

Polynomials

Polynomial: Let x be a variable, n be a positive integer and a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n be constants (real numbers).

Then

$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ is called a **polynomial** in variable x .

In the polynomial $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$

$a_n x^n, a_{n-1} x^{n-1}, \dots, a_1 x$ and a_0 are known as the terms of the polynomial and $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$ are their coefficients.

Ex: $f(x) = 2x + 3$ is a polynomial in variable x .

$g(y) = 2y^2 - 7y + 4$ is a polynomial in variable y .

Note: The expressions like $2x^2 - 3\sqrt{x} + 5, \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x + 5}, 2x^3 - \frac{3}{x} + 4$ are not polynomials.

Degree of a Polynomial: The exponent of the highest degree term in a polynomial is known as its degree.

In other words, the highest power of x in a polynomial $f(x)$ is called the degree of the polynomial $f(x)$.

Ex: $f(x) = 5x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x - 4$ is a polynomial in the variable x of degree '3'.

Constant Polynomial: A polynomial of degree zero is called a Constant Polynomial.

Ex: $f(x) = 7, p(t) = 1$

Linear Polynomial: A polynomial of degree 1 is called a linear polynomial.

Ex: $p(x) = 4x - 3$; $f(t) = \sqrt{3}t + 5$

Quadratic Polynomial: Polynomial of degree 2 is called **Quadratic Polynomial**.

Ex: $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - \frac{1}{2}$

$$g(x) = ax^2 + bx + c, \quad a \neq 0$$

Note: A quadratic polynomial may be a monomial or a binomial or trinomial.

Ex: $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^2$ is a monomial, $g(x) = 5x^2 - 3$ is a binomial and $h(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 5$

is a trinomial.

Cubic Polynomial: A polynomial of degree 3 is called a **cubic polynomial**.

Ex: $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{7}x^2 + \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{1}{4}$

Polynomial of nth Degree: $f(x) = a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_{n-2}x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$ is a polynomial of nth degree, where $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$ are real coefficients and $a_n \neq 0$.

Value of a Polynomial: The value of a polynomial $P(x)$ at $x = k$, where k is a real number, is denoted by $P(k)$ and is obtained by putting k for x in the polynomial.

Ex: Value of the polynomial $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$ at $x = 2$ is $f(2) = 2^2 - 2(2) - 3 = -3$.

Zeroes of a Polynomial: A real number k is said to be a zero of the polynomial $f(x)$ if $f(k) = 0$

Ex: Zeroes of a polynomial $f(x) = x^2 - x - 6$ are -2 and 3 ,

Because $f(-2) = (-2)^2 - (-2) - 6 = 0$ and $f(3) = 3^2 - 3 - 6 = 0$

Zero of the linear polynomial $ax + b, a \neq 0$ is $\frac{-b}{a}$

Graph of a Linear Polynomial:

- i) Graph of a linear polynomial $ax + b$, $a \neq 0$ is a straight line.
- ii) A linear polynomial $ax + b$, $a \neq 0$ has exactly one zero, namely X co-ordinate of the point where the graph of $y = ax + b$ intersects the X-axis.
- iii) The line represented by $y = ax + b$ crosses the X-axis at exactly one point, namely $\left(-\frac{b}{a}, 0\right)$.

Graph of a Quadratic Polynomial:

For any quadratic polynomial $ax^2 + bx + c$, $a \neq 0$, the graph of the corresponding equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ either opens upwards like \cup or opens downwards like \cap . This depends on whether $a > 0$ or $a < 0$. The shape of these curves are called **parabolas**.

The zeroes of a quadratic polynomial $ax^2 + bx + c$, $a \neq 0$ are precisely the X-coordinates of the points where the parabola representing $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ intersects the X-axis.

- A quadratic polynomial can have at most 2 zeroes.
- A cubic polynomial can have at most '3' zeroes.
- A constant polynomial has no zeroes.
- A polynomial $f(x)$ of degree n , the graph of $y = f(x)$ intersects the X-axis at most

Therefore, a polynomial $f(x)$ of degree n has at most 'n' zeroes.

Relationship between Zeroes and Coefficients of a Polynomial:

- i) The zero of the linear polynomial $ax + b$, $a \neq 0$ is $-\frac{b}{a}$.
- ii) If α, β are the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $ax^2 + bx + c$, $a \neq 0$ then

$$\text{Sum of the zeroes} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } x)}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$$

$$\text{Product of the zeroes} = \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$$

iii) If α, β, γ are the zeroes of the cubic polynomial $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d, a \neq 0$ then

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } x^2)}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3}$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\text{Coefficient of } x}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3}$$

$$\alpha.\beta.\gamma = -\frac{d}{a} = \frac{-(\text{constant term})}{\text{coefficient of } x^3}$$

- A quadratic polynomial with zeroes α and β is given by

$$k\{x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta\}, \text{ where } k (\neq 0) \text{ is real.}$$

- A cubic polynomial with zeroes α, β and γ is given by

$$k\{x^3 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)x^2 + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma)x - \alpha\beta\gamma\} \text{ where } k (\neq 0) \text{ is real.}$$

Division Algorithm for Polynomials: Let $p(x)$ and $g(x)$ be any two polynomials where $g(x) \neq 0$. Then on dividing $p(x)$ by $g(x)$, we can find two polynomials $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ such that

$$p(x) = g(x) \times q(x) + r(x), \text{ where either } r(x) = 0$$

Or degree of $r(x) <$ degree of $g(x)$.

This result is known as "Division Algorithm for polynomials".

- Note:**
- i) If $r(x) = 0$, then $g(x)$ will be a factor of $p(x)$.
 - ii) If a real number k is a zero of the polynomial $p(x)$, then $(x - k)$ will be a factor of $p(x)$.
 - iii) If $q(x)$ is linear polynomial then $r(x) = \text{Constant}$
 - iv) If $p(x)$ is divided by $(x - a)$, then the remainder is $p(a)$.
 - v) If degree of $q(x) = 1$, then degree of $p(x) = 1 + \text{degree of } g(x)$.

Essay Question (5 marks)

(1) Draw the graph of $y = 2x - 5$ and find the point of intersection on x – axis. Is the X – Coordinates of these points also the zero the polynomial.

(Visualization and Representation)

Solution: $Y = 2x - 5$

The following table lists the values of y corresponding to different values of x .

X	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
Y	-9	-7	-5	-3	-1	1	3

The points (-2, -9), (-1, -7), (0, -5), (1, -3), (2, -1), (3, 1) and (4, 3) are plotted on the graph paper on a suitable scale. A line is drawn passing through these points to obtain the graph of the given linear equation.

The graph cuts the x- axis at p(

This is also the zero of the liner equation

$$Y = 2x - 5$$

Because To find the zero of $y = 2x - 5$,

$$2x - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow 2x = 5 \Rightarrow X = \frac{5}{2}$$

