

Concept Sheet

Polynomials

1. A polynomial in one variable x , is an algebraic expression of the form

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

where, $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are constant and these are also called **coefficients** of polynomial and $a_i \neq 0$, where $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$.

The exponent of the highest degree term in a polynomial, is known as its **degree**.

e.g., $f(x) = 5x + \frac{1}{3}$ is a polynomial in variable x of degree 1.

2. (i) A polynomial of degree zero, is called **zero polynomial**.

Or

A polynomial which contains only constant term, is called a **zero polynomial**.

Note The degree of zero polynomial is not defined.

(ii) A polynomial of degree one, is called **linear polynomial**.

(iii) A polynomial of degree two, is called **quadratic polynomial**. Every quadratic polynomial can have atmost two zeroes.

(iv) A polynomial of degree three, is called **cubic polynomial**.

(v) A polynomial of degree four, is called **biquadratic polynomial**.

3. A real number k is said to be a zero of a polynomial $f(x)$, if $f(k) = 0$.

e.g. $\frac{-7}{5}$ is a zero of polynomial $p(x) = 5x + 7$, since $p\left(\frac{-7}{5}\right) = 0$.

4. (i) A linear polynomial has atmost one zero.

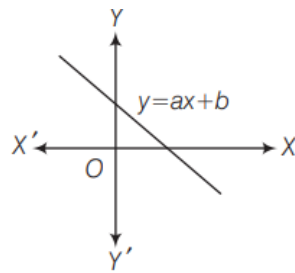
(ii) A quadratic polynomial has atmost two zeroes. In general, a polynomial of degree n has atmost n zeroes.

(iii) If a polynomial $p(x)$ of degree n , has n zeroes than its graph will intersect X-axis at n different points.

(iv) Zero of a polynomial $p(x)$ is precisely the abscissa of the point where the graph intersects X-axis.

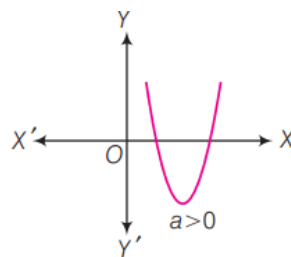
5. **Graph of a Linear Polynomial** Let us consider a linear polynomial $y = ax + b$.

All these values of x and y are marked on the graph paper. By joining all the markings we get the required graph, which is found to be a straight line.

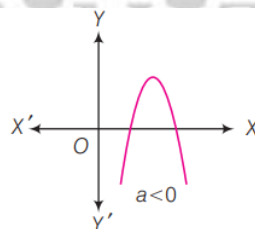


6. Graph of a Quadratic Polynomial The graph of a quadratic polynomial ($ax^2 + bx + c$) is U-shaped, called as parabola.

(i) If $a > 0$ in polynomial $ax^2 + bx + c$, then the shape of parabola is **opening upward (U)**.

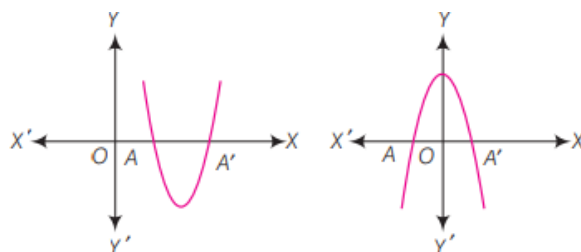


(ii) If $a < 0$ in polynomial $ax^2 + bx + c$, then the shape of parabola is **opening downward (∩)**.

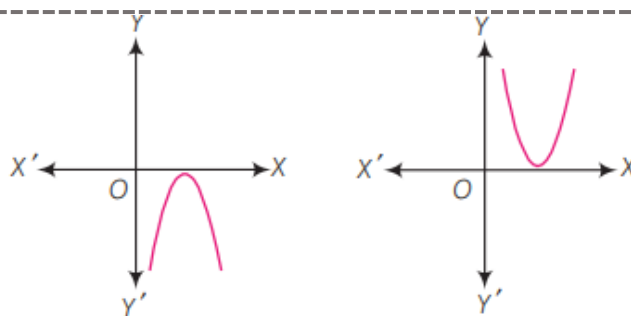


7. The graph of $ax^2 + bx + c$ has three cases, which are given below.

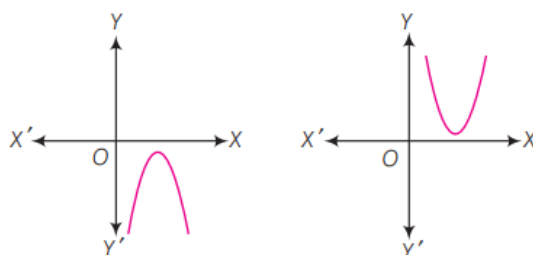
Case I If graph of $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ intersect the X-axis at two distinct points A and A', then x-coordinate of points of intersection of curves are known as '**zeroes**' of $f(x)$.



