

## NCERT Solution For Class 10 Maths Chapter 2- Polynomials

Exercise 2.4

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1. Verify that the numbers given alongside of the cubic polynomials below are their zeroes. Also verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients in each case:

(i)  $2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 2$ ;  $\frac{1}{2}, 1, -2$

**Solutions:** Given,  $p(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 2$

And zeroes for  $p(x)$  are  $\frac{1}{2}, 1, -2$

$$\therefore p(1/2) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{2} + 2 = 0$$

$$p(1) = 2 \cdot 1^3 + 1^2 - 5 \cdot 1 + 2 = 0$$

$$p(-2) = 2(-2)^3 + (-2)^2 - 5(-2) + 2 = 0$$

Hence, proved  $\frac{1}{2}, 1, -2$  are the zeroes of  $2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 2$ .

Now, comparing the given polynomial with general expression, we get;

$$\therefore ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 2$$

$$a=2, b=1, c=-5 \text{ and } d=2$$

As we know, if  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the zeroes of the cubic polynomial  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  then;

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = c/a$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -d/a.$$

Therefore, putting the values of zeroes of the polynomial,

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{1}{2} + 1 + (-2) = -1/2 = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 1\right) + (1 \times -2) + (-2 \times \frac{1}{2}) = -5/2 = c/a$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times (-2) = -2/2 = -d/a$$

Hence, the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients are satisfied.

(ii)  $x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x + 2$ ;  $2, 1, 1$

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**Solutions:** Given,  $p(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x + 2$

And zeroes for  $p(x)$  are 2, 1, 1.

$$\therefore p(2) = 2^3 - 4 \cdot 2^2 + 5 \cdot 2 + 2 = 0$$

$$p(1) = 1^3 - 4 \cdot 1^2 + 5 \cdot 1 + 2 = 0$$

Hence proved, 2, 1, 1 are the zeroes of  $x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x + 2$ .

Now, comparing the given polynomial with general expression, we get;

$$\therefore ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x + 2$$

$$a=1, b=-4, c=5 \text{ and } d=2$$

As we know, if  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the zeroes of the cubic polynomial  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  then;

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = c/a$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -d/a$$

Therefore, putting the values of zeroes of the polynomial,

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 2+1+1 = 4 = -(-4)/1 = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 = 5 = 5/1 = c/a$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = 2 \times 1 \times 1 = 2 = -(-2)/1 = -d/a$$

Hence, the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients are satisfied.

**2. Find a cubic polynomial with the sum, sum of the product of its zeroes taken two at a time, and the product of its zeroes as 2, -7, -14 respectively.**

**Solutions:** Let us consider the cubic polynomial is  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  and the values of the zeroes of the polynomials be  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .

As per the given question,

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -b/a = 2/1$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = c/a = -7/1$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -d/a = -14/1$$

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Thus, from above three expressions we get the values of coefficient of polynomial.

$$a = 1, b = -2, c = -7, d = 14$$

Hence, the cubic polynomial is  $x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x + 14$ .

**3. If the zeroes of the polynomial  $x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1$  are  $a - b, a, a + b$ , find  $a$  and  $b$ .**

**Solutions:** We are given with the polynomial here,

$$p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1$$

And zeroes are given as  $a - b, a, a + b$

Now, comparing the given polynomial with general expression, we get;

$$\therefore px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1$$

$$p = 1, q = -3, r = 1 \text{ and } s = 1$$

$$\text{Sum of zeroes} = a - b + a + a + b$$

$$-q/p = 3a$$

Putting the values  $q$  and  $p$ .

$$-(-3)/1 = 3a$$

$$a = 1$$

Thus, the zeroes are  $1 - b, 1, 1 + b$ .

Now, product of zeroes =  $1(1 - b)(1 + b)$

$$-s/p = 1 - b^2$$

$$- \quad b^2 \quad 1/1 = 1 -$$

$$b \quad + 1 \quad ^2 = 1 \quad = 2$$

$$b = \sqrt{2}$$

Hence,  $1 - \sqrt{2}, 1, 1 + \sqrt{2}$  are the zeroes of  $x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1$ .

**4. If two zeroes of the polynomial  $x^4 - 6x^3 - 26x^2 + 138x - 35$  are  $2 \pm \sqrt{3}$ , find other zeroes.**

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**Solutions:** Since this is a polynomial equation of degree 4, hence there will be total 4 roots.

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^4 - 6x^3 - 26x^2 + 138x - 35$$

Since  $2 + \sqrt{3}$  and  $2 - \sqrt{3}$  are zeroes of given polynomial  $f(x)$ .

$$\therefore [x - (2 + \sqrt{3})][x - (2 - \sqrt{3})] = 0$$

$$(x - 2 - \sqrt{3})(x - 2 + \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

On multiplying the above equation we get,

$x^2 - 4x + 1$ , this is a factor of a given polynomial  $f(x)$ .

Now, if we will divide  $f(x)$  by  $g(x)$ , the quotient will also be a factor of  $f(x)$  and the remainder will be 0.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 2x - 35 \\
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 x^2 - 4x + 1 \quad \overline{) \quad x^4 - 6x^3 - 26x^2 + 138x - 35} \\
 \underline{x^4 - 4x^3 + x^2} \phantom{- 35} \\
 (-) \quad (+) \quad (-) \\
 \hline
 -2x^3 - 27x^2 + 138x - 35 \\
 \underline{-2x^3 + 8x^2 - 2x} \phantom{- 35} \\
 (+) \quad (-) \quad (+) \\
 \hline
 -35x^2 + 140x - 35 \\
 \underline{-35x^2 + 140x - 35} \\
 (+) \quad (-) \quad (+) \\
 \hline
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So, } x^4 - 6x^3 - 26x^2 + 138x - 35 = (x^2 - 4x + 1)(x^2 - 2x - 35)$$

Now, on further factorizing  $(x^2 - 2x - 35)$  we get,

$$x^2 - (7-5)x - 35 = x^2 - 7x + 5x + 35 = 0 \quad x(x$$

$$- 7) + 5(x-7) = 0$$

$$(x+5)(x-7) = 0$$

So, its zeroes are given by:

$$x = -5 \text{ and } x = 7.$$

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Therefore, all four zeroes of given polynomial equation are:  $2 + \sqrt{3}$ ,  $2 - \sqrt{3}$ ,  $-5$  and  $7$ .

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