

IB Pre HL Sum and Product of Quadratic Roots

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No Calculators!

1. Without finding the roots, determine the sum and product of the roots of $2x^2 + 5x = 20$.

Sum $\rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{-5}{2}$

product $\rightarrow \alpha\beta = \frac{-20}{2} = -10$

2. The given equation $mx^2 + (m-3)x + 1-m = 0$ is such that the sum of its roots is twice their product. Find the value of m and the two roots.

Sum $\rightarrow \frac{-(m-3)}{m}$
 product $\rightarrow \frac{1-m}{m}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{-(m-3)}{m} = \frac{2(1-m)}{m}$ (Assume $m \neq 0$)

$-m + 3 = 2 - 2m$

$m = -1$

$X = -2 \pm \sqrt{6}$

$\Rightarrow -x^2 - 4x + 20 \Rightarrow x^2 + 4x - 20 = 0$

3. The given equation, $3x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$ has solutions a and b .

$a + b = \frac{5}{3}$

a) Find the simplest quadratic equation with roots $\frac{1}{a}$ and $\frac{1}{b}$.

$a \cdot b = \frac{2}{3}$

New Roots: $\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}$

Sum: $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{a+b}{ab} = \frac{\frac{5}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{5}{2}$

product: $\frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{ab} = \frac{3}{2}$

$2x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$

b) Find the simplest quadratic equation with roots $a + \frac{1}{b}$ and $b + \frac{1}{a}$.

New Roots: $a + \frac{1}{b}, b + \frac{1}{a}$

Sum: $a + \frac{1}{b} + b + \frac{1}{a} = a + b + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{5}{3} = \frac{10}{3} + \frac{15}{6} = \frac{25}{6}$

$6x^2 - 25x + 25 = 0$

Product: $(a + \frac{1}{b})(b + \frac{1}{a}) = ab + 2 + \frac{1}{ab} = \frac{2}{3} + 2 + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{4}{6} + \frac{12}{6} + \frac{9}{6} = \frac{25}{6}$

b) Find the simplest quadratic equation with roots a^2 and b^2 .

New Roots: a^2, b^2

Sum: $a^2 + b^2 : [a+b]^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab = [\frac{5}{3}]^2$

$a^2 + b^2 = \frac{25}{9} - 2(\frac{2}{3}) = \frac{25}{9} - \frac{12}{9} = \frac{13}{9}$

product: $a^2 \cdot b^2 = \frac{4}{9}$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{13}{9}x + \frac{4}{9} = 0$

$9x^2 - 13x + 4 = 0$

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4. Write the quadratic equation, in standard form, with roots: $\frac{1}{3}$ and $-\frac{2}{5}$ and passing through the point (0,3).

$$a [x^2 - (\text{sum})x + (\text{product})] = 0$$

$$\text{Sum: } \frac{1}{3} + (-\frac{2}{5}) = -\frac{1}{15}, \text{ product: } (\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{5}) = -\frac{2}{15}$$

$$a [x^2 - (-\frac{1}{15})x - \frac{2}{15}] = 0 \leftarrow (0,3)$$

$$3 = a [-\frac{2}{15}] \Rightarrow a = -\frac{45}{2}$$

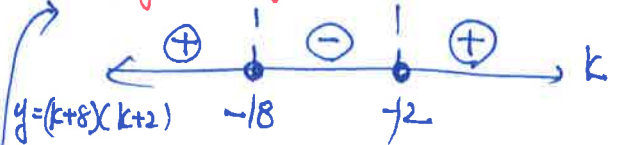
$$\Rightarrow -\frac{45}{2} (x^2 - (-\frac{1}{15})x + (-\frac{2}{15})) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{-\frac{45}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x + 3 = 0} \Rightarrow \boxed{-45x^2 + 3x + 6 = 0}$$

6. The equation $2kx^2 + 2(k+4)x - 1 = 0$ has roots which are real. Find the possible values of k.

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 2k \\ b &= 2(k+4) \\ c &= -1 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow [2(k+4)]^2 - (4)(2k)(-1) \geq 0$$
$$= 4(k^2 + 8k + 16) + 8k \geq 0$$
$$4(k^2 + 8k + 16 + 2k) \geq 0$$
$$4(k^2 + 10k + 16) \geq 0$$
$$4(k+8)(k+2) \geq 0$$

Sign diagram



$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k: (-\infty, -8] \cup [-2, \infty)}$$

7. Given $y = -2x^2 + 5x - 2$;

a) Write the quadratic function in factored form and state the x-intercepts.

$$y = -(x-2)(2x-1)$$

$$x\text{-int: } (2, 0) \text{ and } (\frac{1}{2}, 0)$$

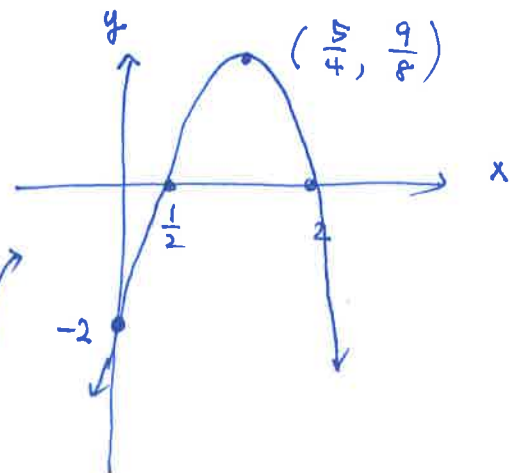
b) Write the quadratic function in vertex form and state the coordinates of the vertex and its axis of symmetry.

$$y = -2 [x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{25}{16}] - 2 + \frac{25}{8}$$

$$y = -2 [x - \frac{5}{4}]^2 + \frac{9}{8}$$

$$\text{Vertex: } (\frac{5}{4}, \frac{9}{8})$$

$$\text{Axis of sym: } x = \frac{5}{4}$$



c) Graph the function showing x-intercepts, y-intercept, and vertex.