

Mathematics(Polynomials)

Polynomials - An expression of the form $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$, where $a_n \neq 0$ is called a polynomial in x of degree n .

Ex- $2x + 6$ is a polynomial in x of degree 1.

(i) Linear Polynomial - A polynomial of degree 1 is called linear polynomial.

Ex- $p(x) = ax + b$, where $a \neq 0$

(ii) Quadratic Polynomial - A polynomial of degree 2 is called quadratic polynomial.

Ex- $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$

(iii) Cubic Polynomial - A polynomial of degree 3 is called cubic polynomial.

Ex- $p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$, where, $a \neq 0$

(iv) Biquadratic Polynomial - A polynomial of degree 4 is called biquadratic polynomial.

Ex- $p(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$
where, $a \neq 0$.

Value of a polynomial at a given point -

If $p(x)$ is a polynomial in x and if ' α ' is any real number then the value obtained by putting $x = \alpha$, in $p(x)$ is called the value of $p(x)$ at $x = \alpha$.

Ex- Find the value of $p(x)$ at $x = 2$.

$$p(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 1$$

Sol.

$$p(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 1$$

By putting $x = 2$

$$p(2) = 2 \times (2)^2 + 3 \times 2 - 1$$

$$= 2 \times 4 + 6 - 1$$

$$= 8 + 6 - 1$$

$$= 13$$

Ans.

- Zeros of a polynomial - A real number α is called a zero of the polynomial $p(x)$, if $p(\alpha) = 0$.

Ex- $p(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$

at $x = 3$

$$p(3) = 3^2 - 2 \times 3 - 3 = 0$$

So, $x = 3$ is the zero of given polynomial.

Relation between zeros and coefficient of a quadratic polynomial :-

Let $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$

Then and, ' α ' and ' β ' be the zeros of quadratic polynomial.

then, $(x-\alpha)$ and $(x-\beta)$ are the factors of $p(x)$.

$$\text{Sum of zeros} = - \frac{\text{Coefficient of } x}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2} = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\text{Product of zeros} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2} = \frac{c}{a}$$

Ex- Find the zeros of the polynomial $2x^2 + 5x - 12$ and verify the relationship between its zeros and coefficients.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2x^2 + 5x - 12 \\ &= 2x^2 + 8x - 3x - 12 \\ &= 2x(x+4) - 3(x+4) \\ f(x) &= (x+4)(2x-3) \end{aligned}$$

For zeros -

$$f(x) = 0 = (x+4)(2x-3)$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}, -4$$

$$\text{Sum of zeros } (\alpha + \beta) = \frac{-b}{a} = -4 + \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Product of zeros } (\alpha \cdot \beta) = \frac{c}{a} = -4 \times \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{12}{2}$$

Ex- find a quadratic polynomial, the sum and product of whose zeros are -5 and 6 respectively.

Solution - Let α and β be the zeros of the required polynomial $f(x)$.

$$\text{Then, } \alpha + \beta = -5$$

$$\alpha \cdot \beta = 6$$

$$\therefore f(x) = x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha \cdot \beta$$

$$= x^2 - (-5)x + 6$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 5x + 6 \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans.}}}$$

Ex- If the product of zeros of the polynomial $(ax^2 - 6x - 6)$ is 4, find the value of a .

Solution - $\alpha \cdot \beta = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2} = \frac{-6}{a}$

$$\alpha \cdot \beta = 4 \text{ is given -}$$

So, $4 = \frac{-6}{a}$

$$a = \frac{-6}{4} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\boxed{a = -\frac{3}{2}} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans}}}$$

Questions (Level-1)

Que 1. Find the zeros of the following polynomials.

(i) $x^2 + 7x + 12$ (ii) $x^2 - 2x - 8$ (iii) $4x^2 - 4x - 3$

Que 2. Find the quadratic polynomial whose zeros are 2 and -6. Verify the relation between the coefficient and the zeros of the polynomial.

Que 3. Find the quadratic polynomial sum of whose zeros is 8 and their product is 12. Hence find the zeros of the polynomial.

Que 4. If $x = \frac{2}{3}$ and $x = -3$ are the roots of the quadratic equation $ax^2 + 7x + b = 0$ then find the value of a and b .

Que 5. If $(x+a)$ is a factor of the polynomial $2x^2 + 2ax + 5x + 10$, find the value of 'a'.

Que 6. Find the quadratic polynomial the sum of whose roots is $\sqrt{2}$ and their product is $\frac{1}{3}$.

Que 7. If one zero of the polynomial $(a^2+9)x^2 + 13x + 6a$ is reciprocal of the other, find the value of 'a'.