

1) Find the condition that the cubic equation $x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$ should have its roots in H.P.

Soln \Rightarrow Let the roots of cubic be α, β, γ then

5 $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = p$ (i)

$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = q$ (ii)

and $\alpha\beta\gamma = r$ (iii)

Given that α, β, γ are in H.P.

$\therefore \frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}, \frac{1}{\gamma}$ are in A.P.

10 $\therefore \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{2}{\beta} \Rightarrow \frac{\gamma + \alpha}{\alpha\gamma} = \frac{2}{\beta}$

$\Rightarrow \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 3r\alpha$

$\Rightarrow 2 = 3r\alpha$ (from (i))

$\Rightarrow r = \frac{3r}{\beta}$ [from (iii)]

15 $\therefore \beta = \frac{3r}{r}$

$\therefore \beta$ is a root of the equation

$\therefore \beta^3 - p\beta^2 + q\beta - r = 0$

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3r}{r}\right)^3 - p\left(\frac{3r}{r}\right)^2 + q\left(\frac{3r}{r}\right) - r = 0$

20 $\Rightarrow \frac{27r^3}{r^3} - \frac{9r^2p}{r^2} + 3r - r = 0$

$\Rightarrow 27r^3 - 9p^2r^2 + 2r^2q^3 = 0 \Rightarrow r(27r^2 - 9p^2r + 2q^3) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 27r^2 - 9p^2r + 2q^3 = 0$

which is the required condition

2) Find the condition that the roots of the equation

$$ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 3cx + d = 0 \text{ are in (I) A.P.}$$

(11) Q.P. (11) H.P.

Soln \rightarrow

(1) Let $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha + \beta$ be the roots of the given eqn.

$$\text{then } (\alpha + \beta) + \alpha + (\alpha + \beta) = -\frac{3b}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\alpha = -\frac{3b}{a} \therefore \alpha = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$\therefore \alpha$ is a root of the equation

$$ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 3cx + d = 0 \text{ then we have}$$

$$a\alpha^3 + 3b\alpha^2 + 3c\alpha + d = 0$$

$$a\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)^3 + 3b\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 + 3c\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right) + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -a \cdot \frac{b^3}{a^3} + 3b \cdot \frac{b^2}{a^2} - \frac{3bc}{a} + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{b^3}{a^2} + \frac{3b^3}{a^2} - \frac{3bc}{a} + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2b^3}{a^2} - \frac{3bc}{a} + d = 0$$

$$\therefore 2b^3 - 3abc + a^2d = 0$$

which is the required condition

(11) $\therefore \alpha\beta\gamma = -\frac{d}{a}$ --- (1)

$\therefore \alpha, \beta, \gamma$ are in H.P. then

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \beta = \frac{1}{\mu} \text{ and } \gamma = \frac{1}{\nu}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\lambda} \times \frac{1}{\mu} \times \frac{1}{\nu} = -\frac{d}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda\mu\nu} = -\frac{d}{a} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$\therefore \lambda(\mu\nu)$ is a root of the given eqn.

$$\therefore \text{we have } a\lambda^3 + 3b\lambda^2 + 3c\lambda + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a\left(-\frac{d}{a}\right) + 3b\lambda^2 + 3c\lambda + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -d + 3b\lambda^2 + 3c\lambda + d = 0 \Rightarrow b\lambda^2 + c\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3b\lambda^2 + 3c\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow b\lambda^2 + c\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b\lambda = -c \Rightarrow b^3\lambda^3 = -c^3$$

$$\Rightarrow b^3\left(-\frac{d}{a}\right) = -c^3 \Rightarrow b^3d = ac^3$$

$$\Rightarrow b^3d - c^3a = 0$$

which is the required condition.

Let α, β, γ be the roots of given equation then

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -\frac{3b}{a} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = \frac{3c}{a} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -\frac{d}{a} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$\therefore \alpha, \beta, \gamma$ are in H.P. $\therefore \frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}, \frac{1}{\gamma}$ are in A.P.

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{2}{\beta} \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha + \gamma}{\alpha\gamma} = \frac{2}{\beta}$$

$$\text{or, } \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma = 2\gamma\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 3\gamma\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3c}{a} = 3\gamma\alpha \quad (\text{from (ii)}) \Rightarrow \gamma\alpha = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\text{Hence from (iii)} \quad \beta \cdot \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{d}{a} \quad \therefore \beta = -\frac{d}{c}$$

$\therefore \beta$ is the roots of eqn: $ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 3cx + d = 0$

$$\therefore a\beta^3 + 3b\beta^2 + 3c\beta + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a\left(-\frac{d}{c}\right)^3 + 3b\left(-\frac{d}{c}\right)^2 + 3c\left(-\frac{d}{c}\right) + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{ad^3}{c^3} + \frac{3bd^2}{c^2} - 3d + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{ad^3}{c^3} + \frac{3bd^2}{c^2} - 2d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -ad^3 + 3bcd^2 - 2c^3d = 0 \Rightarrow ad^2 - 3bcd + 2c^3 = 0$$

which is the required condition.

(4)

Find the condition that the equation $x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$ should have

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two roots connected by the relation $\alpha + \beta = 0$.
Determine in that case two quadratic equations which shall have for roots (i) α, β and (ii) γ, δ .

Soln →

Let $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ be the roots of the equation

$$x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -p \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta = q \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -r \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = s \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

Also $\alpha + \beta = 0$ --- (v)

from (i) & (v) $\gamma + \delta = -p$

from (iii) $\alpha\beta(\gamma + \delta) + \gamma\delta(\alpha + \beta) = -r$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta(-p) + \gamma\delta \cdot 0 = -r$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta p = r \Rightarrow \alpha\beta = \frac{r}{p}$$

from (iv) $\gamma\delta = \frac{s}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\beta s}{r}$

from (ii) $\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta + (\alpha + \beta)(\gamma + \delta) = q$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r}{p} + \frac{\beta s}{r} + 0 \cdot (-p) = q$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 + \beta^2 s}{p r} = q \Rightarrow r^2 + \beta^2 s = \beta q r$$

which is required condition.

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For (ii) \rightarrow we have $\alpha + \beta = 0, \alpha\beta = \frac{\gamma}{\beta}$

\therefore the equation whose roots are (α, β) is

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 0 \cdot x + \frac{\gamma}{\beta} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta x^2 - \gamma = 0$$

Also we have $\gamma + \delta = -\beta$ and $\gamma\delta = \frac{\beta\delta}{2}$

Hence the equation whose roots are

(γ, δ) is

$$x^2 - (\gamma + \delta)x + \gamma\delta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (-\beta)x + \frac{\beta\delta}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } 2x^2 + \beta x + \beta\delta = 0$$

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