

Subject	Class	Paper	Reading materials on	Resource Person
Mathematics	D-I(H)	I	Theory of Equation	Dr. S. Ahmad

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Problem Prove that the equation $\frac{A^2}{x-a} + \frac{B^2}{x-b} + \frac{C^2}{x-c} + \dots + \frac{K^2}{x-k} = t + l$

Where $A, B, C, \dots, a, b, c, \dots$ and l are all real numbers — has all its root real.

Solⁿ. Let $\alpha + i\beta$ be a root of the given equation. Then $\alpha - i\beta$ will be also a root.

Therefore given equation become

$$\frac{A^2}{(\alpha + i\beta) - a} + \frac{B^2}{(\alpha + i\beta) - b} + \frac{C^2}{(\alpha + i\beta) - c} + \dots + \frac{K^2}{(\alpha + i\beta) - k}$$

And $\frac{A^2}{(\alpha - i\beta) - a} + \frac{B^2}{(\alpha - i\beta) - b} + \frac{C^2}{(\alpha - i\beta) - c} + \dots + \frac{K^2}{(\alpha - i\beta) - k} = \alpha - i\beta + l$

Subtracting above two relations we get $= \alpha - i\beta + l$

$$-2i\beta \left[\frac{A^2}{(\alpha - a)^2 + \beta^2} + \frac{B^2}{(\alpha - b)^2 + \beta^2} + \frac{C^2}{(\alpha - c)^2 + \beta^2} + \dots + \frac{K^2}{(\alpha - k)^2 + \beta^2} \right] = 2i\beta$$

$$\Rightarrow -2i\beta \left[\frac{A^2}{(\alpha - a)^2 + \beta^2} + \frac{B^2}{(\alpha - b)^2 + \beta^2} + \frac{C^2}{(\alpha - c)^2 + \beta^2} + \dots + \frac{K^2}{(\alpha - k)^2 + \beta^2} + 1 \right] = 0$$

The expression within the brackets is the sum of positive quantities and as such cannot be zero & hence $2i\beta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \beta = 0$. Therefore the given equation cannot have imaginary roots. Hence all its roots are real.

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Problem: Find the Condition that the roots of the equation

$$x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0 \text{ may be in } \textcircled{i} \text{ A.P.}$$

(ii) G.P.

(iii) H.P.

Solution.

(i) Let the roots of the given equation be $a-d, a, a+d$ being in A.P.

$$\therefore \text{Sum of roots} = (a-d) + a + (a+d) = p$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = p \therefore a = \frac{p}{3}$$

Since a is a root of the equation $x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$

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

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

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

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

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

It is required Condition.

(ii) Let the roots of the equation be $\frac{a}{p}, a, ap$ being in G.P.

$$\text{Product of the roots} = \sum \alpha\beta\gamma = \alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{a}{p} \cdot a \cdot ap = r$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = r$$

But a is root of the given equation

$$\therefore a^3 - pa^2 + qa - r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r - pa^2 + qa - r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow qa = pa^2$$

$$\Rightarrow pa = q \Rightarrow p^3 a^3 = q^3 \Rightarrow p^3 r = q^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p^3 r - q^3 = 0} \quad \text{It is required Condition}$$

(iii) Let the roots be α, β, γ which are in H.P. and hence

$$\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}, \frac{1}{\gamma} \text{ are in A.P. } \therefore \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{2}{\beta} \Rightarrow \beta\gamma + \alpha\beta = 2\gamma\alpha$$

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

$$\Rightarrow q = 3\gamma\alpha \Rightarrow \gamma\alpha = \frac{q}{3}$$

Also $\alpha\beta\gamma = r \Rightarrow \gamma\alpha \cdot \beta = r \Rightarrow \frac{q}{3} \cdot \beta = r$

$$\therefore \beta = \frac{3r}{q} \quad \& \quad \beta \text{ is a root of the given eqn.}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow r(27r^2 - 9prq + 2q^3) = 0, \text{ But } r \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{27r^2 - 9pqr + 2q^3 = 0} \quad \text{It is required Condition.}$$