

DEPT OF MATHS FUNAAB 2019 MTS 101 TUTORIAL QUESTIONS5
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Roots of Quadratic Equations

1. If α and β are the roots of the equation $5x^2 - 6x - 7 = 0$, find the values of:
 - (a) $(\alpha - \beta)^2$.
 - (b) $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$.
 - (c) $\alpha^3 + \beta^3$.
 - (d) $\alpha^3 - \beta^3$.
 - (e) $\alpha^4 + \beta^4$.
 - (f) $\alpha^4 - \beta^4$.
 - (g) $\alpha^6 + \beta^6$.
 - (h) $\alpha^6 - \beta^6$.

2. The roots of the equation $9x^2 + 6x + 1 = 4kx$, where k is a real constant, are denoted by α and β .
 - (a) Show that the equation whose roots are $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$ is $x^2 + 6x + 9 = 4kx$.
 - (b) Find the set of values of k for which α and β are real.
 - (c) Find also the set of values of k for which α and β are real and positive.

3. (a) The roots of the equation $x^2 + px + q = 0$ are α and β .
 - i. Given that the roots differ by $2\sqrt{3}$ and that the sum of the reciprocals of the roots is 4, find the possible values of p and q .
 - ii. Find an equation whose roots of $\alpha + \frac{2}{\beta}$ and $\beta + \frac{2}{\alpha}$, expressing the coefficients in terms of p and q .

- (b) Given that the roots of the equation $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ are α and β , find, in its simplest form, the quadratic equation with numerical coefficients whose roots are $\frac{1+\alpha}{2-\alpha}$ and $\frac{1+\beta}{2-\beta}$.
- (c) Given that $f(x) \equiv x^2 + (k+2)x + 2k$, show that the roots of the equation $f(x) = 0$ are real for all real values of k .
- Find the roots of $f(x-k) = 0$.
 - Find the value of k for which the equation $f(x-k) - 2x = 0$ has roots $x = 0$ and $x = 7$. For this value of k , find the minimum value of $f(x-k) - 2x$.
 - Given that $2c = 2 - k$, show that the roots of the equation $f(x-k) + c^2 = 0$ are equal, and find the value of these equal roots when $k = 1$.
4. (a)
 - Find the values of k for each of which the quadratic equations $x^2 + kx - 6k = 0$ and $x^2 - 2x - k = 0$ have a common root.
 - If the quadratic equation $x^2 + ax + b = 0$ and $x^2 + bx + a = 0$ ($a \neq b$) have a common root, show that the solutions of $2x^2 + (a+b)x = (a+b)^2$ are $x = 1$ and $x = -\frac{1}{2}$.
 - For what values of k does the equation $10x^2 + 4x + 1 = 2kx(2-x)$ have real roots ?
- (b) Find the values of k for which the equation $x^2 + (k-3)x + k = 0$ has:
- Real distinct roots.
 - Roots of the same sign.
 - Equal roots.
 - Complex roots.
5. (a) If the difference between the roots of the equation $ax^2 - bx + c = 0$ is the same as the difference between the roots of the equation $bx^2 - cx + a = 0$, show that

$$b^4 - a^2c^2 = 4ab(bc - a^2).$$

Find the condition that the two equations should have a common root.

- (b) The roots of the equation $2x^2 + x + 5 = 0$ are α and β , and those of the equation $2x^2 - 3x + 2k = 0$ are $\alpha + 1$ and $\beta + 1$. Find the value of k .
- (c) Show that the expression

$$x^2 - (a + b + c)x + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2bc - ca - ab$$

can never be negative if $x, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (d) Obtain the roots of the equation

$$bcx^2 + [b^2 + c^2 - a(b + c)]x + (a - b)(a - c) = 0.$$

Find the quadratic equation whose roots are the reciprocals of the roots of this equation.

6. (a) If one root of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is double the other root, show that
- i. the roots are $-\frac{b}{3a}$ and $-\frac{2b}{3a}$ and
 - ii. $2b^2 = 9ac$.
- (b) Find the value of k for which the equation $(x - 2)(x - 3) = k$ has roots which differ by 2.
- (c) If the roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ differ by 1, show that they are $\frac{a-b}{2a}$ and $-\frac{a+b}{2a}$, and show that $b^2 = a(a + 4c)$.
- (d) Factorize $x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 3$. Hence, find the sum and product of the roots of the equation $x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 3 = 0$.
- (e) In the quadratic equation $x^2 - 2kx + 3k + 4 = 0$, k is a real number.
- i. If the equation has equal roots, find the values of k and solve the equation for each value of k .
 - ii. If the equation has no real roots, find the range of values of k .

Graphs of Quadratic Functions, Maximum and Minimum Problems involving Quadratic Equations

1. Sketch the graphs of the following functions by clearly stating max/min values, intersection with axes, lines of symmetries, etc

(a) $f(x) = 70x - \frac{5}{3}x^2 - 20$.

(b) $f(x) = ab + (a - b)x - x^2$ where a and b are real constants.

(c) $f(x) = 6x^2 - 13x + 6$.

(d) $f(x) = 30 - 11x - 30x^2$.

(e) $f(x) = x^4 - 20x^2 + 64$

(f) $f(x) = ax^2 + bx - 2$ where $a < 0$ and b are real numbers.

Find the numerical values of a and b given that $f(x)$ has a maximum at the point $(1, -5)$.

