

Chapter 02: in  
Theory of Quadratic  
Equation

Exercise 2.1: in

Q1: Find the discriminant of following quadratic equation:

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

Sol:  $2x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$a = 2, b = 3, c = -1$

\*  $Disc = b^2 - 4ac$

$= (3)^2 - 4(2)(-1)$

$= 9 + 8$

$= 17$

Discriminant are unequal, irrational & real.

(ii)  $6x^2 - 8x + 3 = 0$

Sol:  $6x^2 - 8x + 3 = 0$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$a = 6, b = -8, c = 3$

\*  $Disc = b^2 - 4ac$

$= (-8)^2 - 4(6)(3)$

$$= 64 - 72$$

$$= -8$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad 9x^2 - 30x + 25 = 0$$

Sol:  $9x^2 - 30x + 25 = 0$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 9, \quad b = -30, \quad c = 25$$

$$* \text{ Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-30)^2 - 4(9)(25)$$

$$= 900 - 900$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{(iv)} \quad 4x^2 - 7x - 2 = 0$$

Sol:  $4x^2 - 7x - 2 = 0$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$a = 4, \quad b = -7, \quad c = -2$$

$$* \text{ Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-7)^2 - 4(4)(-2)$$

$$= 49 + 32$$

$$= 81$$

Q. 2. Find the nature of roots and verify...

$$(i) x^2 - 23x + 120 = 0$$

$$\text{Sol: } a=1, b=-23, c=120$$

$$* \text{Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-23)^2 - 4(1)(120)$$

$$= 529 - 480$$

$$= 49$$

\* As the disc is positive & perfect square, therefore the roots are real, rational & unequal.

Verification:

• By Quadratic Formula:

$$= \frac{-(-23) \pm \sqrt{(-23)^2 - 4(1)(120)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{23 \pm \sqrt{529 - 480}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{23 \pm 7}{2}$$

$$= \frac{23+7}{2}, \frac{23-7}{2}$$

$$= 15, 8 \quad \left\{ \text{So roots are real, rational & unequal} \right\}$$

$$(ii) 2x^2 + 3x + 7 = 0$$

Sol:  $a=2, b=3, c=7$

\*  $Disc = b^2 - 4ac$

$$= (3)^2 - 4(2)(7)$$

$$= 9 - 56$$

$$= -47$$

\* The roots are imaginary and unequal  
as  $-47 < 0$ .

\* Verification:  $\therefore$

\* By Q.F. is

$$= \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{(3)^2 - 4(2)(7)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 56}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-3 \pm 47}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-3 + 47}{4}, \frac{-3 - 47}{4}$$

$$= \frac{44}{4}, \frac{-50}{4}$$

$$= 11, \frac{-25}{2}$$

So the roots are imaginary and unequal.

$$(ii) 16x^2 - 24x + 9 = 0$$

$$\text{Sol: } a=16, b=-24, c=9$$

$$\star \text{Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-24)^2 - 4(16)(9)$$

$$= 576 - 576$$

$$= 0$$

$\star$  The roots are rational and equal.

$\star$  Verification:

$\star$  By Q.F.,

$$= \frac{-(-24) \pm \sqrt{(-24)^2 - 4(16)(9)}}{2(16)}$$

$$= \frac{24 \pm \sqrt{576 - 576}}{32}$$

$$= \frac{24 \pm 0}{32}$$

$$= \frac{24}{32}, \frac{24}{32}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$$

Hence the roots are rational & equal.

$$(iv) 3x^2 + 7x - 13 = 0$$

Soln  $a=3, b=7, c=-13$

$$* \text{Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (7)^2 - 4(3)(-13)$$

$$= 49 + 156$$

$$= 205$$

\* Roots are irrational and unequal.

\* Verification:

\* by Q.F.,

$$= \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{(7)^2 - 4(3)(-13)}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{205}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{-7 + \sqrt{205}}{6}, \frac{-7 - \sqrt{205}}{6}$$

Hence the roots are irrational and unequal.

Q3. For what value of  $k$ , the expression  
 $k^2x^2 + 2(k+1)x + 4$  is a perfect square.

Sol:  $a = k^2$ ,  $b = 2(k+1)$ ,  $c = 4$

\*  $Disc = b^2 - 4ac$

$$= [2(k+1)]^2 - 4(k^2)(4)$$

$$= (2k+2)^2 - 16k^2$$

$$= [(2k)^2 + 2(2k)(2) + (2)^2] - 16k^2$$

$$= 4k^2 + 8k + 4 - 16k^2$$

$$= -12k^2 + 8k + 4 = 0$$

\* Making "-4" common;

$$= -4(3k^2 + 2k + 1) = 0$$

$$3k^2 + 2k + 1 = 0$$

$$3k^2 + 3k - 1^k + 1 = 0$$

$$3k(k+1) - 1(k+1) = 0$$

$$(k+1)(3k-1) = 0$$

$$k+1=0, \quad 3k-1=0$$

$$\boxed{k=-1}, \quad 3k=1$$

$$, \quad \boxed{k=1/3}$$

So the values of  $k$  are  $-1$  &  $1/3$ .