Case II If graph of $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ touch the X-axis at one point only, then $f(x)$ will have only one 'zero' the x-coordinate of point of contact.



Case III If graph of $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ neither touch nor intersect the X-axis, then $f(x)$ will not have any real zeroes.



8. Relationship between the Zeroes and the Coefficients of a Polynomial .

Types of polynomial	General form	Number of zeroes	Relationship between zeroes and coefficients
Linear	$ax + b; a \neq 0$	1	$x = -\frac{b}{a}$, i.e., $x = -\frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x}$
Quadratic	$ax^2 + bx + c; a \neq 0$	2 (say α, β)	Sum of zeroes ($\alpha + \beta$) = $-\frac{\text{Coefficient of } x}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2} = -\frac{b}{a}$ Product of zeroes ($\alpha \beta$) = $\frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2} = \frac{c}{a}$
Cubic	$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d; a \neq 0$	3 (say α, β and γ)	Sum of zeroes ($\alpha + \beta + \gamma$) = $-\frac{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3} = -\frac{b}{a}$ Sum of product of zeroes taken two at a time ($\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha$) = $+\frac{\text{Coefficient of } x}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3} = \frac{c}{a}$ Product of zeroes ($\alpha\beta\gamma$) = $-\frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3} = -\frac{d}{a}$

9. (i) If α and β are the zeroes of a quadratic polynomial, then quadratic polynomial will be $k[x^2 - (\text{sum of zeroes})x + \text{product of zeroes}]$

i.e., $k[x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta], k \neq 0$

(ii) If α, β and γ are the zeroes of a cubic polynomial, then cubic polynomial will be

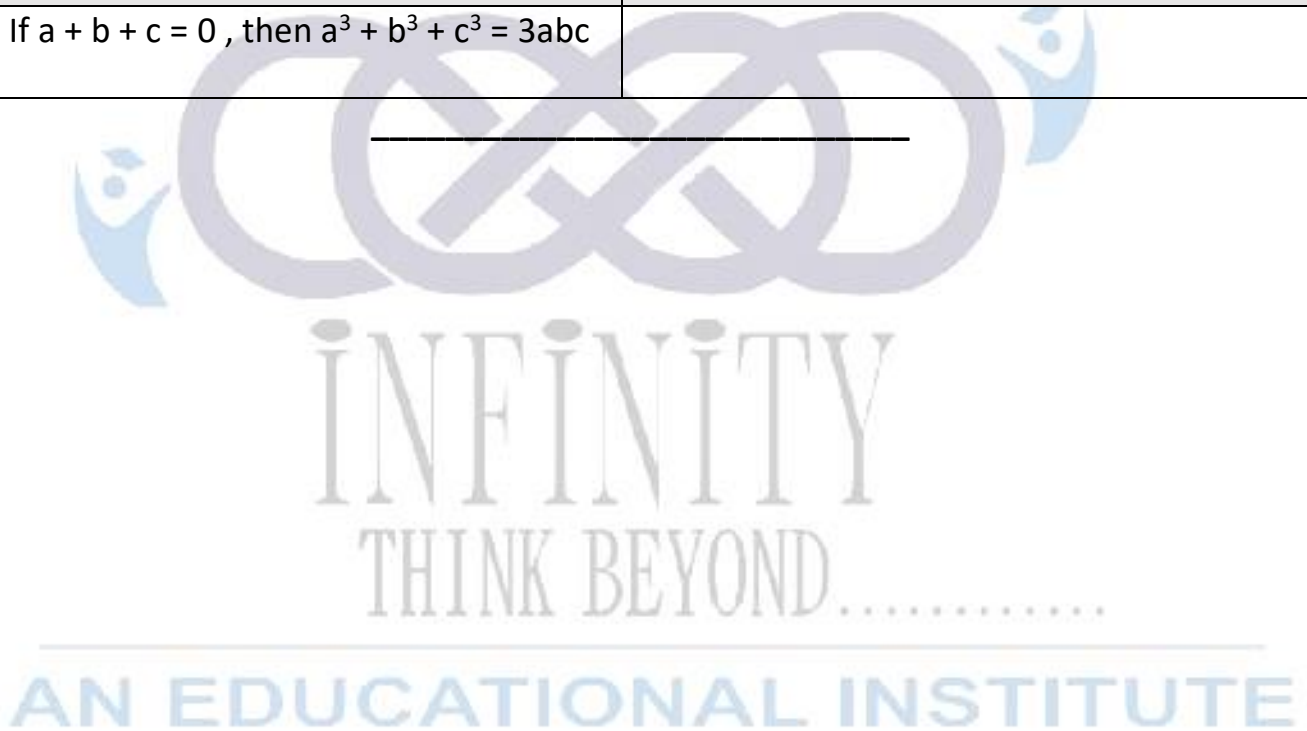
$k[x^3 - (\text{sum of zeroes})x^2 + (\text{sum of product of zeroes two at a time})x - \text{product of zeroes}]$

