

**Exercise 4D**

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**Question 1:**

Find the nature of the roots of the following quadratic equations:

(i)  $2x^2 - 8x + 5 = 0$

(ii)  $3x^2 - 2\sqrt{6}x + 2 = 0$

(iii)  $5x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

(iv)  $5x(x - 2) + 6 = 0$

(v)  $12x^2 - 4\sqrt{15}x + 5 = 0$

(vi)  $x^2 - x + 2 = 0$

**Solution:**

(i)  $2x^2 - 8x + 5 = 0$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ 

$a = 2, b = -8, c = 5$

Using Discriminant Formula:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-8)^2 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \\ &= 64 - 40 \\ &= 24 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the roots of equation are real and unequal.

(ii)  $3x^2 - 2\sqrt{6}x + 2 = 0$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ 

$a = 3, b = -2\sqrt{6}, c = 2$

Using Discriminant Formula:

$$\begin{aligned}D &= b^2 - 4ac \\&= (-2\sqrt{6})^2 - 4.3.2 \\&= 24 - 24 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

Roots of equation are real and equal.

**(iii)  $5x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$**

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 5, b = -4, c = 1$$

Discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned}D &= b^2 - 4ac \\&= (-4)^2 - 4.5.1 \\&= 16 - 20 \\&= -4 < 0\end{aligned}$$

Equation has no real roots.

**(iv)  $5x(x - 2) + 6 = 0$**

$$5x^2 - 10x + 6 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 5, b = -10, c = 6$$

Discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned}D &= b^2 - 4ac \\&= (-10)^2 - 4.5.6\end{aligned}$$

$$= 100 - 120$$

$$= -20 < 0$$

Equation has no real roots.

$$(v) 12x^2 - 4\sqrt{15}x + 5 = 0$$

$$12x^2 - 4\sqrt{15}x + 5 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 12, b = -4\sqrt{15}, c = 5$$

Discriminant:

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-4\sqrt{15})^2 - 4 \cdot 12 \cdot 5$$

$$= 240 - 240$$

$$= 0$$

Equation has real and equal roots.

$$(vi) x^2 - x + 2 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 1, b = -1, c = 2$$

Discriminant:

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-1)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2$$

$$= 1 - 8$$

$$= -7 < 0$$

Equation has no real roots.

### Question 2:

If  $a$  and  $b$  are distinct real numbers, show that the quadratic equation  $2(a^2 + b^2)x^2 + 2(a + b)x + 1 = 0$  has no real roots:

**Solution:**

$$2(a^2 + b^2)x^2 + 2(a + b)x + 1 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 2(a^2 + b^2), b = 2(a + b), c = 1$$

Discriminant:

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [2(a + b)]^2 - 4 \cdot 2(a^2 + b^2) \cdot 1$$

$$= 4a^2 + 4b^2 + 8ab - 8a^2 - 8b^2$$

$$= -4a^2 - 4b^2 + 8ab$$

$$= -4(a^2 + b^2 - 2ab)$$

$$= -4(a - b)^2$$

$$< 0$$

Hence the equation has no real roots.

### Question 3:

Show that the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px - q^2 = 0$  are real for all real values of  $p$  and  $q$

**Solution:**

$$x^2 + px - q^2 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 1, b = p, c = -q^2$$

Using discriminant formula:

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (p)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-q^2) \\ &= p^2 + 4q^2 \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence roots are real for all real values of p and q.

**Question 4:**

**For what values of k are the roots of the quadratic equation  $3x^2 + 2kx + 27 = 0$  real and equal?**

**Solution:**

$$3x^2 + 2kx + 27 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 3, b = 2k, c = 27$$

Find discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (2k)^2 - 4 \times 3 \times 27 \\ &= (2k)^2 - 324 \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Roots are real and equal

Find the value of k:

$$\begin{aligned} (2k)^2 - 324 &= 0 \\ (2k)^2 - (18)^2 &= 0 \\ (k)^2 - (9)^2 &= 0 \\ (k + 9)(k - 9) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Either  $k + 9 = 0$  or  $k - 9 = 0$

$$k = -9 \text{ or } k = 9$$

Hence, the value of k is  $k = 9$  or  $-9$

### Question 5:

For what values of k are the roots of the quadratic equation  $kx(x - 2\sqrt{5}) + 10 = 0$  real and equal?

**Solution:**

$$kx(x - 2\sqrt{5}) + 10 = 0$$

$$kx^2 - 2\sqrt{5}kx + 10 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = k, b = -2\sqrt{5}k, c = 10$$

Find discriminant:

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-2k)^2 - 4 \times k \times 10 = 20k^2 - 40k$$

Since roots are real and equal (given), put  $D = 0$

$$20k^2 - 40k = 0$$

$$k^2 - 2k = 0$$

$$k(k - 2) = 0$$

Either,  $k = 0$  or  $k - 2 = 0$

Hence  $k = 0$  or  $k = 2$

### Question 6:

For what values of p are the roots of the equation  $4x^2 + px + 3 = 0$  real and equal?