2. (a) If the line $y = x + k$, meets the curve $y = x^2 - x - 5$ at real points, find the minimum value of k .
- (b) The expression $ax^2 + bx + c$ is positive only when x lies between 1 and 3. Show that a is negative and find the range of values of x for which $ax^2 - bx + c$ is positive.
- (c) Given that a, b, c are real numbers, show that the roots of the equation $(x - a)(x - b) = c^2$ are real. State the condition for the roots to be equal.
- (d) Find the least value of the expression $x^2 - x$.

For what values of x is the expression

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

positive ?

- (e) Show that

$$\frac{5}{2x^2 + 3x + 3}$$

is positive for all real values of x and find its greatest value.

- (f) If p, q are both real and $q > 4$, show that

$$\frac{x^2 + px + p}{x^2 + qx + q}$$

cannot be between $\frac{p}{q}$ and $\frac{p-4}{q-4}$ when x real.

3. (a) Find the set of possible values of k if

$$\frac{x^2 + k}{x - 1}$$

can take all real values when x is real. Find the set of possible values of $\frac{x^2+k}{x-1}$ when $k = 3$.

- (b) If $y = \frac{x^2+2x+\lambda}{2x-3}$ and x is real, find the greatest value of λ for which y can take all real values.

- (c) Find the limits between which k must lie in order that

$$\frac{kx^2 - 6x + 4}{4x^2 - 6x + k}$$

may be capable of all values when x is real.

- (d) Show that for all real values of x , the expression

$$\frac{x + 2}{x^2 + 3x + 6}$$

cannot be greater than $\frac{1}{3}$, nor less than $-\frac{1}{3}$. Find for what values of x , if any, it attains these values.

- (e) Show that if x is real,

$$\frac{(x - 1)(x - 5)}{(x - 2)(x - 4)}$$

cannot lie between 1 and 4. Can it attain these two values and if so for what values of x ?

- (f) Show that the value of the expression

$$\frac{(x + 2)^2}{x + 1}$$

cannot lie between 0 and 4 if x is real.

- (g) Show that if a, b, c are real, the roots of the equation

$$(a^2 + b^2)x^2 + 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)x + (b^2 + c^2) = 0$$

are also real.

4. Find all the roots of the following equations.

(a) $30\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 11\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) - 30 = 0.$

(b) $x^4 - 20x^2 + 64 = 0.$

(c) $x^6 - 2x^3 + 1 = 0.$

(d) $x(x+1) + \frac{12}{x(x+1)} = 8.$

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

(f) $\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 6} - \sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 3} = 1.$

(g) $\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{3x+2}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{3x+2}{x-1}} = 3.$

(h) $x^2 + \frac{9}{x^2} - 4\left(x + \frac{3}{x}\right) - 6 = 0.$

(i) $\frac{x-1}{x+1} \frac{x+2}{x-2} = 2 + \frac{2}{x+4}.$

(j) $\sqrt{x-9} - \sqrt{x-16} = \sqrt{x-24}.$

Inequalities

1. Solve the following inequalities and draw appropriate number lines to display your solutions.

(a) $\frac{2x-1}{x+3} < \frac{2}{3}.$

(b) $\frac{x-1}{x-2} > \frac{x-2}{x-3}.$

(c) $\frac{2x^2+5x+7}{3x+5} \geq 2.$

(d) $\frac{2x^2-3x-5}{x^2+2x+6} < \frac{1}{2}.$

(e) $|x+3| = 2.$

(f) $\left|\frac{x-3}{x+1}\right| < 2.$

(g) $\frac{(2x-1)(x+4)}{x-5} > 0.$

(h) $\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{x+3}{3} \leq \frac{3}{4}.$

(i) $\left|\frac{x+1}{2} - \frac{x-1}{3}\right| \leq 1.$

(j) $0 \leq \log_{10}(2x-5) \leq 1.$

(k) $|2x^2 + 4x - 11| \leq 5.$

(l) $2\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{3}\right) > -\frac{1}{6}$.

(m) $\frac{1}{5x} > \frac{4}{15x} - \frac{1}{20}$.

(n) $\frac{5}{3x} + \frac{3}{4} \geq \frac{1}{12}$.

(o) $\frac{6}{x^2} < 6 + \frac{5}{x}$.

(p) $1 \leq \log_{10}(x^2 + x + 10) \leq 2$.

2. (a) If x and y are positive numbers, show that:

i. $x + \frac{1}{x} \geq 2$ and

ii. $(x + y)\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right) \geq 4$.

(b) If x, y, z are three positive numbers, show that

$$(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) \geq 8xyz.$$

(c) If $x + y > 0$, show that

$$x^3 + y^3 > x^2y + xy^2.$$

(d) Show that

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz = (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx).$$

Hence show that if x, y, z are all positive, then

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 > 3xyz.$$

- (e) i. The dimensions of a rectangle are $(x - 1)$ cm and $(3x + 2)$ cm. What is the range of values of x , if the area of the rectangle must not be less than 12cm^2 or greater than 22cm^2 ?
- ii. The two shorter sides of a right-angled triangle are x cm and $(x + 1)$ cm. If the hypotenuse is to be longer than 5 cm but shorter than $\sqrt{85}$ cm, find the range of possible values of x .
- iii. A rectangle of length $2x$ cm is fitted inside a right-angled isosceles triangle. Show that the area of the rectangle is $2x(5 - x)\text{cm}^2$. Find the range of values of x if the area of the rectangle is to lie between 8cm^2 and 12cm^2 .