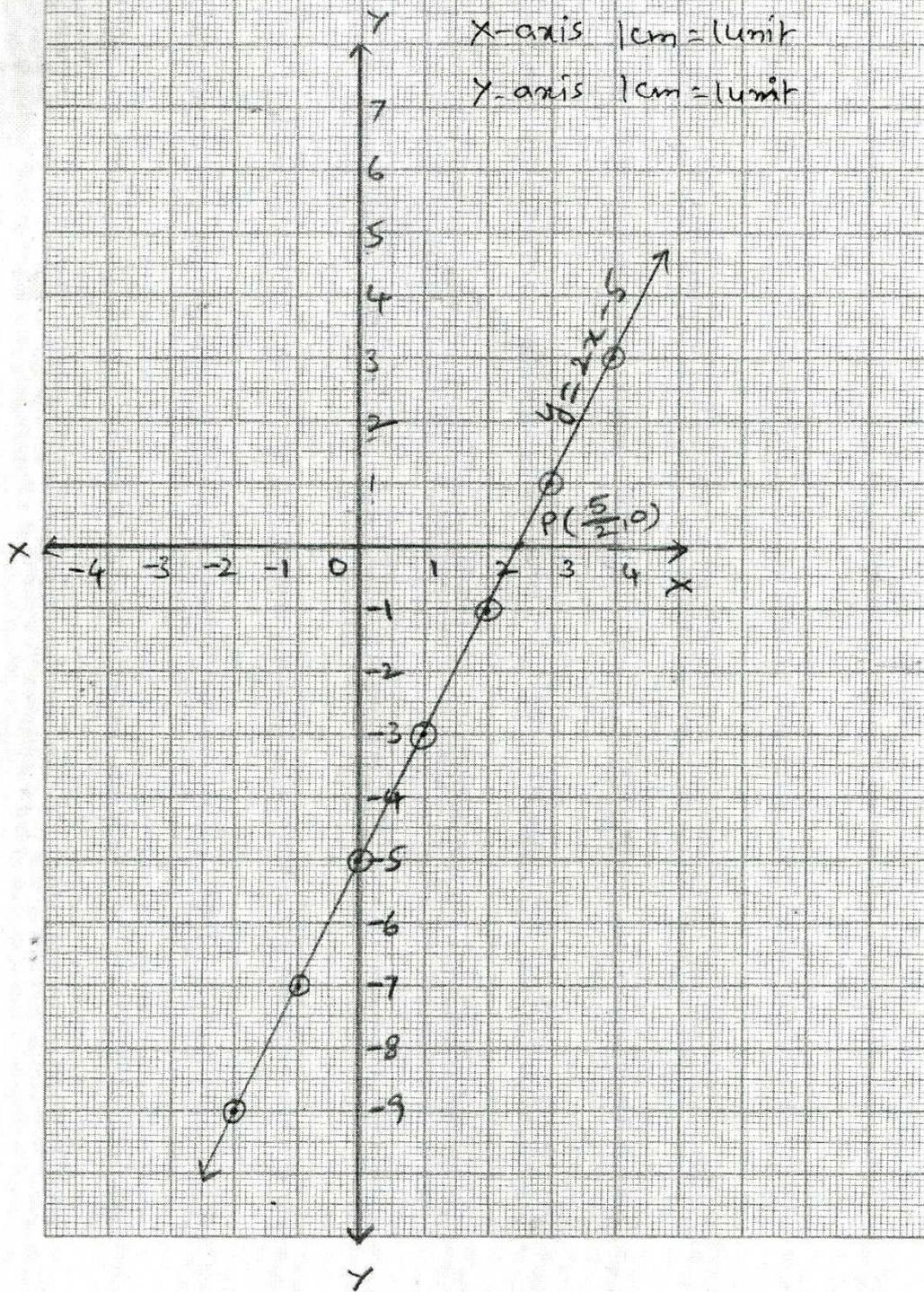
\therefore The zero of the liner equation is $\frac{5}{2}$

Model Question: Draw the graph of $y = 2x+3$.

① $y = 2x - 5$ Graph:

Scale:

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(2) Draw the graph of the polynomial $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8$ and find zeroes. Verify the zeroes of the polynomial.

Solution: Let $y = x^2 - 2x - 8$

The following table given the values of y for various values of x .

X	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Y = $x^2 - 2x - 8$	7	0	-5	-8	-9	-8	-5	0	7
(x, y)	(-3, 7)	(-2, 0)	(-1, -5)	(0, -8)	(1, -9)	(2, -8)	(3, -5)	(4, 0)	(5, 7)

The Points $(-3, 7)$, $(-2, 0)$, $(-1, -5)$, $(0, -8)$, $(1, -9)$, $(2, -8)$, $(3, -5)$, $(4, 0)$ and $(5, 7)$ are plotted on the graph paper on the suitable scale and drawn a smooth free hand curve passing through these points.

The curve thus obtained represents the graph of the polynomial $y = x^2 - 2x - 8$. This is called a parabola.

The curve cuts the x – axis at $(-2, 0)$ and $(4, 0)$.

The x – coordinates of these points are zeroes of the polynomial $y = x^2 - 2x - 8$. Thus -2 and 4 are the zeroes.

Verification: To find zeroes of $x^2 - 2x - 8$

$$x^2 - 2x - 8 \Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 2x - 8 = 0$$

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

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

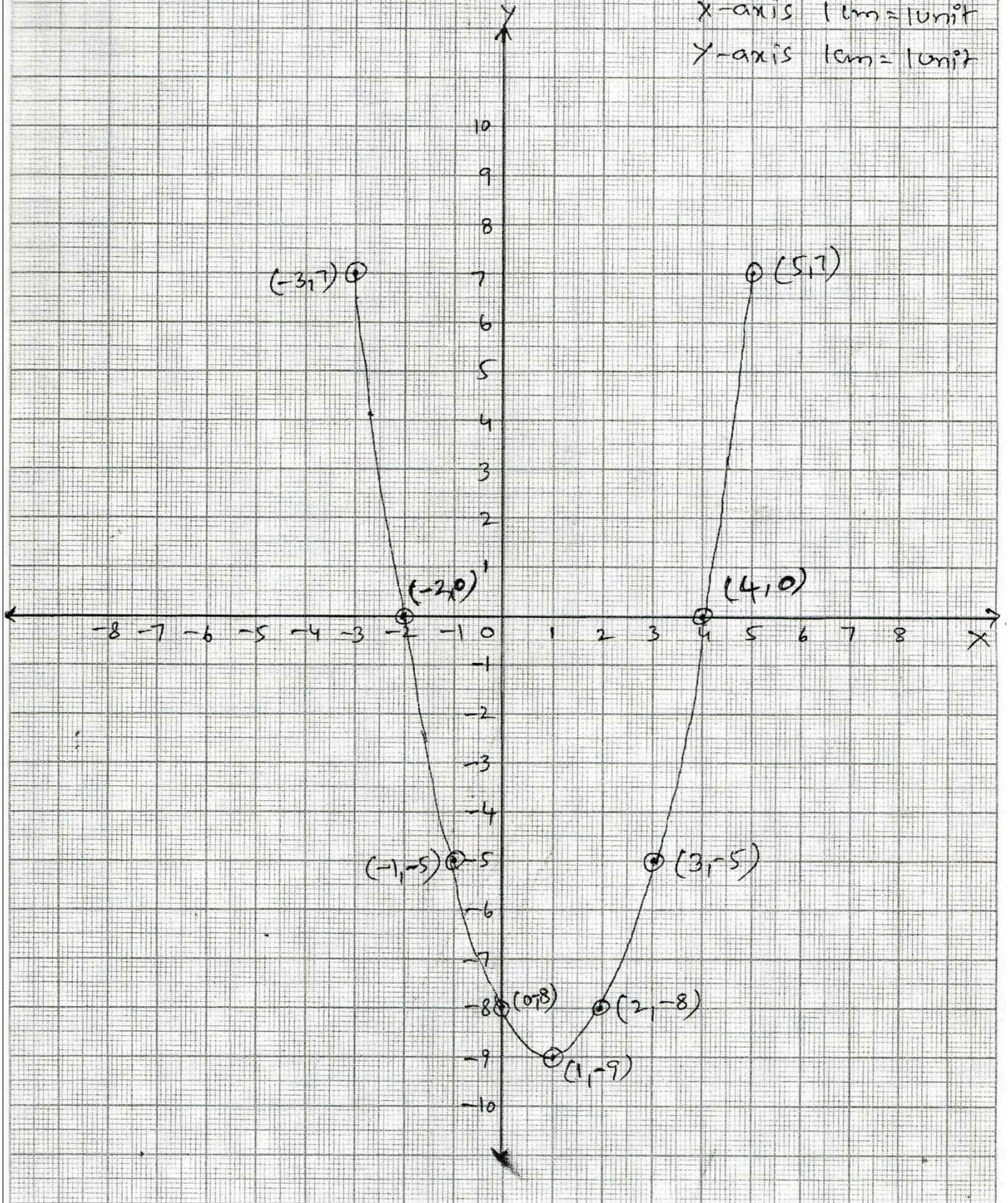
$$x - 4 = 0 \text{ or } x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4 \text{ or } -2 \text{ are the zeroes.}$$

② $y = x^2 - 2x - 8$ graph

Scale ⁰ ③ ⑧

X-axis 1cm = 1unit

Y-axis 1cm = 1unit



(3) Draw the graph of $f(x) = 3-2x-x^2$ and find zeroes .Find zeroes. Verify the zeroes of the polynomial.