Q4. Find value of  $k$ , if roots of following equations are equal.

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

Sol:→

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

$$\star \text{Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (3k)^2 - 4(2k-1)(3)$$

$$= 9k^2 - 12(2k-1)$$

$$= 9k^2 - 24k + 12$$

→ As the roots are equal, therefore disc will be equal to zero.

$$\star \text{Disc} = 0$$

$$9k^2 - 24k + 12 = 0$$

$$3(3k^2 - 8k + 4) = 0$$

$$3k^2 - 8k + 4 = 0$$

$$3k^2 - 6k - 2k + 4 = 0$$

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

$$3k - 2 = 0, k - 2 = 0$$

$$3k = 2$$

$$k = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$k = 2$$

Thus, the values of  $k$  are  $\frac{2}{3}$  &  $2$ .



$$(ii) x^2 + R(k+R)x + (3k+4) = 0$$

Sol:in

$$a=1, b=R(k+R), c=3k+4$$

$$\star \text{Disc} : b^2 - 4ac$$

$$[R(k+R)]^2 - 4(1)(3k+4)$$

$$4(k+R)^2 - 4(3k+4)$$

$$4[(k)^2 + R(k)(R) + (R)^2] - 12k - 16$$

$$4(k^2 + 4k + 4) - 12k - 16$$

$$4k^2 + 16k + 16 - 12k - 16$$

$$4k^2 + 4k$$

$\star$  As the roots are equal, therefore disc will be equal to zero.

$$\star \text{Disc} = 0$$

$$4k^2 + 4k = 0$$

$\star$  Making " $4k$ " common:in

$$4k(k+1) = 0$$

$$4k = 0, k+1 = 0$$

$$k = 0/4,$$

$$k = 0, k = -1$$

So the values of  $k$  are 0 & -1.

$$(iii) \quad (3k+2)x^2 - 5(k+1)x + (2k+3) = 0$$

Sol:  $\Rightarrow$

$$a = 3k+2, \quad b = -5(k+1), \quad c = 2k+3$$

$$\star \text{ Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [-5(k+1)]^2 - 4(3k+2)(2k+3)$$

$$= 25(k+1)^2 - 4[3k(2k+3) + 2(2k+3)]$$

$$= 25[(k)^2 + 2(k)(1) + (1)^2] - 4[6k^2 + 9k + 4k + 6]$$

$$= 25(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 4(6k^2 + 13k + 6)$$

$$= 25k^2 + 50k + 25 - 24k^2 - 52k - 24$$

$$= k^2 - 2k + 1$$

$\star$  As roots are equal so disc is equal to zero.

$$\bullet \text{ Disc} = 0$$

$$k^2 - 2k + 1 = 0$$

$$k^2 - k - k + 1 = 0$$

$$k(k-1) - 1(k-1) = 0$$

$$(k-1)(k-1) = 0$$

$$k-1=0, \quad k-1=0$$

$$\boxed{k=1}, \quad \boxed{k=1}$$

So the values of  $k$  are 1 & 1.

Q.10 Show that the equation  $x^2 + (mx+c)^2 = a^2$  has equal roots if  $c^2 = a^2(1+m^2)$ .

Sol:  $x^2 + (mx+c)^2 = a^2$

$$x^2 + [(mx)^2 + 2(mx)(c) + (c)^2] = a^2$$

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

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

$$a = 1+m^2, \quad b = 2mc, \quad c = c^2 - a^2$$

\*  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$

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

$$= 4m^2c^2 - 4[(c^2 - a^2) + m^2(c^2 - a^2)]$$

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

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

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

\* Making "-4" common:  $= -4(c^2 + a^2 - m^2a^2)$

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

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

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

\* According to given condition:  $c^2 = a^2(1+m^2)$

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Hence proved that

$$L.H.S = R.H.S$$

Q.6: Find the condition that the roots of equation  $(mx+c)^2 - 4ax = 0$  are equal.

Sol:  $(mx+c)^2 - 4ax = 0$   
 $[(mx)^2 + 2(mx)(c) + (c)^2] - 4ax = 0$   
 $m^2x^2 + 2mxc + c^2 - 4ax = 0$

\* Re-arrange:

$$m^2x^2 + 2mxc - 4ax + c^2 = 0$$
$$m^2x^2 + (2mc - 4a)x + c^2 = 0$$
$$a = m^2, b = 2mc - 4a, c = c^2$$

\*  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$

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

$$= [(2mc)^2 - 2(2mc)(4a) + (4a)^2] - 4m^2c^2$$

$$= 4m^2c^2 - 16mca + 16a^2 - 4m^2c^2$$

$$= -16mca + 16a^2 = 0$$

$$-16a(mc - a) = 0$$

$$-16a = 0, mc - a = 0$$

$$a = 0, mc = 0$$

$a = mc$  is the only condition for equal roots.

Q7. If the roots of equation  $(c^2 - ab)x^2 - r(a^2 - bc)x + (b^2 - ac) = 0$  are equal then  $a=0$  or  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$ .