**Solution:**

$$4x^2 + px + 3 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 4, b = p, c = 3$$

Find discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= p^2 - 4 \times 4 \times 3 \\ &= p^2 - 48 \end{aligned}$$

Since roots are real and equal (given)

$$\text{Put } D = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 - 48 &= 0 \\ p^2 &= 48 = (\pm 4\sqrt{3})^2 \\ p &= \pm 4\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } p = 4\sqrt{3} \text{ or } p = -4\sqrt{3}$$

### Question 7:

Find the nonzero value of  $k$  for which the roots of the quadratic equation  $9x^2 - 3kx + k - 0$  are real and equal.

**Solution:**

$$9x^2 - 3kx + k = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\text{Here } a = 9, b = -3k, c = k$$

Find discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-3k)^2 - 4 \times 9 \times k \\ &= 9k^2 - 36k \end{aligned}$$

Since roots are real and equal (given)

$$\text{Put } D = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9k^2 - 36k &= 0 \\ 9k(k - 4) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Either,  $k = 0$  or  $k - 4 = 0$

As, value of  $k$  is non-zero:

So,  $k = 4$

### Question 8:

(i) Find the values of  $k$  for which the quadratic equation  $(3k + 1)x^2 + 2(k + 1)x + 1 = 0$  has real and equal roots

(ii) Find the value of  $k$  for which the equation  $x^2 + k(2x + k - 1) + 2 = 0$  has real and equal roots

### Solution:

(i)  $(3k + 1)x^2 + 2(k + 1)x + 1 = 0$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$a = (3k + 1)$ ,  $b = 2(k + 1)$ ,  $c = 1$

Find discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (2(k + 1))^2 - 4(3k + 1) \times 1 \\ &= 4k^2 + 4 + 8k - 12k - 4 \\ &= 4k(k - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since roots are real and equal (given)

Put  $D = 0$

$4k(k - 1) = 0$

Either,  $k = 0$  or  $k - 1 = 0$

$k = 0$ ,  $k = 1$



$$(ii) x^2 + k(2x + k - 1) + 2 = 0$$

Simplify above equation:

$$x^2 + 2kx + (k^2 - k + 2) = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\text{Here, } a = 1, b = 2k, c = (k^2 - k + 2)$$

Find Discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (2k)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (k^2 - k + 2) \\ &= 4k^2 - 4k^2 + 4k - 8 \\ &= 4k - 8 \end{aligned}$$

Since roots are real and equal (given)

$$\text{Put } D = 0$$

$$4k - 8 = 0$$

$$k = 2$$

Hence, the value of  $k$  is 2.

### Question 9:

Find the values of  $p$  for which the quadratic equation  $(2p + 1)x^2 - (7p + 2)x + (7p - 3) = 0$  has real and equal roots.

**Solution:**

$$(2p + 1)x^2 - (7p + 2)x + (7p - 3) = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = (2p + 1), b = -(7p + 2) \text{ and } c = (7p - 3)$$

Discriminant:

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -(7p + 2)^2 - 4(2p + 1)(7p - 3) \\ &= (49p^2 + 28p + 4) - 4(14p^2 + p - 3) \\ &= 49p^2 + 28p + 4 - 56p^2 - 4p + 12 \\ &= -7p^2 + 24p + 16 \end{aligned}$$

Since roots are real and equal (given)  
Put  $D = 0$

$$7p^2 - 24p - 16 = 0$$

$$7p^2 - 28p + 4p - 16 = 0$$

$$7p(p - 4) + 4(p - 4) = 0$$

$$(7p + 4)(p - 4) = 0$$

Either  $(7p + 4) = 0$  or  $(p - 4) = 0$

$$p = -4/7 \text{ or } p = 4$$

**Question 10:**

Find the values of  $p$  for which the quadratic equation  $(p + 1)x^2 - 6(p + 1)x + 3(p + 9) = 0$ ,  $p \neq -1$  has equal roots: Hence, find the roots of the equation.