Solution: Let $y = 3-2x-x^2$

The following table given of values of y for various values of x.

X	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
Y=3-2x-x²	-5	0	3	4	3	0	-5	-12
(x ,y)	(-4,-5)	(-3,0)	(-2,3)	(-1,4)	(0,3)	(1,0)	(2,-5)	(3,-12)

The points (-4,5), (-3,0), (-2,3), (-1,4), (0,3), (1,0), (2,-5) and (3,-12) are plotted on the graph paper on a suitable scale and drawn a smooth free hand curve passing through these points.

The curve thus obtained represent s the graph of the polynomial $y = 3-2x-x^2$. This called parabola opening downward.

The curve cuts the x- axis at (-3, 0) and (1,0) .

The x – coordinates of these points are zeroes of the polynomial. Thus the zeroes are -3, 1

Verification:

To find zeroes of $y = 3-2x-x^2$,

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

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

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

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

$$x+3 = 0 \text{ or } 1-x = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3 \text{ or } 1 \text{ are the zeroes.}$$

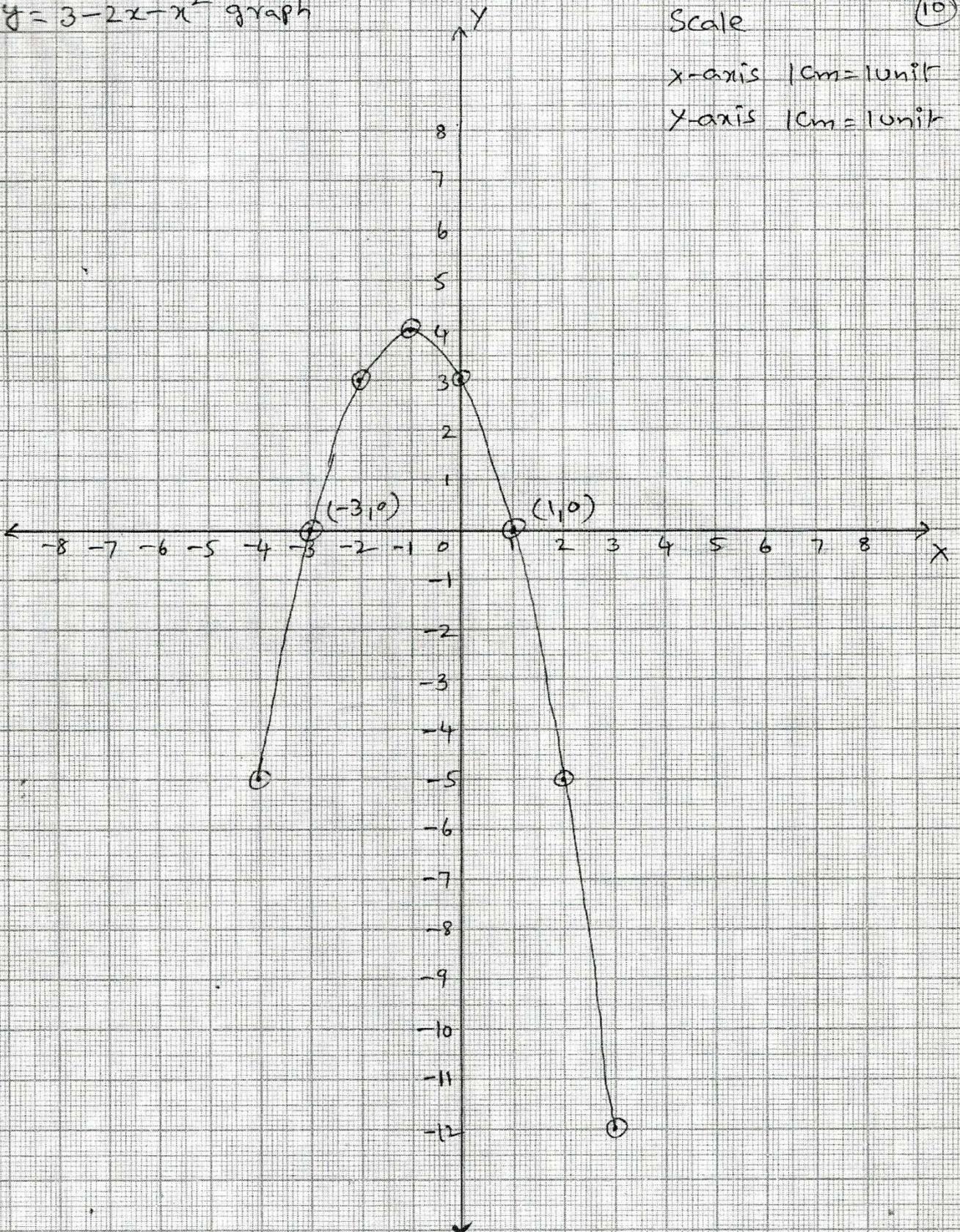
③ $y = 3 - 2x - x^2$ graph

Scale

x-axis 1cm = 1unit

y-axis 1cm = 1unit

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(4) Draw the graph of $y = x^2 - 6x + 9$ and find zeroes verify the zeroes of the polynomial.

Solution: Let $y = x^2 - 6x + 9$

The following table gives the values of y for various values of x

X	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$y = x^2 - 6x + 9$	25	16	9	4	1	0	1	4	9
(x, y)	(-2,25)	(-1,16)	(0,9)	(1,4)	(2,1)	(3,0)	(4,1)	(5,4)	(6,9)

The point (-2,25), (-1,16), (0,9), (1,4), (2,1), (3,0), (4,1), (5,4) and (6,9) are plotted on the graph paper on a suitable scale and drawn a smooth free hand curve passing through these points.

The curve thus obtained represents the graph of the polynomial $y = x^2 - 6x + 9$.

The curve touches x-axis at one point (3,0). The x- coordinate of this point is the zero of the polynomial $y = x^2 - 6x + 9$. Thus the zero is 3.

Verification:

To find zeros of $x^2 - 6x + 9$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-3)^2 = 0$$