i.e., $k[x^3 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)x^2 + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)x - \alpha\beta\gamma]$,

where k is a non-zero real number .

10. FORMULA LIST

(i) $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$	(vii) $(a - b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a - b)$ $= a^3 - b^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2$
(ii) $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - b^2 + 2ab$	(viii) $(a^3 + b^3) = (a + b)(a^2 + b^2 - ab)$
(iii) $(a + b)^2 - (a - b)^2 = 4ab$ And $(a + b)^2 + (a - b)^2 = 2(a^2 + b^2)$	(ix) $(a^3 - b^3) = (a - b)(a^2 + b^2 + ab)$
(iv) $(a^2 - b^2) = (a + b)(a - b)$	(x) $(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ac)$
(v) $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a + b)$ $= a^3 + b^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2$	(xi) $[a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc] = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ac)$
(vi) If $a + b + c = 0$, then $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$	

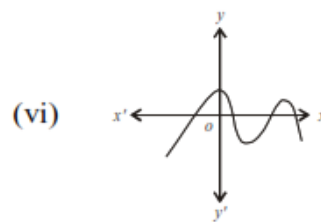
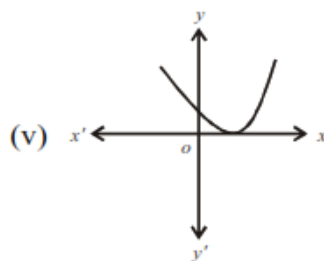
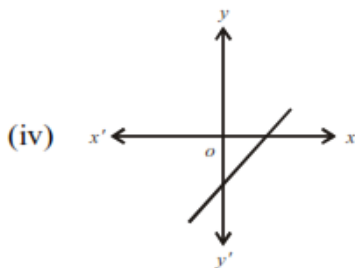
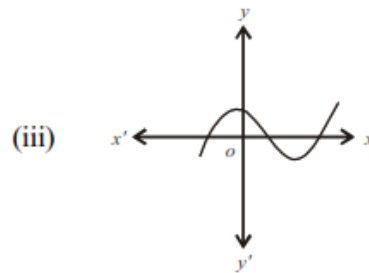
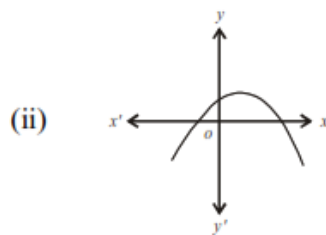
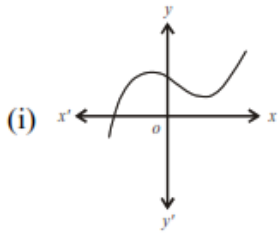


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Practice Sheet 1

Q1. Look at the graphs below for some polynomials for each graph, find number of zeros of $p(x)$.



Q2. Find the zeroes of the polynomial and verify the relationship between the zeroes and their coefficient.

