

## (1) Simultaneous, Quadrilaterals and Inequalities

1 Find the value(s) of  $k$  for the following simultaneous equations, given that the equations have no solution.

$$(k + 1)y = (2k - 1)x + 5 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$4y = (k + 2)x + 10 \quad \text{---(2)}$$

If both equations have no solution, the 2 lines are parallel and their  $y$ -intercepts are different. Therefore,  $m_1 = m_2$  and  $c_1 \neq c_2$

$$\text{From (1)} \quad y = \frac{2k-1}{k+1}x + \frac{5}{k+1}$$

$$\text{From (2)} \quad y = \frac{k+2}{4}x + \frac{10}{4}$$

$$\frac{2k-1}{k+1} = \frac{k+2}{4}$$

$$8k - 4 = (k + 2)(k + 1)$$

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

$$k^2 - 5k + 6 = 0$$

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

$$k = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad k = 3$$

When  $k = 2$ :

$$\text{Eqn (1):} \quad 3y = 3x + 5$$

$$y = x + \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{Eqn(2):} \quad 4y = 4x + 10$$

$$y = x + \frac{10}{4}$$

Since  $c_1 \neq c_2$ ,  $k = 2$  is a valid solution.

When  $k = 3$ :

$$\text{Eqn (1):} \quad 4y = 5x + 5$$

$$y = \frac{5}{4}x + \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\text{Eqn(2):} \quad 4y = 5x + 10$$

$$y = \frac{5}{4}x + \frac{10}{4}$$

Since  $c_1 \neq c_2$ ,  $k = 3$  is a valid solution.

Therefore the values of  $k$  are 2 and 3.

2 The equation  $2x^2 + 8x = 1$  has roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

a) State the value of  $\alpha + \beta$  and  $\alpha\beta$

b) Find the value of  $\alpha^2 - \beta^2$ , leaving your answer in surd form.

c) Find the quadratic equation whose roots are  $\alpha^4 - \beta^4$

$$\text{a) } 2x^2 + 8x - 1 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -4$$

$$\alpha\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{b) } (\alpha + \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta \quad \text{-(1)}$$

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha\beta \quad \text{[Substitute (1)]}$$

$$(\alpha - \beta) = \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta} \quad \text{-(2)}$$

$$\alpha^2 - \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha - \beta)$$

$$\alpha^2 - \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)\sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta} \quad \text{[Substitute (2)]}$$

$$\alpha^2 - \beta^2 = (-4)\sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^2 - \beta^2 &= -4\sqrt{18} \\ &= -12\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c) } \alpha^4 + \beta^4 = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 - 2\alpha^2\beta^2$$

$$= [(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta]^2 - 2(\alpha\beta)^2$$

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

$$= 288.5$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{16}$$

$$\text{Quadratic equation is: } x^2 - 288.5x + \frac{1}{16} = 0$$

$$16x^2 - 4616x + 1 = 0$$

3 It is given that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $y = x^2 - x - 1$ , where  $\beta > \alpha$  and that  $\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\beta + \frac{1}{\beta}$  are the roots of another quadratic equation with integer coefficients. Without solving the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , find the exact value of  $\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}$ .

$$\alpha + \beta = -\left(-\frac{1}{1}\right) = 1$$

$$\alpha\beta = -1$$

$$\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} + \beta + \frac{1}{\beta} = \alpha + \beta + \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$= \alpha + \beta + \frac{\beta + \alpha}{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= (1) + \frac{1}{-1}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\left(\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)\left(\beta + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) = \alpha\beta + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= \alpha\beta + \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha^2}{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta}$$

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

$$= (-1) + \frac{(1)^2 - 2(-1)}{-1} + \frac{1}{-1}$$

$$= -1 - 3 - 1$$

$$= -5$$

$\therefore$  Equation with  $\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\beta + \frac{1}{\beta}$  as roots is:  $y = x^2 - 0x - 5$

$$y = x^2 - 5$$

When  $y = 0$ ,  $x^2 = 5$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

Since  $\beta > \alpha$ ,  $\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}$  is the smaller root.

$$\therefore \alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} = -\sqrt{5}$$

- 4 a) If one root of the equation  $4x^2 - 22x + k = 0$  is ten times the other, find the value of  $k$ .  
b) Show that  $2 - x^2 + 3x$  can never be greater than 5.

