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Exercise 2.2 (Polynomials)

1. Find the zeroes of the following quadratic polynomials and verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients.

(i) $x^2 - 2x - 8$

(ii) $4s^2 - 4s + 1$

(iii) $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$

(iv) $4u^2 + 8u$

(v) $t^2 - 15$

(vi) $3x^2 - x - 4$

Solution

(i) $x^2 - 2x - 8$

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

The value of $x^2 - 2x - 8$ is zero when $x - 4 = 0$ or $x + 2 = 0$,
i.e., when $x = 4$ or $x = -2$

Therefore, the zeroes of $x^2 - 2x - 8$ are 4 and -2.

Sum of zeroes = $4 + (-2)$
 $= 2 = -(-2)/1$
 $= -(\text{Coefficient of } x)/\text{Coefficient of } x^2$

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Product of zeroes} &= 4 \times (-2) \\ &= -8 = -8/1 \\ &= \text{Constant term/Coefficient of } x^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(ii) } 4s^2 - 4s + 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= (2s - 1)^2 = 0 \\ &= (2s-1)(2s-1) = 0\end{aligned}$$

The value of $4s^2 - 4s + 1$ is zero when $2s - 1 = 0$, i.e., $s = 1/2$

Therefore, the zeroes of $4s^2 - 4s + 1$ are $1/2$ and $1/2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sum of zeroes} &= 1/2 + 1/2 \\ &= 1 = -(-4)/4 \\ &= -(\text{Coefficient of } s)/\text{Coefficient of } s^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Product of zeroes} = 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/4 = \text{Constant term/Coefficient of } s^2.$$

$$\text{(iii) } 6x^2 - 7x - 3$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 6x^2 - 7x - 3 \\ &= (3x + 1)(2x - 3)\end{aligned}$$

The value of $6x^2 - 7x - 3$ is zero when $3x + 1 = 0$ or $2x - 3 = 0$, i.e., $x = -1/3$ or $x = 3/2$

Therefore, the zeroes of $6x^2 - 7x - 3$ are $-1/3$ and $3/2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sum of zeroes} &= -1/3 + 3/2 \\ &= 7/6 = -(-7)/6 \\ &= -(\text{Coefficient of } x)/\text{Coefficient of } x^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Product of zeroes} &= -1/3 \times 3/2 \\ &= -1/2 = -3/6 \\ &= \text{Constant term/Coefficient of } x^2.\end{aligned}$$

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(iv) $4u^2 + 8u$

$$= 4u^2 + 8u + 0$$

$$= 4u(u + 2)$$

The value of $4u^2 + 8u$ is zero when $4u = 0$ or $u + 2 = 0$, i.e., $u = 0$ or $u = -2$

Therefore, the zeroes of $4u^2 + 8u$ are 0 and -2.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of zeroes} &= 0 + (-2) \\ &= -2 = -(8)/4 \\ &= -(\text{Coefficient of } u)/\text{Coefficient of } u^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Product of zeroes} &= 0 \times (-2) \\ &= 0 = 0/4 \\ &= \text{Constant term}/\text{Coefficient of } u^2. \end{aligned}$$

(v) $t^2 - 15$

$$= (t - \sqrt{15})(t + \sqrt{15})$$

The value of $t^2 - 15$ is zero when $t - \sqrt{15} = 0$ or $t + \sqrt{15} = 0$, i.e., when $t = \sqrt{15}$ or $t = -\sqrt{15}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of zeroes} &= \sqrt{15} + -\sqrt{15} \\ &= 0 = -0/1 \\ &= -(\text{Coefficient of } t)/\text{Coefficient of } t^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Product of zeroes} &= (\sqrt{15})(-\sqrt{15}) \\ &= -15 = -15/1 \\ &= \text{Constant term}/\text{Coefficient of } t^2. \end{aligned}$$

(vi) $3x^2 - x - 4$

$$= (3x - 4)(x + 1)$$

The value of $3x^2 - x - 4$ is zero when $3x - 4 = 0$ and $x + 1 = 0$, i.e., when $x = 4/3$ or $x = -1$

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Therefore, the zeroes of $3x^2 - x - 4$ are $4/3$ and -1 .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sum of zeroes} &= 4/3 + (-1) \\ &= 1/3 = -(-1)/3 \\ &= -(\text{Coefficient of } x)/\text{Coefficient of } x^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Product of zeroes} &= 4/3 \times (-1) \\ &= -4/3 \\ &= \text{Constant term}/\text{Coefficient of } x^2.\end{aligned}$$

2. Find a quadratic polynomial each with the given numbers as the sum and product of its zeroes respectively.

(i) $1/4$, -1

Solution (i) $1/4$, -1

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β

$$\alpha + \beta = 1/4 = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta = -1 = -4/4 = c/a$$

If $a = 4$, then $b = -1$, $c = -4$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $4x^2 - x - 4$.

(ii) $\sqrt{2}$, $1/3$

Solution (ii) $\sqrt{2}$, $1/3$

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β

$$\alpha + \beta = \sqrt{2} = 3\sqrt{2}/3 = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta = 1/3 = c/a$$

If $a = 3$, then $b = -3\sqrt{2}$, $c = 1$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $3x^2 - 3\sqrt{2}x + 1$.