Soln  $a = c^2 - ab$ ,  $b = -r(a^2 - bc)$ ,  $c = b^2 - ac$

\* Disc:  $b^2 - 4ac$

$$= [-r(a^2 - bc)]^2 - 4(c^2 - ab)(b^2 - ac)$$

$$= 4r^2(a^2 - bc)^2 - 4[c^2(b^2 - ac) - ab(b^2 - ac)]$$

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

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

$$= 4r^2a^4 - 8a^2bc + 4b^2c^2 - 4c^2b^2 + 4ac^3 + 4ab^3 - 4a^2bc$$

$$= 4r^2a^4 - 12a^2bc + 4ac^3 + 4ab^3$$

\* Making "4a" common in

$$= 4a(a^3 - 3abc + c^3 + b^3)$$

If roots are equal then

$$\text{Disc} = 0$$

$$= (4a)(a^3 - 3abc + c^3 + b^3) = 0$$

$$4a = 0, \quad a^3 - 3abc + c^3 + b^3 = 0$$

$$\boxed{a=0}, \quad a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$$

Proved that  $a=0$  or  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$ .

Q.8: Show that roots of following equations are rational.

$$(ii) \quad a(b-c)x^2 + b(c-a)x + c(a-b) = 0$$

Sol:  $a = a(b-c)$  ,  $b = b(c-a)$  ,  $c = c(a-b)$

$$* \text{ Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [b(c-a)]^2 - 4[a(b-c)][c(a-b)]$$

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

$$= b^2[(c)^2 - 2c(a) + (a)^2] - 4[ab(ac-bc) - ac(ac-bc)]$$

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

$$= b^2c^2 - 2ab^2c + a^2b^2 - 4a^2bc + 4ab^2c + 4a^2c^2 + 4abc^2$$

$$= b^2c^2 + 2ab^2c + a^2b^2 - 4a^2bc + 4a^2c^2 - 4abc^2$$

$$= (bc)^2 + (ab)^2 + (2ac)^2 + 2(bc)(ab) + 2(ab)(2ac) + 2(2ac)(bc)$$

$$= [bc + ab + (-2ac)]^2$$

$$(bc + ab - 2ac)^2 = 0$$

The roots are rational.

$$(ii) (a+2b)x^2 + 2(a+b+c)x + (a+2c) = 0$$

$$\text{Sol: } a = a+2b, \quad b = 2(a+b+c), \quad c = a+2c$$

$$\star \text{Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [2(a+b+c)]^2 - 4(a+2b)(a+2c)$$

$$= (a+b+c)^2 - 4[a(a+2c) + 2b(a+2c)]$$

$$= 4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca) - 4(a^2 + 2ac + 2ba + 4bc)$$

$$= 4a^2 + 4b^2 + 4c^2 + 8ab + 8bc + 8ca - 4a^2 - 8ac - 8ba - 16bc$$

$$= 4b^2 + 4c^2 - 8bc$$

$$= 4(b^2 + c^2 - 2bc)$$

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

$$= [2(b-c)]^2$$

Hence, the roots are rational.

Q.10 For all values of  $k$ , prove that the roots of equation  $x^2 - 2\left(k + \frac{1}{k}\right)x + 4 = 0$ , are real.

$$\text{Sol: } a = 1, \quad b = -2\left(k + \frac{1}{k}\right), \quad c = 4$$

$$\star \text{Disc} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= \left[-2\left(k + \frac{1}{k}\right)\right]^2 - 4(1)(4)$$

$$= 4\left(k + \frac{1}{k}\right)^2 - 16$$

$$= 4 \left[ k^2 + k \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{k} \right)^2 \right] - 16$$

$$= 4 \left( k^2 + k + \frac{1}{k^2} \right) - 16$$

$$= 4k^2 + 8 + \frac{4}{k^2} - 16$$

$$= 4k^2 - 8 + \frac{4}{k^2}$$

$$= 4 \left( k^2 - 2 + \frac{1}{k^2} \right)$$

$$= 4 \left( k - \frac{1}{k} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ 2 \left( k - \frac{1}{k} \right) \right]^2 > 0$$

which is positive for all values of  $k$   
and it shows roots are real.

Q10: Show that roots of equation  $(b-c)x^2 + (c-a)x + (a-b) = 0$  are real.

Sol:  $a = b - c$ ,  $b = c - a$ ,  $c = a - b$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

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

$$= [(c)^2 - 2c(a) + (a)^2] - 4[b(a-b) - c(a-b)]$$

$$= c^2 - 2ac + a^2 - 4(ba - b^2 - ca + bc)$$

$$= c^2 - 2ac + a^2 - 4ab + 4b^2 + 4ac - 4bc$$

$$= c^2 + 2ac + a^2 - 4ab + 4b^2 - 4bc$$



$$(c)^2 + (a)^2 + (2b)^2 + 2(c)(a) + 2(a)(2b) + 2(2b)(c)$$

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

$$(c+a-2b)^2$$

So, the roots of given equation are real.

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