a) Let the roots be  $\alpha$  and  $10\alpha$ ,

$$\text{Sum of roots} = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\alpha + 10\alpha = \frac{22}{4}$$

$$11\alpha = \frac{22}{4}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha(10\alpha) = \frac{k}{4}$$

$$10\alpha^2 = \frac{k}{4}$$

$$10(0.5)^2 = \frac{k}{4}$$

$$k = 10$$

$$\text{b) } y = 2 - x^2 + 3x \quad \text{-(1)}$$

$$y = 5 \quad \text{-(2)}$$

Equate (1) with (2):

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

$$-x^2 + 3x - 3$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 3^2 - 4(-1)(-3) \\ = -3$$

Since  $a < 0$ , the graph is n-shaped

Since  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ , the curve never touches the line  $y = 5$

Hence,  $2 - x^2 + 3x$  will never be greater than 5.

5 Show that the roots of the equation  $x^2 + (2 - k)x = \frac{3}{2}k$  are real for all real values of  $k$ .

$$x^2 + (2 - k)x - \frac{3}{2}k = 0 \quad \text{-(1)}$$

To prove that the equation  $x^2 + (2 - k)x - \frac{3}{2}k = 0$  has real roots for all real values of  $k$ , we need to prove that the coefficient of  $x^2$  term is positive (already proved by observation) and for Equation (1), the  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b^2 - 4ac &= (2 - k)^2 - 4(1)\left(-\frac{3}{2}k\right) \\ &= 4 + k^2 - 4k + 6k \\ &= k^2 + 2k + 4 \end{aligned} \quad \text{-(2)}$$

To prove that  $k^2 + 2k + 4 > 0$  for all values of  $k$ , we need to prove that for Equation (2),  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

$$\text{Equation (2): } b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4(1)(4) = -12 < 0$$

Since the coefficient of  $k^2$  is positive and that  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$  for Equation (2),

$$k^2 + 2k + 4 > 0 \text{ for all values of } k$$

Since for Equation (1),  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ , it has real roots for all real values of  $k$ .

6 The roots of the equation  $x^2 - 4x + k$  differs by  $2s$ . Show that  $s^2 = 4 - k$ . Given also that the roots are positive integers and that  $k$  is a positive integer, find the possible values of  $s$ .

Let the roots be  $\alpha, \alpha - 2s$ .

$$\text{Sum of roots} = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\alpha + \alpha - 2s = 4$$

$$\alpha = 2 + s \quad \text{-(1)}$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha(\alpha - 2s) = k \quad \text{-(2)}$$

Sub (1) into (2):

$$(2 + s)(2 + s - 2s) = k$$

$$(2 + s)(2 - s) = k$$

$$4 - s^2 = k$$

$$s^2 = 4 - k \quad \text{(Shown)}$$

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

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4k}}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{4 - k}$$

Given that roots are positive integers and  $k$  is a positive integer,

If  $k = 0$ ,  $x = 4$  or  $0$  (Rej since  $0$  is not positive integer)

If  $k = 1$ ,  $x = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$  (Rej since roots are not positive integer)

If  $k = 2$ ,  $x = 2 \pm \sqrt{2}$  (Rej since roots are not positive integer)

If  $k = 3$ ,  $x = 1$  or  $3$

If  $k = 4$ ,  $x = 2$

If  $k > 5$ , there will be no real roots

When  $k = 3$ ,  $s = \pm 1$

When  $k = 4$ ,  $s = 0$

Possible values of  $s$  are  $-1, 0$  and  $1$ .

7 Given that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 = x - 5$ , prove that

a)  $\frac{1-\alpha}{5} = \frac{1}{\alpha}$

b)  $\alpha^3 + 4\alpha + 5 = 0$

a)

Since  $\alpha$  is a root,  $\alpha^2 = \alpha - 5$    -(1)

$$\alpha^2 - \alpha = -5$$

$$\alpha(\alpha - 1) = -5$$

$$\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} = \frac{-5}{\alpha}$$

$$\frac{1-\alpha}{5} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \quad (\text{Proved})$$

b) LHS =  $\alpha^3 + 4\alpha + 5$

$$= \alpha^2\alpha + 4\alpha + 5$$

$$= (\alpha - 5)\alpha + 4\alpha + 5 \quad (\text{Substitute (1)})$$

$$= \alpha^2 - 5\alpha + 4\alpha + 5$$

$$= \alpha - 5 - \alpha + 5 \quad (\text{Substitute (1)})$$

$$= 0$$

$$= RHS \quad (\text{Proved})$$

- 8 a) Find the range of values of  $x$  for which  $2x^2 + x - 6$  lies between  $-3$  and  $4$ .  
 b) Show that if the roots of the equation  $2x^2 + 3x - 2 + m(x - 1)^2 = 0$  are real, then  $m$  cannot be greater than  $\frac{25}{12}$ .