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(iii) 0, $\sqrt{5}$

Solution :- Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β

$$\alpha + \beta = 0 = 0/1 = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta = \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{5}/1 = c/a$$

If $a = 1$, then $b = 0$, $c = \sqrt{5}$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $x^2 + \sqrt{5}$.

(iv) 1, 1

Solution :- Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β

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

$$\alpha\beta = 1 = 1/1 = c/a$$

If $a = 1$, then $b = -1$, $c = 1$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $x^2 - x + 1$.

(v) $-1/4, 1/4$

Solution :- Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β

$$\alpha + \beta = -1/4 = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta = 1/4 = c/a$$

If $a = 4$, then $b = 1$, $c = 1$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $4x^2 + x + 1$.

(vi) 4,1

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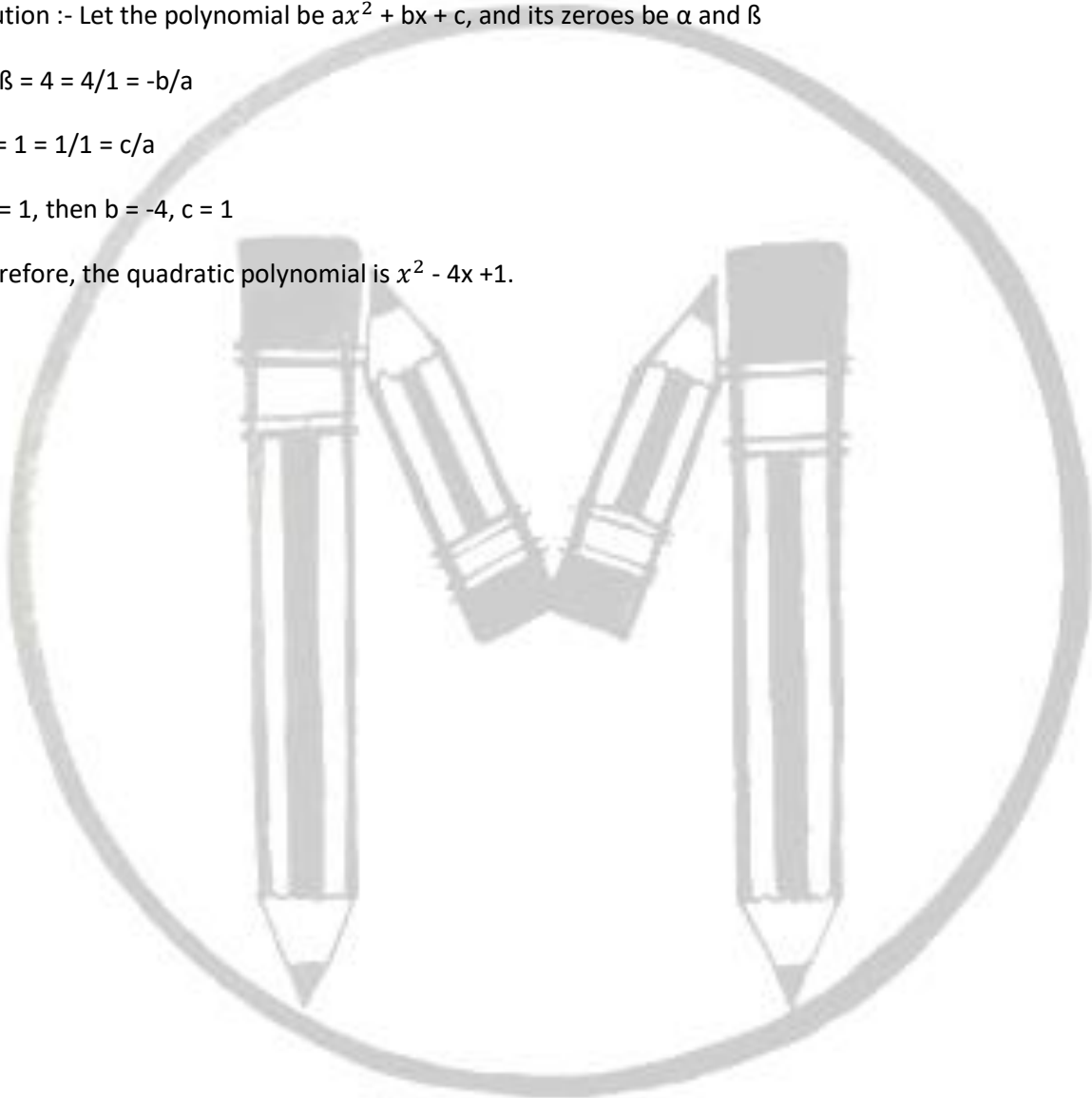
Solution :- Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β

$$\alpha + \beta = 4 = 4/1 = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta = 1 = 1/1 = c/a$$

If $a = 1$, then $b = -4$, $c = 1$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $x^2 - 4x + 1$.



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