$DM = \frac{5a + ap^2}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} MP^2 &= (2ap)^2 + \left(ap^2 - \frac{3a + ap^2}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= 4a^2p^2 + \left(\frac{ap^2 - 3a}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{10a^2p^2 + a^2p^4 + 9a^2}{4} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Hence, from (2) and (3):

$$\begin{aligned} DM^2 - MP^2 &= \frac{25a^2 + 10a^2p^2 + a^2p^4}{4} \\ &\quad - \frac{10a^2p^2 + a^2p^4 + 9a^2}{4} = 4a^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore DM^2 - MP^2 = 4a^2.$$

**Solution 6.1(2):(a)** Let  $P(x_1, y_1)$  be the point  $(2ap, ap^2)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  be the point  $(2aq, aq^2)$ .

The equation of the chord PQ is:

$$y - ap^2 = \frac{ap^2 - aq^2}{2ap - 2aq} (x - 2ap)$$

This simplifies to:

$$y = \frac{1}{2}(p + q)x - apq$$

If this chord passes through the focus  $S(0, a)$ ,

then:  $a = -apq$

Multiplying by  $4a$

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