$$x - 3 = 0 \text{ or } x - 3 = 0$$

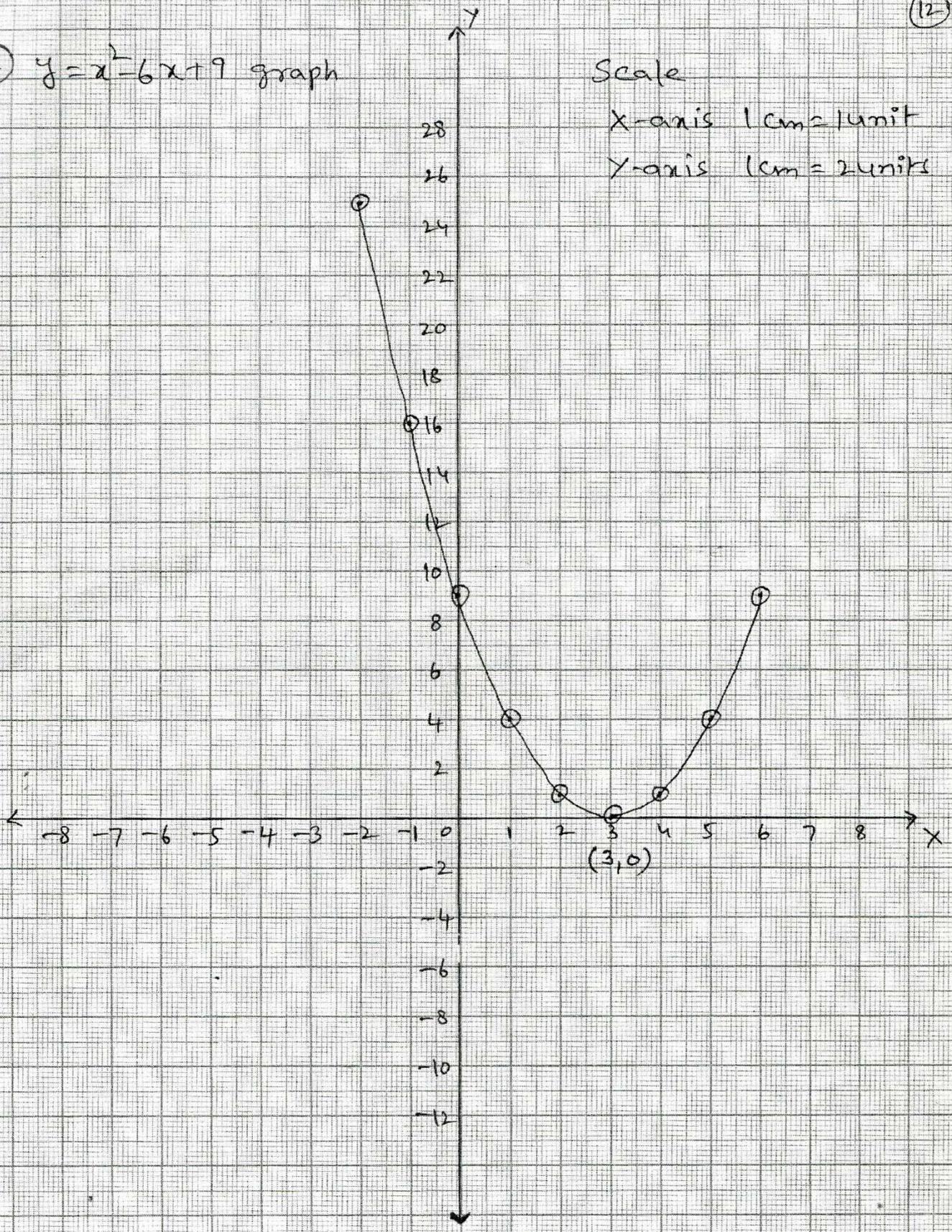
$x = 3$ is the zero.

④ $y = x^2 - 6x + 9$ graph

Scale

X-axis 1cm = 1unit

Y-axis 1cm = 2units



(5) Draw the graph of the polynomial $y = x^2 - 4x + 5$ and find zeroes . Verify the zeroes of the polynomial.

Solution: $y = x^2 - 4x + 5$

The following table gives the values of y for various values of x .

X	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$y = x^2 - 4x + 5$	26	17	10	5	2	1	2	5
(x, y)	(-3,26)	(-2,17)	(-1,10)	(0,5)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(3,2)	(4,5)

The point (-3,26), (-2,17), (-1,10), (0,5), (1,2), (2,1), (3,2) and (4,5) are plotted on the graph paper on a suitable scale and drawn a smooth free hand curve passing through these points.

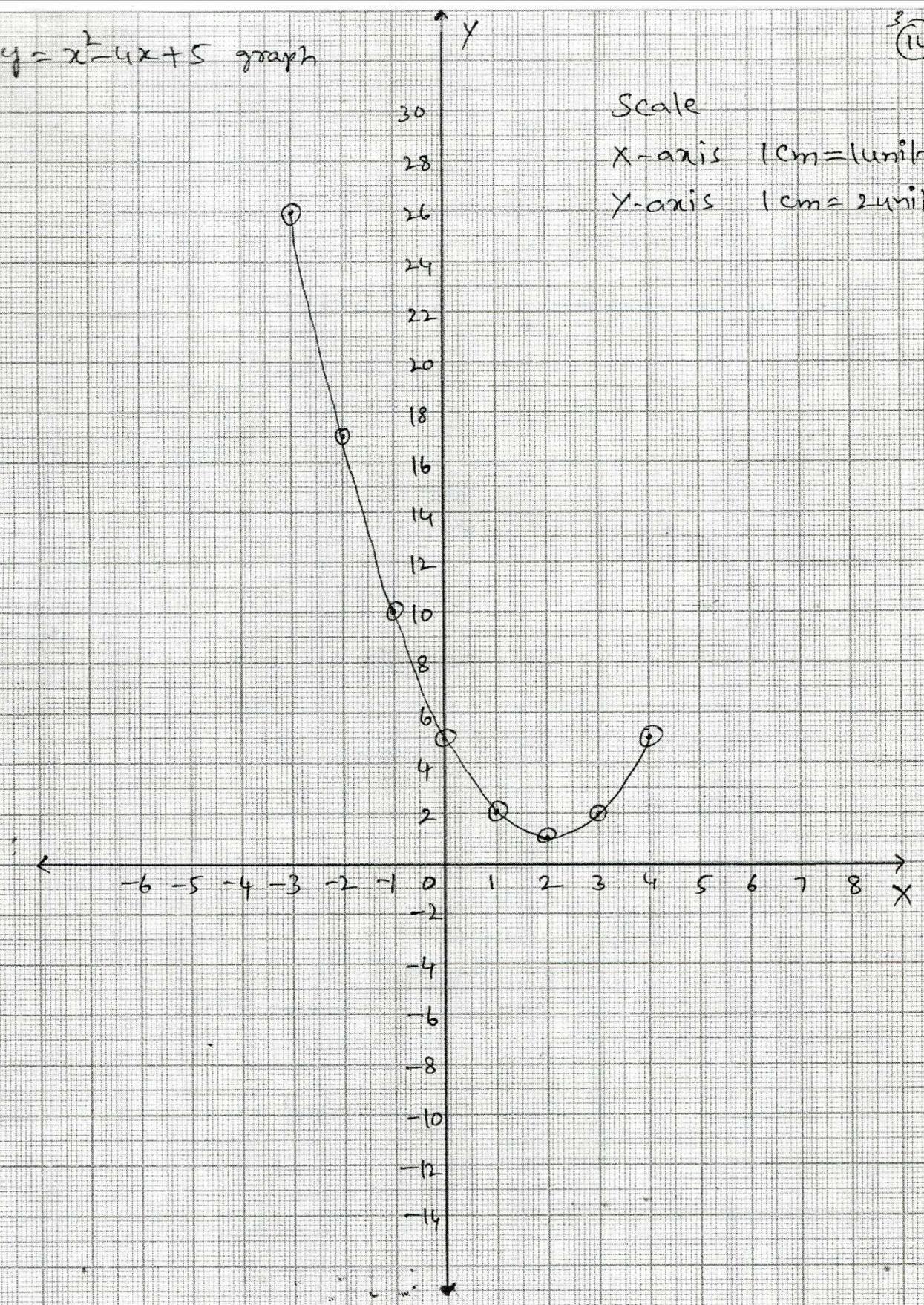
The curve thus obtained represents the graph of the polynomial $y = x^2 - 4x + 5$

The curve does not intersect the x-axis.

∴ There are no zeroes of the polynomial $y = x^2 - 4x + 5$

5) $y = x^2 - 4x + 5$ graph

Scale
X-axis 1cm = 1 unit
Y-axis 1cm = 2 units



(6) Draw the graph of the polynomial $f(x) = x^3 - 4x$ and find zeroes. Verify the zeros Of the polynomial.

Solution: Let $y = x^3 - 4x$

The following table gives the values of y for various of x.