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

(iii) $x^2 - 3x + 2$

(v) $3x^2 - 14x + 8$

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

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

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

Q3. Find the zeros of the following polynomials and verify the relationship between zeros and its coefficient.

(i) $6x^2 - 15$

(iii) $32x^2 - 8$

(v) $49x^2 - 16$

(ii) $3x^2 - 2$

(iv) $36x^2 - 49$

(vi) $8x^2 - 3$

Q4. Find the zeros of the following polynomials and verify the relationship between zeros and its coefficient.

(i) $9b^2x^2 - 16a^2$

(iv) $4a^2x^2 - 9b^2$

(vii) $16p^2q^2x^2 - 121z^2$

(ii) $x^2 - 16a^2$

(v) $0.25x^2 - 0.16b^2$

(viii) $0.01a^2x^2 - 0.25z^2$

(iii) $16a^2x^2 - 25b^2$

(vi) $25a^4b^4x^2 - 16p^2$

(ix) $0.04x^2 - 0.16$

Q5. Find the zeros of the following polynomials and verify the relationship between zeros and its coefficient.

(i) $a^2x^2 + 2abx + b^2$

(iii) $6a^2x^2 + 16ab^2 + ab^2$

(v) $9a^4x^2 + 5a^2x - 4$

(ii) $4x^2 + 4ax + a^2$

(iv) $12a^2b^2x^2 + 10abx - 2$

(vi) $4a^2x^2 - 4a^2b^2x - 8b^4$

Q6. Find the zeros of the following polynomials and verify the relationship between zeros and its coefficient.

(i) $3\sqrt{7}x^2 - 10x + \sqrt{7}$

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

(v) $4x^2 + 4\sqrt{2}x - 6$

(ii) $\sqrt{13}x^2 - 10x - 3\sqrt{13}$

(iv) $5\sqrt{3}x^2 - x - 6\sqrt{3}$

(vi) $9x^2 - 8\sqrt{3}x + 4$

Practice sheet 2

- Q7.** Is 2 is a zero of the polynomial $p(x) = x^2 - 5x + 6$.
- Q8.** For what value of p , (-4) is a zero of the polynomial $p(x) = x^2 - 2x - (7p + 3)$.
- Q9.** If one zero of the quadratic polynomial $2x^2 + px + 4$ is 2, find the other zeros. Also find the value of p .
- Q10.** Find the quadratic polynomial whose zeros are $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{-1}{4}$. Verify the relation between the coefficients and the zeros of the polynomial.
- Q11.** Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeroes are $3 + \sqrt{5}$ and $3 - \sqrt{5}$.
- Q12.** Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeroes are $\frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{5}$ and $\frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{5}$.
- Q13.** Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeroes are $-2\sqrt{3}$ and $-\sqrt{3}$.
- Q14.** Form a quadratic polynomial whose one zeroes is $\sqrt{5}$ and the product of the zeroes is $-2\sqrt{5}$.
- Q15.** Find a quadratic polynomial, the sum of whose zeroes is $\frac{5}{2}$ and their product is 1. Hence find the zeros of the polynomial.
- Q16.** Find a quadratic polynomial. The sum of whose zeros is -1 and their product is -1 .
- Q17.** Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeros are 5 and 6.
- Q18.** If α and β are the zeros of the polynomial $p(x) = 2x^2 + 6x - 8$. Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeros are $-\alpha$ and $-\beta$
- Q19.** If α and β are the zeros of polynomials $p(x) = 6x^2 - 18x + 12$. Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeros are -5α and -5β .
- Q.20.** If α and β are the zeros of the polynomial $P(x) = 6x^2 + 18x - 36$. Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeros are $\frac{\alpha^2}{\beta}$ and $\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}$.
- Q21.** If α and β are the zeros of the polynomial $P(x) = 7x^2 - 5x - 8$. Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeros are $(\alpha + 1)$ and $(\beta + 1)$.
- Q22.** If α and β are the zeros are the polynomial $P(x) = 6x^2 - 7x + 8$. Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeros are $(\alpha + 2)$ and $(\beta + 2)$.
- Q23.** If α & β are the zeros of the polynomial $P(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 5$. Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeros are $(2\alpha + 2\beta)$ and $(\alpha + \beta)$.
- Q24.** If α and β are the zeros of the polynomial $p(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 9$. Form a quadratic polynomial whose zeros are $(\alpha\beta + 1)$ and $(\alpha\beta - 1)$.
- Q25.** Verify that $\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{5}$ are zeros of cubic polynomial $(x) = 30x^3 - 17x^2 - 3x + 2$. Also verify the relationship between the zeros and their coefficient.
- Q26.** Verify that $\sqrt{3}$, $-\sqrt{3}$ and 4 are zeros of cubic polynomial $p(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x + 12$. Also verify the relationship between the zeros and their coefficient.
- Q27.** If α and β are the zeros of the polynomial of $P(x) = 2x^2 - 5x + 7$. Find the value of following expression