**Solution:**

The given quadratic equation is

$$(p + 1)x^2 - 6(p + 1)x + 3(p + 9) = 0, p \neq -1$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = (p + 1), b = -6(p + 1) \text{ and } c = 3(p + 9)$$

Discriminant:

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-6(p + 1))^2 - 4.(p + 1).3(p + 9)$$

$$= 36(p + 1)(p + 1) - 12(p + 1)(p + 9)$$

$$= 12(p + 1)(3p + 3 - p - 9)$$

$$= 12(p + 1)(2p - 6)$$

Since roots are real and equal (given)

Put  $D = 0$

$$12(p + 1)(2p - 6) = 0$$

either  $(p + 1) = 0$  or  $(2p - 6) = 0$

$$p = -1 \text{ or } p = 3$$

**Question 11:**

If  $-5$  is a root of the quadratic equation  $2x^2 + px - 15 = 0$  and the quadratic equation  $p(x^2 + x) + k = 0$  has equal roots, find the value of  $k$ .

**Solution:**

Given:  $-5$  is a root of the quadratic equation  $2x^2 + px - 15 = 0$

Substitute the value of  $x = -5$

$$2(-5)^2 + p(-5) - 15 = 0$$

$$50 - 5p - 15 = 0$$

$$35 - 5p = 0$$

$$p = 7$$

Again,

In quadratic equation  $p(x^2 + x) + k = 0$

$$7(x^2 + x) + k = 0 \text{ (put value of } p = 7)$$

$$7x^2 + 7x + k = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 7, b = 7, c = k$$

Find Discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (7)^2 - 4 \times 7 \times k \\ &= 49 - 28k \end{aligned}$$

Since roots are real and equal, put  $D = 0$

$$49 - 28k = 0$$

$$28k = 49$$

$$k = 7/4$$

The value of  $k$  is  $7/4$

### Question 12:

If 3 is a root of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - x + k - 0$ , find the value of  $p$  so that the roots of the equation  $x^2 + k(2x + k + 2) + p = 0$  are equal.

**Solution:**

Given: 3 is a root of equation  $x^2 - x + k = 0$

Substitute the value of  $x = 3$

$$(3)^2 - (3) + k = 0$$

$$9 - 3 + k = 0$$

$$k = -6$$

Now,  $x^2 + k(2x + k + 2) + p = 0$

$$x^2 + (-6)(2x - 6 + 2) + p = 0$$

$$x^2 - 12x + 36 - 12 + p = 0$$

$$x^2 - 12x + (24 + p) = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 1, b = -12, c = 24 + p$$

Find Discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-12)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (24 + p) \\ &= 144 - 96 - 4p = 48 - 4p \end{aligned}$$

Since roots are real and equal, put  $D = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 48 - 4p &= 0 \\ 4p &= 48 \\ p &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

The value of  $p$  is 12.

### Question 13:

If -4 is a root of the equation  $x^2 + 2x + 4p = 0$ , find the value of  $k$  for which the quadratic equation  $x^2 + px(1 + 3k) + 7(3 + 2k) = 0$  has equal roots.

**Solution:**

Given: -4 is a root of the equation  $x^2 + 2x + 4p = 0$

Substitute the value of  $x = -4$

$$(-4)^2 + 2(-4) + 4p = 0$$

$$16 - 8 + 4p = 0$$

$$8 + 4p = 0$$

$$4p = -8$$

$$\text{or } p = -2$$

In the quadratic equation  $x^2 + px(1 + 3k) + 7(3 + 2k) = 0$

$$x^2 - 2x(1 + 3k) + 7(3 + 2k) = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 1, b = -2(1 + 3k), c = 7(3 + 2k)$$

Find Discriminant:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-2(1 + 3k))^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 7(3 + 2k) \\ &= 4(1 + 9k^2 + 6k) - 28(3 + 2k) \\ &= 36k^2 - 32k - 80 \end{aligned}$$

Since roots are real and equal, put  $D = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 36k^2 - 32k - 80 &= 0 \\ 9k^2 - 8k - 20 &= 0 \\ 9k^2 - 18k + 10k - 20 &= 0 \\ 9k(k - 2) + 10(k - 2) &= 0 \\ (k - 2)(9k + 10) &= 0 \\ \text{Either, } k - 2 = 0 \text{ or } 9k + 10 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$k = 2 \text{ or } k = -10/9$$

**Question 14:**

If the quadratic equation  $(1 + m^2)x^2 + 2mcx + c^2 - a^2 = 0$  has equal roots, prove that  $c^2 = a^2(1 + m^2)$ .