X	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$y = x^3 - 4x$	-15	0	3	0	-3	0	15
(x, y)	(-3, -15)	(-2,0)	(-1,3)	(0,0)	(1,-3)	(2,0)	(3,15)

The points (-3,15) , (-2,0), (-1,3), (0,0), (1,-3), (2,0) and (3,15) are plotted on the graph paper on a suitable scale and drawn a smooth free hand curve passing through these points.

The curve thus obtained represents the graph of the polynomial $y = x^3 - 4x$.

The curve touches x-axis at (-2,0), (0,0), (2,0) .The x- coordinate of this points are the zero of the polynomial $y = x^3 - 4x$. Thus -2, 0, 2, are the zeroes of the polynomial.

Verification:

To find zeroes of $x^3 - 4x$

$$x^3 - 4x = 0 \Rightarrow x(x^2 - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x-2)(x+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x - 2 = 0 \text{ or } x + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } 2 \text{ or } -2 \text{ are the zeroes.}$$

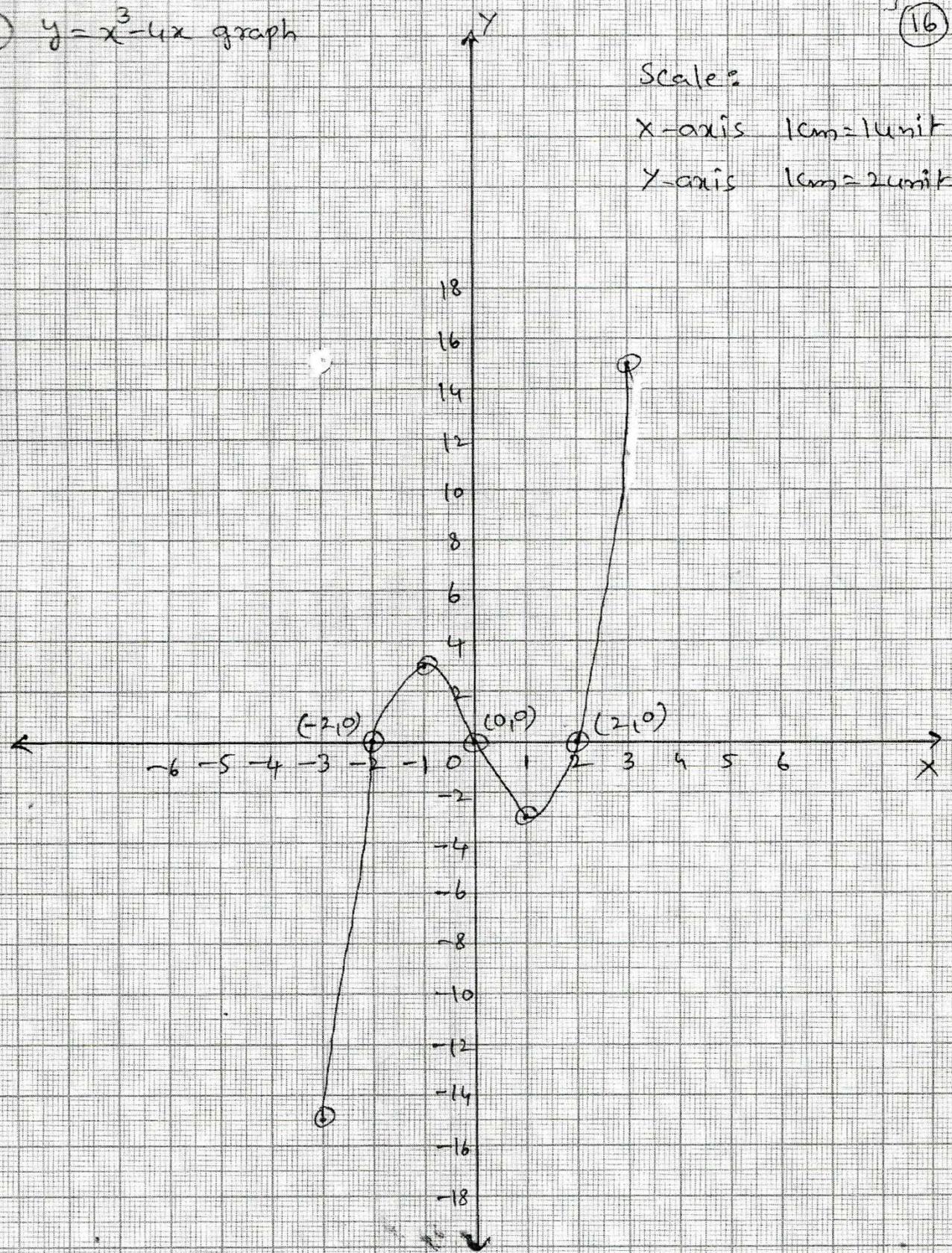
6) $y = x^3 - 4x$ graph

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Scales:

X-axis 1cm = 1unit

Y-axis 1cm = 2units



Essay Questions

(1) Find the zeroes of the following quadratic polynomials and verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients.

(I). x^2-2x-8

(ii). $6x^2-3-7x$

Solution: (I) Given polynomial x^2-2x-8

$$= x^2-4x+2x-8$$

$$= x(x-4)+2(x-4)$$

$$= (x-4)(x+2)$$

For zeroes of the polynomial, the value of $x^2-2x-8 = 0$

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

$$x-4 = 0 \text{ or } x+2 = 0$$

$$x = 4 \text{ or } x = -2$$

\therefore The zeroes of x^2-2x-8 are -2 and 4.

We observe that

$$\text{Sum of the zeroes} = -2+4 = 2 = -(-2)$$

$$\frac{-(\text{coefficient of } x)}{\text{coefficient of } x^2}$$

$$\text{Product of the zeroes} = (-2) \times 4 = -8 = \frac{8}{1} = \frac{\text{constant term}}{\text{coefficient of } x}$$

(ii). Given polynomial $6x^2-3-7x$

$$= 6x^2-7x-3$$

$$= 6x^2-9x+2x-3$$

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

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

For zeroes of the polynomial, the value of $6x^2-3-7x = 0$ are

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

$$2x-3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 3x+1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

\therefore The zeroes of $6x^2-3-7x = 0$ are $\frac{3}{2}$ and $-\frac{1}{3}$

We observe that

$$\text{Sum of the zeroes} = \frac{3}{2} + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{9-2}{6} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$= \frac{-(-7)}{6} = \frac{-(\text{coefficient of } x)}{\text{coefficient of } x^2}$$

$$\text{Product of the zeroes} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{3}{6} = \frac{\text{constant term}}{\text{coefficient of } x^2}$$

(2) Verify that 1, -1 and -3 are the zeroes of the cubic polynomial x^3+3x^2-x-3 and verify the relationship between zeroes and the coefficients.

Solution: Comparing the given polynomial with ax^3+bx^2+cx+d ,

We get $a=1, b=3, c=-1, d=-3$

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

$$P(1) = 1^3+3(1)^2-1-3 = 1+3-1-3 = 0$$

$\therefore P(1) = 0 \Rightarrow 1$ is a zero of the polynomial $p(x)$

$$P(-1) = (-1)^3+3(-1)^2+(-1)-3 = -1+3-1-3 = 0$$

$\therefore p(-1) = 0 \Rightarrow -1$ is a zero of the polynomial $p(x)$

$$p(-3) = (-3)^3+3(-3)^2-(-3) = -27+27+3-3 = 0$$

$\therefore P(-3) = 0 \Rightarrow -3$ is a zero of the polynomial $p(x)$

$\therefore 1, -1, \text{ and } -3$ are the zeroes of x^3+3x^2-x-3 .

