

EXERCISE 4.7

1. Discuss the nature of the following equation.

a) $4x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$

b) $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$

c) $2x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$

d) $25x^2 - 30x + 9 = 0$

a. $4x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$

solution

$$4x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$$

$$a=4 ; b=6 ; c=1$$

$$\text{discriminate} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= 6^2 - 4(4)(1)$$

$$= 36 - 16$$

$$= 20$$

Hence, roots are irrational and unequal

b. $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$

Solution

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

$$a=1 ; b=-5 ; c=6$$

$$\text{Discriminate} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-5)^2 - 4(1)(6)$$

$$= 25 - 24$$

$$= 1$$

Hence, roots are irrational and unequal

c. $2x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$

Solution

$$2x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$$

$$a=2 \ ; \ b=-5 \ ; \ c=1$$

$$\text{Discriminate} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-5)^2 - 4(2)(1)$$

$$= 25 - 8$$

$$= 17$$

Hence, roots are irrational and unequal.

d. $25x^2 - 30x + 9 = 0$

solution

$$25x^2 - 30x + 9 = 0$$

$$a=25 \ ; \ b=-30 \ ; \ c=9$$

$$\text{Discriminate} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-30)^2 - 4(25)(9)$$

$$= 900 - 900$$

$$=0$$

Hence, roots are real and equal.

2. Show that the roots of the following equations will be real:

i. $x^2 - 2\left(m + \frac{1}{m}\right)x + 3 = 0; m \neq 0$

ii. $(b-c)x^2 + (c-a)x + (a-b) = 0; a, b, c \in Q$

i. $x^2 - 2\left(m + \frac{1}{m}\right)x + 3 = 0; m \neq 0$

Solution

$$a=1 ; \quad b=-2 \left(m + \frac{1}{m}\right) ; \quad c=3$$

If roots of equation are real $=b^2-4ac$

Discrimination $= b^2-4ac$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[-2\left(m + \frac{1}{m}\right)\right]^2 - 4(1)(3) \\ &= 4m^2 + 4\frac{1}{m^2} + 8 - 12 \\ &= 4m^2 + 4\frac{1}{m^2} - 4 \\ &= 4\left(m^2 + \frac{1}{m^2} - 1\right) \\ &= 4\left[\left(m^2 + \frac{1}{m^2} - 2\right) + 1\right] \\ &= 4\left[\left(m^2 - \frac{1}{m^2}\right)^2 + 1\right] > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence , the roots are real .

$$\text{b. } (b-c)x^2 + (c-a)x + (a-b) = 0; a, b, c \in Q$$

Solution

$$a=b-c ; b=c-a ; c=a-b$$

If the roots of equation are real = $b^2-4ac > 0$

$$\text{Discrimination} = b^2-4ac$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (c-a)^2 - 4(b-c)(a-b) \\ &= c^2 + b^2 - 2ac - 4[ab - b^2 - ac + bc] \\ &= c^2 + a^2 - 2ac - 4ab + 4b^2 + 4ac - 4bc \\ &= a^2 + 4b^2 + c^2 + 2ac - 4bc - 4bc \\ &= (a - 2b + c)^2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence , roots are real.

3. Show that the roots of the following equations will be rational:

$$\text{a) } (p+q)x^2 - px - q = 0$$

$$\text{b) } Px^2 - (p-q)x - q = 0$$

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Solution

$$a=p+q ; b=-q ; c=-q$$

$$\text{Discrimination} = b^2-4ac$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-p)^2 - 4(p+q)(-q) \\
 &= p^2 + 4pq + 4q^2 \\
 &= (p+2q)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the roots are rational

b) $Px^2 - (p-q)x - q = 0$

Solution

$$a=p \ ; \ b= -(p-q) \ ; \ c=-q$$

$$\text{Discrimination} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= [-(p-q)]^2 - 4(p)(-q) \\
 &= p^2 + q^2 - 2pq + 4pq \\
 &= (p+q)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the roots are rational

4. For what values of m will the roots of the following equations be equal?

a) $(m+1)x^2 + 2(m+3)x + m+8 = 0$

b) $x^2 - 2(1+3m)x + 7(3+3m) = 0$

c) $(1+m)x^2 - 2(1+3m)x + (1+8m) = 0$

a. $(m+1)x^2 + 2(m+3)x + m+8 = 0$

Solution:

$$a=m+1 \ ; \ b=2(m+3) \ ; \ c=m+8$$

$$\text{discrimination} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= [2(m+2)]^2 - 4(m+1)(m+8) \\
 &= 4(m^2 + 6m + 9) - 4(m^2 + 9m + 8) \\
 &= -12m - 4
 \end{aligned}$$

If the roots are equal then discrimination = 0

$$-12m - 4 = 0$$

$$12m + 4 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-4}{12} = \frac{-1}{3}$$

Hence, the value of m is $\frac{-1}{3}$

b. $x^2 - 2(1+3m)x + 7(3+3m) = 0$

Solution

$$a=1 \quad ; \quad b=-2(1+3m) \quad ; \quad c=7(3+2m)$$

$$\text{discrimination} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= [-2(1+3m)]^2 - 4(1)(7(3+2m)) \\
 &= 4(1+9m^2+6m) - 28(3+2m) \\
 &= 4+36m^2+24m-84-56m \\
 &= -4(9m^2-8m-20)
 \end{aligned}$$