**Solution:**

$$(1 + m^2)x^2 + 2mcx + c^2 - a^2 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = (1 + m^2), b = 2mc \text{ and } c = c^2 - a^2$$

Since roots are equal, so  $D = 0$

$$(2mc)^2 - 4(1 + m^2)(c^2 - a^2) = 0$$

$$4m^2c^2 - 4c^2 + 4a^2 - 4m^2c^2 + 4m^2a^2 = 0$$

$$a^2 + m^2a^2 = c^2$$

$$\text{or } c^2 = a^2 (1 + m^2)$$

Hence Proved

### Question 15:

If the roots of the equation  $(c^2 - ab)x^2 - 2(a^2 - bc)x + (b^2 - ac) = 0$  are real and equal, show that either  $a = 0$  or  $(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) = 3abc$

**Solution:**

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = (c^2 - ab) \quad b = -2(a^2 - bc) \quad c = (b^2 - ac)$$

Since roots are equal, so  $D = 0$

$$(-2(a^2 - bc))^2 - 4(c^2 - ab)(b^2 - ac) = 0$$

$$4(a^4 - 2a^2bc + b^2c^2) - 4(b^2c^2 - ac^3 - ab^3 + a^2bc) = 0$$

$$a^4 - 3a^2bc + ac^3 + ab^3 = 0$$

$$a(a^3 - 3abc + c^3 + b^3) = 0$$

either  $a = 0$  or  $(a^3 - 3abc + c^3 + b^3) = 0$

$$a = 0 \text{ or } a^3 + c^3 + b^3 = 3abc$$

Hence Proved.

### Question 16:

Find the values of  $p$  for which the quadratic equation  $2x^2 + px + 8 = 0$  has real roots.

**Solution:**

$$2x^2 + px + 8 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 2, b = p, c = 8$$

Find D:

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= p^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 8$$

$$= p^2 - 64$$

Since roots are real, so  $D \geq 0$

$$p^2 - 64 \geq 0$$

$$p^2 \geq 64$$

$$\geq (\pm 8)^2$$

Either  $p \geq 8$  or  $p \leq -8$

### Question 17:

Find the value of  $a$  for which the equation  $(\alpha - 12)x^2 + 2(\alpha - 12)x + 2 = 0$  has equal roots.

**Solution:**

$$(\alpha - 12)x^2 + 2(\alpha - 12)x + 2 = 0$$

Roots of given equation are equal ( given)

So,  $D = 0$

$$4(\alpha - 12)(\alpha - 14) = 0$$

$$\alpha - 14 = 0 \{(\alpha - 12) \neq 0\}$$

$$\alpha = 14$$

Hence the value of  $\alpha$  is 14



**Question 18:**

Find the value of  $k$  for which the roots of  $9x^2 + 8kx + 16 = 0$  are real and equal.

**Solution:**

$$9x^2 + 8kx + 16 = 0$$

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 9, b = 8k, c = 16$$

Find  $D$ :

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (8k)^2 - 4 \times 9 \times 16$$

$$= 64k^2 - 576$$

Roots of given equation are equal ( given)

So,  $D = 0$

$$64k^2 - 576 = 0$$

$$64k^2 = 576$$

$$k^2 = 9$$

$$k = \pm 3$$

Answer:  $k = 3, k = -3$

**Question 19:**

Find the values of  $k$  for which the given quadratic equation has real and distinct roots.

(i)  $kx^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$

(ii)  $x^2 - kx + 9 = 0$

(iii)  $9x^2 + 3kx + 4 = 0$

(iv)  $5x^2 - kx + 1 = 0$

**Solution:**

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

(i)  $a = k, b = 6, c = 1$

For real and distinct roots, then  $D > 0$

$$6^2 - 4k > 0$$

$$36 - 4k > 0$$

$$k < 9$$

(ii)

$$a = 1, b = -k, c = 9$$

For real and distinct roots, then  $D > 0$

$$(-k)^2 - 36 > 0$$

$$k > 6 \text{ or } k < -6$$

(iii)

$$a = 9, b = 3k, c = 4$$

For real and distinct roots, then  $D > 0$

$$(3k)^2 - 144 > 0$$

$$9k^2 > 144$$

$$k^2 > 16$$

$$k > 4 \text{ or } k < -4$$

(iv)

$$a = 5, b = -k, c = 1$$

For real and distinct roots, then  $D > 0$

$$k^2 - 20 > 0$$

$$k^2 > 20$$

$$k > 2\sqrt{5} \text{ or } k < -2\sqrt{5}$$

### Question 20:

If  $a$  and  $b$  are real and  $a \neq b$  then show that the roots of the equation  $(a - b)x^2 + 5(a + b)x - 2(a - b) = 0$  are real and unequal.

### Solution:

Compare given equation with the general form of quadratic equation, which is  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = (a - b), b = 5(a + b), c = -2(a - b)$$

Find Discriminant:

$$D = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (5(a + b))^2 - 4(a - b)(-2(a - b))$$

$$= 25(a + b)^2 + 8(a - b)^2$$

$$= 17(a + b)^2 + \{8(a + b)^2 + 8(a - b)^2\}$$

$$= 17(a + b)^2 + 16(a^2 + b^2)$$

Which is always greater than zero.

Equation has real and unequal roots.