(i) $\alpha\beta$

(ii) $\alpha + \beta$

(iii) $\alpha^2\beta^2$

(iv) $\alpha^{-3}\beta^{-3}$

(v) $\alpha - \beta$

(vi) $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$

(vii) $\alpha^3 + \beta^3$

(viii) $\alpha^{-1} + \beta^{-1}$

(ix) $\alpha^{-2}\beta^{-2}$

(x) $\alpha^{-2} + \beta^{-2}$

(xi) $\alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2$

(xii) $\alpha^3\beta + \beta^3\alpha$

(xiii) $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}$

(xiv) $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$

(xv) $\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2}$

(xvi) $\frac{\alpha^{-2}}{\beta^{-1}} + \frac{\beta^{-2}}{\alpha^{-1}}$

(xvii) $\frac{1}{\alpha^{-3}} + \frac{1}{\beta^{-3}}$

(xviii) $\frac{\alpha^3}{\beta} + \frac{\beta^3}{\alpha}$

(xix) $\alpha^{-4} + \beta^{-4}$

(xx) $\frac{\alpha^{-5}}{\beta^{-3}} + \frac{\beta^{-5}}{\alpha^{-3}}$

(xxi) $\frac{\alpha^{-7} \times \beta^{-7}}{\alpha^2 \beta^2}$

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Practice sheet 3(Additional Questions)

- Q.28** Find the value of p , for which one root of the quadratic polynomial $px^2 - 14x + 8 = 0$ is 6 times the other.
- Q29.** If one root of the quadratic equation $3x^2 + px + 4 = 0$ is $\frac{2}{3}$, then value of p and the other root of the equation.
- Q30.** Find the value of k such that the polynomial $x^2 - (k + 6)x + 2(2k - 1)$ has sum of its zeroes equal to half of their product.
- Q31.** The roots α and β of the quadratic equation $x^2 - 5x + 3(k - 1) = 0$ are such that $\alpha - \beta = 1$. Find the value of k .
- Q32.** If the zeroes of the polynomial $x^2 + px + q$ are double in value to the zeroes of the polynomial $2x^2 - 5x - 3$, then find the value of p and q .
- Q33.** Polynomial $x^4 + 7x^3 + 7x^2 + px + q$ is exactly divisible by $x^2 + 7x + 12$, then find the value of p and q .
- Q34.** If α and β are the zeroes of the polynomial $p(x) = 2x^2 + 5x + k$ satisfying the relation $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \alpha\beta = \frac{21}{4}$, then find the value of k .
- Q35.** If $x-1$ is a factor of the polynomial $p(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + 2b$ and $a + b = 4$, then find a and b .
- Q36.** If α, β are the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $p(x) = x^2 - (k + 6)x + 2(2k - 1)$, then find the value of k , if $\alpha + \beta = \frac{1}{2} \alpha\beta$.
- Q37.** p and q are the zeroes of the polynomial $4y^2 - 4y + 1$. What is the value of $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + pq$?
- Q38.** If one zero of the quadratic polynomial $x^2 + 3x + k$ is 2, then find the value of k .
- Q39.** If α and β are the zeroes of the polynomial $f(x) = px^2 - 2x + 3p$ and α and $\beta = \alpha\beta$, then find p .
- Q40.** If α and β are the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $P(x) = Kx^2 + 4x + 4$ such that $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 24$, find the value of K .
- Q41.** If sum of the squares of zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $p(x) = x^2 - 8x + K$ is 40, find the value of K .
- Q42.** If one root of the polynomial $p(x) = 5x^2 + 13x + K$ is reciprocal of the other. Find the value of K .

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