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Mathematics	D-I(H)	I	Transformation of Cubic eq <sup>n</sup> in the form $z^3 + 3Hz + G = 0$	Dr. S. Ahmad

Q. Reduce the cubic equation  $a_0x^3 + 3a_1x^2 + 3a_2x + a_3 = 0$  in the form  $z^3 + 3Hz + G = 0$  where H and G have their usual meaning.

Solution The given cubic equation is

$$f(x) \equiv a_0x^3 + 3a_1x^2 + 3a_2x + a_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

We diminish the roots of  $f(x) = 0$  by a constant  $h$  and resulting equation is obtained by putting  $y = x - h$

$\Rightarrow x = y + h$  in (1), therefore

$$a_0(y+h)^3 + 3a_1(y+h)^2 + 3a_2(y+h) + a_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0(y^3 + 3y^2h + 3yh^2 + h^3) + 3a_1(y^2 + 2yh + h^2) + 3a_2(y+h) + a_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0y^3 + 3(a_0h + a_1)y^2 + 3(a_0h^2 + 2a_1h + a_2)y + (a_0h^3 + 3a_1h^2 + 3a_2h + a_3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_0y^3 + 3A_1y^2 + 3A_2y + A_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where  $A_0 = a_0$

$$A_1 = (a_0h + a_1)$$

$$A_2 = (a_0h^2 + 2a_1h + a_2)$$

$$A_3 = a_0h^3 + 3a_1h^2 + 3a_2h + a_3$$

If in the transformed equation, the second term may be absent, then  $A_1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_0h + a_1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_0h = -a_1$

$$\therefore h = \left( \frac{-a_1}{a_0} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A_2 &= a_0 h^2 + 2a_1 h + a_2 \\ &= a_0 \left(\frac{-a_1}{a_0}\right)^2 + 2a_1 \left(\frac{-a_1}{a_0}\right) + a_2 \\ &= \frac{a_0 a_1^2}{a_0^2} - \frac{2a_1^2}{a_0} + a_2 \\ &= \frac{a_0 a_2 - a_1^2}{a_0} = \frac{H}{a_0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &= a_0 h^3 + 3a_1 h^2 + 3a_2 h + a_3 \\ &= a_0 \left(\frac{-a_1}{a_0}\right)^3 + 3a_1 \left(\frac{-a_1}{a_0}\right)^2 + 3a_2 \left(\frac{-a_1}{a_0}\right) + a_3 \\ &= -\frac{a_0 a_1^3}{a_0^3} + \frac{3a_1^3}{a_0^2} - \frac{3a_1 a_2}{a_0} + a_3 \\ &= \frac{a_0^2 a_3 + 3a_1^3 - a_1^3 - 3a_0 a_1 a_2}{a_0^2} \\ &= \frac{a_0^2 a_3 + 2a_1^3 - 3a_0 a_1 a_2}{a_0^2} = \frac{G}{a_0^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\& A_0 = a_0$$

Hence the transformed equation (2) becomes

$$a_0 y^3 + \frac{3H}{a_0} y + \frac{G}{a_0^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^3 + \frac{3H}{a_0^2} y + \frac{G}{a_0^3} = 0$$

If the roots of this equation be multiplied by  $a_0$  and the transformed equation is  $z^3 + 0 \cdot a_0 z^2 + a_0^2 \cdot \frac{3H}{a_0^2} \cdot z + a_0^3 \frac{G}{a_0^3} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{z^3 + 3Hz + G = 0}$$

It is required form.