So, we take $\alpha=1, \beta=-1, \gamma=-3$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1+(-1)+(-3) = -3 = \frac{-3}{1} = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-(\text{coefficient of } x^2)}{\text{coefficient of } x^3}$$

$$\alpha\beta+\beta\gamma+\gamma\alpha = (1)(-1)+(-1)(-3)+(3)(1) = -1+3-3 = -1$$

$$= \frac{-1}{1} = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\text{Coefficient of } x}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = (1)(-1)(-3) = \frac{-(-3)}{1} = \frac{-(\text{constant term})}{\text{coefficient of } x^3}$$

(3) If the zeroes of the polynomial x^2+px+q are double in value to the zeroes of $2x^2-5x-3$, find the values of 'p' and 'q'.

Solution: Given polynomial $2x^2-5x-3$

To find the zeroes of the polynomial, we take

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

$$2x^2-6x+x-3 = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x - 3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x+1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x+1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

\therefore The zeroes of $2x^2-5x-3$ are 3, $-\frac{1}{2}$

\therefore zeroes of the polynomial x^2+px+q are double in the value to the zeroes of $2x^2-5x-3$

i.e. . $2(3)$ and $2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow 6 \text{ and } -1$$

$$\text{Sum of the zeroes} = 6+(-1) = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-p}{1} = 5 \quad (\because \text{sum of the zeroes} = \frac{-(\text{coefficient of } x)}{\text{coefficient of } x^2} = \frac{-p}{1})$$

$$p = -5$$

$$\text{Product of the zeros} = (6)(-1) = -6$$

$$\frac{q}{1} = -6 \quad (\because \text{Product of the zeroes} = \frac{\text{constant term}}{\text{coefficient of } x^2} = \frac{q}{1})$$

$$q = -6$$

\therefore The values of p and q are -5, -6

(4). If α and β are the zeroes of the polynomial $6y^2-7y+2$, find a quadratic polynomial whose zeroes are $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$

Solution: The given polynomial is

$$6y^2-7y+2$$

Comparing with ay^2+by+c , we get $a=6$, $b=-7$, $c=2$

$$\therefore \text{Sum of zeroes} = \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{7}{6} \dots\dots\dots > (1)$$

and, a product of zeroes = $\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{3} \dots\dots\dots > (2)$$

For a quadratic polynomial whose zeroes are $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of zeroes} &= \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{7/6}{1/3} \quad (\because \text{Form (1) \& (2)}) \\ &= \frac{7}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Product of zeroes} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} \quad (\because \text{From (2)})$$

\therefore The required quadratic polynomial is

$$K\left\{x^2 - \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)x + \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta}\right)\right\}, \text{ where } k \text{ is real.}$$

$$K\left(x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x + 3\right), \text{ } K \text{ is real.}$$

(5) If α and β are the zeroes of a quadratic polynomial such that $\alpha + \beta = 24$ and $\alpha - \beta = 8$, find quadratic polynomial having α and β as its zeroes. Verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficient of the polynomial.

Solution: α and β are the zeroes of a quadratic polynomial.

$$\alpha + \beta = 24 \quad \dots\dots\dots > (1)$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 8 \quad \dots\dots\dots > (2)$$

$$\text{Adding (1) + (2) we get } 2\alpha = 32 \Rightarrow \alpha = 16$$

$$\text{Subtraction (1) \& (2) we get } 2\beta = 16 \Rightarrow \beta = 8$$

The quadratic polynomial having α and β as its zeroes is $k\{x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta\}$, where k is real.

$$\Rightarrow K\{x^2 - (16 + 8)x + (16)(8)\}, \text{ } k \text{ is a real}$$

$$\Rightarrow K\{x^2 - 24x + 128\}, \text{ } k \text{ is a real}$$

$$\Rightarrow Kx^2 - 24kx + 128k, \text{ } k \text{ is real}$$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c$, we get $a = k, b = -24k, c = 128k$

$$\text{Sum of the zeroes} = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{24k}{k} = 24 = \alpha + \beta$$

$$\text{Product of the zeroes} = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{128k}{k} = 128 = \alpha\beta$$

Hence, the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients is verified.

(6) Find a cubic polynomial with the sum, sum of product of its zeroes taken two at a time, and product of its zeroes as 2, -7, -14 respectively.

Solution: Let α , β and γ are zeroes of the cubic polynomial

$$\text{Given } \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 2$$

$$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = -7$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -14$$

Cubic polynomial whose zeroes are α , β and γ is

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)x^2 + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)x - \alpha\beta\gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 2x^2 + (-7)x - (-14)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x + 14$$

\therefore Required cubic polynomial is $x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x + 14$

(7) Divide x^4-3x^2+4x+5 , by x^2+1-x , and verify the division algorithm.

Solution: Dividend = x^4-3x^2+4x+5
 $= x^4+0x^3-3x^2+4x+5$

Divisor = x^2-x+1

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2-x+1 \) \ x^4+0x^3-3x^2+4x+5 \ (\ x^2+x-3 \\ \underline{x^4-x^3+x^2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (-) \ (+) \ (-) \\ \underline{x^3-4x^2+4x} \end{array}$$

$$\underline{x^3-x^2+x}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (-) \ (+) \ (-) \\ \underline{-3x^2+3x+5} \\ \underline{-3x^2+3x-3} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (+) \ (-) \ (+) \\ \underline{+8} \end{array}$$

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First term quotient

$$\frac{x^4}{x^2}$$

second term of quotient

$$\frac{x}{x} = x$$

third term of quotient

$$= \frac{-3x^2}{x} = -3$$

We stop here since degree of the remainder is less than the degree of (x^2+x-3) the divisor.

So , quotient = x^2+x-3 , remainder = 8

Verification:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{Divisor} \times \text{Quotient}) + \text{Remainder} \\ &= (x^2-x+1)(x^2+x-3)+8 \\ &= x^4+x^3-3x^2-x^3-x^2+3x+x^2+x-3+8 \\ &= x^4-3x^2+4x+5 = \text{dividend} \end{aligned}$$

∴ Dividend = (Divisor × quotient) + Remainder

∴ The division algorithm is verified.

(9) On division x^3-3x^2+x+2 by a polynomial $g(x)$, the quotient and remainder were $x-2$ and $-2x+4$, respectively. Find $g(x)$.

Solution: Given

$$\text{Dividend} = x^3-3x^2+x+2$$

$$\text{Divisor} = g(x)$$

$$\text{Quotient} = x - 2$$

$$\text{Remainder} = -2x+4$$

By division algorithm

$$\text{Dividend} = ((\text{Divisor} \times \text{quotient}) + \text{Remainder})$$

$$\text{Divisor} = \frac{\text{Dividend} - \text{Remainder}}{\text{Quotient}}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{(x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 2) - (-2x + 4)}{x - 2}$$

$$g(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + 2 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x - 2 \) \ x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 2 \quad (x^2 - x + 1 \\
 \underline{x^3 - 2x^2} \\
 2x^2 + 3x - 2 \\
 \underline{-(+) } \\
 -x^2 + 3x - 2 \\
 \underline{-x^2 + 2x} \\
 x - 2 \\
 \underline{(+)(-)} \\
 x - 2 \\
 \underline{} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Short Answer Question

(1) If $P(t) = t^3 - 1$, find the value of $P(1)$, $P(-1)$, $P(0)$, $P(2)$, $P(-2)$

Solution: $P(t) = t^3 - 1$

$$P(1) = 1^3 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

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

$$P(0) = 0^3 - 1 = -1$$

$$P(2) = 2^3 - 1 = 8 - 1 = 7$$

$$P(-2) = (-2)^3 - 1 = -8 - 1 = -9$$

(2) Check whether 3 and -2 are the zeros of the polynomial $P(x)$ when $p(x) = x^2 - x - 6$

Solution: Given $p(x) = x^2 - x - 6$

$$P(x) = 3^2 - 3 - 6 = 9 - 3 - 6 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= (-2)^2 - (-2) - 6 \\ &= 4 + 2 - 6 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $p(3) = 0$, $P(-2) = 0$

3 and -2 are zeroes of $p(x) = x^2 - x - 6$

(3) Find the number of zeroes of the given polynomials. And also find their values

$$(i). P(x) = 2x+1 \quad (ii) \quad q(x) = y^2 - 1 \quad (iii) \quad r(z) = z^3$$

Solution:

(i). $P(x) = 2x+1$ is a linear polynomial. It has only one zero.