a)  $-3 < 2x^2 + x - 6 < 4$

$-3 < 2x^2 + x - 6$  and

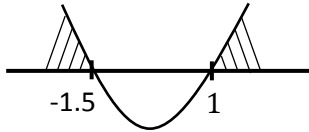
$2x^2 + x - 3 > 0$  and

$(x - 1)(2x + 3) > 0$  and

$2x^2 + x - 6 < 4$

$2x^2 + x - 10 < 0$

$(x - 2)(2x + 5) < 0$

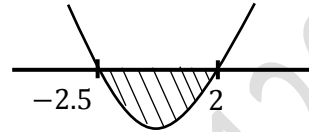


$x < -1.5$  or  $x > 1$

$\therefore -2.5 < x < -1.5$  and

and  $x > -2.5$  or  $x < 2$

$1 < x < 2$



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

$2x^2 + 3x - 2 + mx^2 + m - 2xm = 0$

$(2 + m)x^2 + (3 - 2m)x + m - 2 = 0$

If roots are real,  $b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$

$(3 - 2m)^2 - 4(2 + m)(m - 2) \geq 0$

$9 + 4m^2 - 12m - 4m^2 + 16 \geq 0$

$-12m + 25 \geq 0$

$m \leq \frac{25}{12}$



- 9 Find the range of values of  $k$  for which the graph of  $y = kx^2 - 3x + kx$  lies entirely above the line  $y = 4$ .

$$y = kx^2 + (k - 3)x \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$y = 4 \quad \text{---(2)}$$

Sub (1) into (2):

$$4 = kx^2 + (k - 3)x$$

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

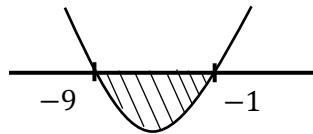
If the graph lies entirely above line,

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a > 0$$

$$(k - 3)^2 - 4(k)(-4) < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad k > 0 \quad \text{(since } a = k)$$

$$k^2 + 9 - 6k + 16k < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad k > 0$$

$$(k + 1)(k + 9) < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad k > 0$$



$$-9 < k < -1 \quad \text{and} \quad k > 0$$

Therefore, there are no real values of  $k$  for which the graph lies entirely above the line.

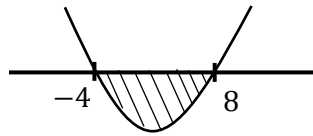
- 10 i) Show that the expression  $x^2 - x + \frac{7}{2}$  is always positive for all real values of  $x$ .  
 ii) Hence, find the values of  $k$  which satisfy the inequality  $\frac{-x^2+kx+2}{-(x^2-x+3.5)} < 2$  for all real values of  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } x^2 - x + \frac{7}{2} \\ b^2 - 4ac &= (-1)^2 - 4(1)\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) \\ &= -13 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a > 0$  and  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ , the curve is always positive.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } \frac{-x^2+kx+2}{-(x^2-x+3.5)} < 2 \\ -x^2 + kx + 2 &> -2x^2 + 2x - 7 \\ x^2 + (k-2)x + 9 &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b^2 - 4ac < 0 \\ (k-2)^2 - 4(1)(9) &< 0 \\ k^2 + 4 - 4k - 36 &< 0 \\ k^2 - 4k - 32 &< 0 \\ (k-8)(k+4) &< 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\therefore -4 < k < 8$$

- 11 The roots of the equation  $2x^2 - 8x + 50 = 0$  are  $\alpha^2$  and  $\beta^2$ . Find
- the value of  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  and  $\alpha^2\beta^2$ .
  - two different quadratic equations whose roots are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 &= 4 \\ \alpha^2\beta^2 &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } \alpha\beta &= \sqrt{25} = 5 \\ (\alpha + \beta)^2 &= \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta \\ \alpha + \beta &= \pm\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta} \\ \alpha + \beta &= \pm\sqrt{4 + 2(5)} \\ &= \pm\sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + \sqrt{14} + 5 &= 0 \\ x^2 - \sqrt{14} + 5 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$