If the roots are equal then

$$\text{Discrimination} = 0$$

$$9m^2 - 8m - 20 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-(-8) \pm \sqrt{(-8)^2 - 4(9)(-20)}}{2(9)}$$

$$= \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{(-8)^2 - 4(9)(-20)}}{2(9)}$$

$$= \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{784}}{18}$$

$$= \frac{8 \pm 28}{18}$$

$$m = \frac{8+28}{18}$$

$$m = \frac{36}{18}$$

$$m = 2$$

or

$$m = \frac{8-28}{18}$$

$$m = \frac{-20}{18}$$

$$m = \frac{-10}{9}$$

Hence, the value of 'm' is 2, $\frac{-10}{9}$

c. $(1+m)x^2 - 2(1+3m)x + (1+8m) = 0$

Solution

$$a = (1+m) \quad ; \quad b = -2(1+3m) \quad ; \quad c = 1+8m$$

$$\text{Discrimination} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [-2(1+3m)]^2 - 4(1+m)(1+8m) \\ &= 4(1+9m^2+6m) - 4(1+m)(1+8m) \\ &= 4+36m^2+24m - 4 - 36m - 32m^2 \\ &= 4m^2 - 12m \\ &= 4m(m-3) \end{aligned}$$

If the roots are equal then

$$\text{Discrimination} = 0$$

$$4m(m-3) = 0$$

$$m = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad m = 3$$

Hence, the value of m is 0,3

5. Show that the roots $x^2+(mx+c)^2=a^2$ will be equal, if $c^2=a^2(1+m^2)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + (mx + c)^2 &= a^2 \\x^2 + (m^2x^2 + c^2 + 2mxc) &= a^2 \\x^2 + m^2x^2 + 2mxc + c^2 - a^2 &= 0 \\(1 + m^2)x^2 + 2mcx + c^2 - a^2 &= 0 \\a &= (1 + m^2); b = 2mc; c = c^2 - a^2 \\D &= b^2 - 4ac \\&= (2mc)^2 - 4(1 + m^2)(c^2 - a^2) \\&= 4m^2c^2 - 4(c^2 - a^2 + m^2c^2 + 4a^2m^2) \\&= 4a^2 + 4a^2m^2 - 4c^2\end{aligned}$$

If the roots are equal then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Discrimination} &= 0 \\4a^2 + 4a^2m^2 - 4c^2 &= 0 \\a^2(1 + m^2) - c^2 &= 0 \\a^2(1 + m^2) &= c^2\end{aligned}$$

Hence, it is required to proved.

6. Show that the roots of $(mx + c)^2 = 4ax$ will be equal, if $c = \frac{a}{m}; m \neq 0$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}(mx + c)^2 &= 4ax \\m^2x^2 + 2mcx + c^2 &= 4ax \\m^2x^2 + (2mc - 4a)x + c^2 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= m^2; b = 2mc - 4a; c = c^2 \\
 D &= b^2 - 4ac \\
 &= (2mc - 4a)^2 - 4(m^2)(c)^2 \\
 &= 4m^2c^2 + 16a^2 - 16mca - 4m^2c^2 \\
 &= 16a^2 - 16mca \\
 &= 16a(a - mc)
 \end{aligned}$$

If the roots are equal than

$$\text{Discrimination} = 0$$

$$16a(a - mc) = 0$$

$$a - mc = 0$$

$$c = \frac{a}{m}$$

Hence, it is required to proved

7. Prove that $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{(mx + c)^2}{b^2} = 1$ will have equal roots, if $c^2 = a^2m^2 + b^2; a \neq 0, b \neq 0$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{(mx + c)^2}{b^2} &= 1 \\
 \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2x^2 + c^2 + 2mcx}{b^2} &= 1 \\
 \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2x^2}{b^2}c + \left(\frac{c^2}{b^2} - 1\right) &= 0 \\
 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2}\right)x^2 + \frac{2mc}{b^2}c + \left(\frac{c^2}{b^2} - 1\right) &= 0 \\
 a = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2}; b = \frac{2mc}{b^2}; c = \frac{c^2}{b^2} - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= \left(\frac{2mc}{b^2} \right) - 4 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2} \right) \left(\frac{c^2}{b^2} - 1 \right)$$

If the roots are equal then

$$\text{Discrimination} = 0$$

$$\frac{4m^2c^2}{b^4} - 4 \left(\frac{b^2 + a^2m^2}{a^2b^2} \right) \left(\frac{c^2 - b^2}{b^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{4}{a^2b^4} \left[a^2m^2c^2 - \frac{(b^2 + a^2m^2)(c^2 - b^2)}{a^2} \right] = 0$$

$$a^2m^2c^2 - [b^2c^2 - b^4 + a^2m^2c^2 - a^2b^2m^2] = 0$$

$$-b^2c^2 + b^4 + a^2b^2m^2 = 0$$

$$b^2(-c^2 + b^2 + a^2m^2) = 0$$

$$-c^2 + b^2 + a^2m^2 = 0$$

$$b^2 + a^2m^2 = c^2$$

Hence, it is required to proved .

8. Show that the roots of the equation $(a^2 - bc)x^2 + 2(b^2 - ca)x + (c^2 - ab) = 0$ will be equal, if either $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$ or $b=0$.

Solution

$$(a^2 - bc)x^2 + 2(b^2 - ca)x + (c^2 - ab) = 0$$

$$a = a^2 - bc; b = 2(b^2 - ca); c = c^2 - ab$$

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [2(b^2 - ca)]^2 - 4(a^2 - bc)(c^2 - ab)$$

$$= 4(b^4 + c^2a^2 - 2b^2ca) - 4(a^2c^2 - a^3b - bc^3 + ab^2c)$$

$$= 4[b^4 + c^2a^2 - 2b^2ca - a^2c^2 + a^3b + bc^3 - ab^2c]$$

If the roots are equal then

$$D=0$$

$$4[b^4 - 3b^2ca + a^3b + bc^3] = 0$$

$$b(b^3 - 3bca + a^3 + c^3) = 0$$

$$b^3 + a^3 + c^3 - 3bca = 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 0$$

Hence, it is required to proved.