To find zeroes.

$$\text{Let } p(x) = 0$$

$$2x + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

The zero of the given polynomial is $-\frac{1}{2}$

(ii) $q(y) = y^2 - 1$ is a quadratic polynomial. It has at most two zeroes.

To find zeroes, Let $q(y) = 0$

$$y^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$(y+1)(y-1) = 0$$

$$y = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 1 \quad \text{--- ---}$$

\therefore The zeroes of the polynomial are -1 and 1

(iii) $r(z) = z^3$ is a cubic polynomial. It has at most three zeroes.

Let $r(z) = 0$

$$z^3 = 0$$

$$z = 0$$

\therefore The zero of the polynomial is '0'.

(4). Find the quadratic polynomial, with the zeroes $\sqrt{3}$ and $-\sqrt{3}$

Solution: Given

The zeroes of polynomial $\alpha = \sqrt{3}$, $\beta = -\sqrt{3}$

$$\alpha + \beta = \sqrt{3} + (-\sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\alpha\beta = (\sqrt{3})(-\sqrt{3}) = -3$$

The quadratic polynomial with zeroes α and β is given by

$$K\{x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta\}, \quad K(\neq 0) \text{ is real}$$

$$K(x^2 - 0x - 3) \quad k(\neq 0) \text{ is real}$$

$$K(x^2 - 3) \quad K (\neq 0) \text{ is real.}$$

(5) If the Sum and product of the zeroes of the polynomial $ax^2 - 5x + c$ is equal to 10 each, find the values of 'a' and 'c'.

Solution: Given polynomial $ax^2 - 5x + c$

Let the zeroes of the polynomial are α, β

$$\text{Given } \alpha + \beta = 10 \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$\text{And } \alpha \beta = 10 \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

We know that

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{-(-5)}{a} = \frac{5}{a} = 10 \quad \therefore (\text{from (1)})$$

$$a = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} \dots\dots\dots > 10 = \frac{c}{2}$$

$$C = 5$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{1}{2}, c = 5$$

(6) If the Sum of the zeroes of the polynomial $P(x) = (a+1)x^2 + (2a+3)x + (3a+4)$, then find the product of its zeroes.

Solution: Given polynomial $P(x) = (a+1)x^2 + (2a+3)x + (3a+4)$

Compare with $ax^2 + bx + c$,

$$\text{we get } a = a + 1$$

$$b = 2a + 3$$

$$c = 3a + 4$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$-1 = \frac{-(2a+3)}{a+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow -a - 1 = -2a - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow -a + 2a = -3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -2$$

$$\text{Product of the zeroes} = \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{3a+4}{a+1}$$

$$= \frac{3(-2)+4}{-2+1} = \frac{-2}{-1} = 2$$

(7) On dividing the polynomial $2x^3+4x^2+5x+7$ by a polynomial $g(x)$, the quotient and the remainder were $2x$ and $7-5x$ respectively. Find $g(x)$

Solution: Given

$$\text{Dividend} = 2x^3+4x^2+5x+7$$

$$\text{Divisor} = g(x)$$

$$\text{Quotient} = 2x$$

$$\text{Remainder} = 7-5x$$

By division algorithm

$$\text{Dividend} = (\text{divisor} \times \text{quotient}) + \text{remainder}$$

$$\text{Divisor} = \frac{\text{dividend} - \text{remainder}}{\text{quotient}}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{(2x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 7) - (7 - 5x)}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{2x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 7 - 7 + 5x}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{2x^3 + 4x^2 + 10x}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{2x(x^2 + 2x + 5)}{2x}$$

$$g(x) = x^2 + 2x + 5$$

(8) If $p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + kx + 5$ is divided by $(x - 2)$, the remainder is 11. Find K.

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x - 2 \) \ x^3 - 2x^2 + kx + 5 \quad (x^2 + k \\
 \underline{x^3 - 2x^2} \\
 (-) \ (+) \\
 \ kx + 5 \\
 \ \underline{kx - 2k} \\
 (-) \ (+) \\
 \ 2k + 5
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Remainder} = 2k + 5 = 11 \text{ (given)}$$

$$k = \frac{11 - 5}{2} = 3$$

Very Short Answer Questions

(1) Write a quadratic and cubic polynomials in variable x in the general form.

Solution:

The general form of the a quadratic polynomial is ax^2+bx+c , $a \neq 0$

The general form of a cubic polynomial is ax^3+bx^2+cx+d , $a \neq 0$

(2) If $p(x) = 5x^7 - 6x^5 + 7x - 6$,find (Problem solving)

- (i) Co – efficient of x^5 (ii) degree of $p(x)$

Solution:

Given polynomial $p(x) = 5x^7 - 6x^5 + 7x - 6$

(i) Co – efficient of x^5 is ‘-6’

(ii) Degree of $p(x)$ is ‘7’

(3) Check whether – 2 and 2 are the zeroes of the polynomial $x^4 - 16$

(Reasoning proof)

Solution: $p(x) = x^4 - 16$

$$P(2) = 2^4 - 16 = 16 - 16 = 0$$

$$P(-2) = (-2)^4 - 16 = 16 - 16 = 0$$

Since $P(2) = 0$ and $P(-2) = 0$

\therefore -2 , 2 are the zeroes of given polynomial

(4) Find the quadratic polynomial whose sum and product of its zeroes

respectively $\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{3}$ (Communication)

Solution: Given

$$\text{Sum of the zeroes } \alpha + \beta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \dots\dots\dots > (1)$$

$$\text{Product of the zeroes } \alpha \beta = \frac{1}{3} \dots\dots\dots > (2)$$

The quadratic polynomial with α and β as zeroes is $K\{x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta\}$, where $k(\neq 0)$ is a real number.

$$K\{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + \frac{1}{3}\}, K(\neq 0) \text{ is a real number} \quad (\text{From (1) \& (2)})$$

$$k\left(\frac{3x^2 - 3\sqrt{2}x + 1}{3}\right), k(\neq 0) \text{ is real number}$$

We can put different values of 'k'

\therefore when $k = 3$, we get $3x^2 - 3\sqrt{2}x + 1$

(5) If the sum of the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $f(x) = kx^2 - 3x + 5$ is 1. Write the value of K.

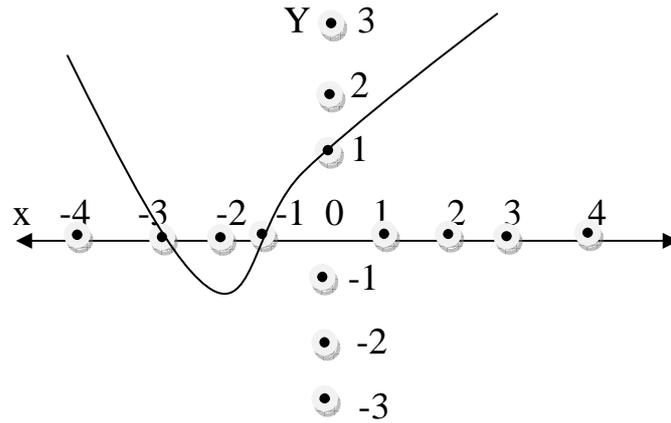
Solution: Given polynomial $f(x) = kx^2 - 3x + 5$

$$\text{Sum of the zeroes } \alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$1 = \frac{-(-3)}{k} \quad (\because \text{Given } \alpha + \beta = 1)$$

$$K = 3$$

(6) From the graph find the zeroes of the polynomial.



Solution: The zeroes of the polynomial are precisely the x – co-ordinates of the point .

Where the curve intersects the x- axis

∴ From the graph the zeroes are – 3 and -1.

(7) If $a - b$, $a + b$ are zeroes of the polynomial $f(x) = 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x - 7$, write the value of the a .

Solution: Let α, β, γ are the zeroes of cubic polynomial

$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \text{ then } \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$a - b + a + a + b = \frac{-(-6)}{2}$$

$$3a = 3$$

$$a = 1$$

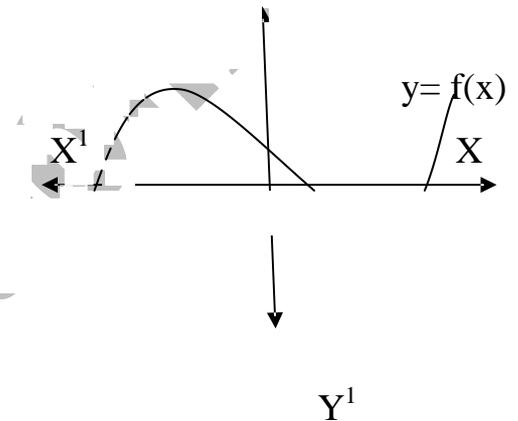
Objective Type Questions

(1) The graph of the polynomial $f(x) = 3x - 7$ is a straight line which intersects the x-axis at exactly one point namely []

- (A) $(\frac{-7}{3}, 0)$ (B) $(0, \frac{-7}{3})$ (C) $(\frac{7}{3}, 0)$ (D) $(\frac{7}{3}, \frac{-7}{3})$

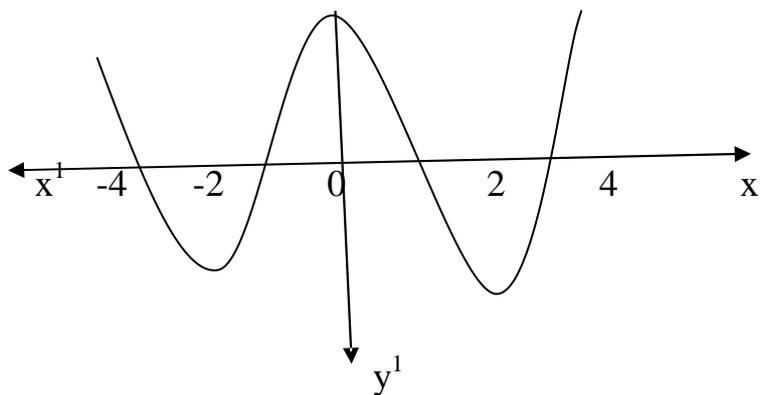
(2) In the given figure, the number of zeros of the polynomial $f(x)$ are []

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4



(3) The number of zeros lying between -2 and 2 of the polynomial $f(x)$ whose graph is given figure is []

- (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4



(4) Which of the following is not a quadratic polynomial []

(A) X^2+3x+4

(B) x^2-3x+4

(C) $6+(x^2-4x)$

(D) $(x-3)(x+3)-(x^2+7x)$

(5) The degree of the constant polynomial is []

0

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D) 3

(6) The zero of $p(x) = ax - b$ is []

(A) a

(B) b

(C) $-\frac{b}{a}$

(D) $\frac{b}{a}$

(7) Which of the following is not a zero of the polynomial $x^3-6x^2+11x-6$?.....[]

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 0

(8) If α and β are the zeroes of the polynomial $3x^2+5x+2$, then the value of $\alpha+\beta+\alpha\beta$ is []

(A) -1

(B) -2

(C) 1

(D) 4

(9) If the sum of the zeroes of the polynomial $p(x) = (k^2-14)x^2 -2x-12$ is 1, then k. takes the value(s) []

(A) ± 14

(B) -14

(C) 2

(D) ± 4

(10) If α, β are zeroes of $p(x) = x^2-5x+k$ and $\alpha - \beta = 1$ then the value of k is []

(A) 4

(B) -6

(C) 2

(D) 5

(11) If α, β, γ are the zeros of the polynomial ax^3+bx^2+cx+d , then the value of $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma}$ is []

- (A) $\frac{c}{d}$ (B) $\frac{-c}{d}$ (C) $\frac{b}{d}$ (D) $\frac{-b}{d}$

(12) If the product of the two zeros of the polynomial $x^3-6x^2+11x-6$ is 2 is then the third zero is []

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

(13) The zeros of the polynomial is x^3-x^2 are []

- (A) 0, 0, 1 (B) 0, 1, 1 (C) 1, 1, 1 (D) 0, 0, 0

(14) If the zeroes of the polynomial x^3-3x^2+x+1 are a, b and c then the value of a is []

- (A) 1 (B) -1 (C) 2 (D) -3

(15) If α and β are the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $9x^2-1$, find the value of $\alpha^2+\beta^2$ []

- (A) $\frac{1}{9}$ (B) $\frac{2}{9}$ (C) $\frac{1}{3}$ (D) $\frac{2}{3}$

(16) If α, β, γ are the zeroes of the polynomial x^3+px^2+qx+r then find []

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

- (A) $\frac{p}{r}$ (b) $-\frac{p}{r}$ (C) $\frac{q}{r}$ (D) $\frac{-q}{r}$

(17) The number to be added to the polynomial x^2-5x+4 , so that 3 is the zero of the polynomial is []

- (a) 2 (B) -2 (C) 0 (D) 3

(18). If $\alpha,$ and β are zeroes of $p(x) = 2x^2-x-6$ then the value of $\alpha^{-1} + \beta^{-1}$ is []

- (A) $\frac{1}{6}$ (B) $-\frac{1}{6}$ (C) $\frac{1}{2}$ (D) $-\frac{1}{3}$

(19). What is the coefficient of the first term of the quotient when $3x^3+x^2+2x+5$ is Divided by $1+2x+x^2$ []

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 5

(20) If the divisor is x^2 and quotient is x while the remainder 1, then the dividend is []

- (A) x^2 (B) x (C) x^3 (D) x^3+1

1.C 2.C 3.A 4.D 5.A 6.D 7.D 8.A 9.D 10.C

11.B 12.C 13.A 14.B 15.B 16.A 17.A 18.B 19.C 20.D

Fill in the Blanks

- (1) The maximum number of zeroes that a polynomial of degree 3 can have is **3**
- (2) The number of zeroes that the polynomial $f(x) = (x-2)^2 + 4$ can have is **2**
- (3) The graph of the equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ is an upward parabola, If **(a > 0)**
- (4) If the graph of a polynomial does not intersect the x – axis, then the number zeroes of the polynomial is **0**
- (5) The degree of a biquadratic polynomial is **4**
- (6) The degree of the polynomial $7\mu^6 - \frac{3}{2}\mu^4 + 4\mu + \mu - 8$ is **6**
- (7) The values of $p(x) = x^3 - 3x - 4$ at $x = -1$ is **-2**
- (8) The polynomial whose whose zeroes are -5 and 4 is **$x^2 + x - 20$**
- (9) If -1 is a zeroes of the polynomial $f(x) = x^2 - 7x - 8$ then other zero is **8**
- (10) If the product of the zeroes of the polynomial $ax^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$ is 6, then the
- (11) A cubic polynomial with the sum, sum of the product of its zeroes taken two at a time, and the product of its zeroes are 2, -7 and -14 respectively, is **$x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x + 14$**
- (12) For the polynomial $2x^3 - 5x^2 - 14x + 8$, find the sum of the products of zeroes, taken two at a time is **-7**

(13) If the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial ax^2+bx+c are reciprocal to each other,

Then the value of c is a

(14) What can be the degree of the remainder at most when a biquadrate polynomial is divided by a quadratic polynomial is 1