

Exercise 2.1

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1. Find the zeros of each of the following quadratic polynomials and verify the relationship between the zeros and their coefficients:

(i) $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8$

Solution:

Given,

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8$$

To find the zeros, we put $f(x) = 0$

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

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

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

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

This gives us 2 zeros, for

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

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are 4 and -2.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of x / coefficient of x^2

$$4 + (-2) = -(-2) / 1$$

$$2 = 2$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of x^2

$$4 \times (-2) = (-8) / 1$$

$$-8 = -8$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(ii) $g(s) = 4s^2 - 4s + 1$

Solution:

Given,

$$g(s) = 4s^2 - 4s + 1$$

To find the zeros, we put $g(s) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4s^2 - 4s + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4s^2 - 2s - 2s + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s(2s - 1) - (2s - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2s - 1)(2s - 1) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$s = 1/2 \text{ and } s = 1/2$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are 1/2 and 1/2.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of s / coefficient of s^2

$$1/2 + 1/2 = -(-4) / 4$$

$$1 = 1$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of s^2

$$1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/4$$

$$1/4 = 1/4$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(iii) $h(t) = t^2 - 15$

Solution:

Given,

$$h(t) = t^2 - 15 = t^2 + (0)t - 15$$

To find the zeros, we put $h(t) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (t + \sqrt{15})(t - \sqrt{15}) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$t = \sqrt{15} \text{ and } t = -\sqrt{15}$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are $\sqrt{15}$ and $-\sqrt{15}$.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of t / coefficient of t^2

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{15} + (-\sqrt{15}) &= - (0) / 1 \\ 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of t^2

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{15} \times (-\sqrt{15}) &= -15/1 \\ -15 &= -15 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(iv) $f(x) = 6x^2 - 3 - 7x$

Solution:

Given,

$$f(x) = 6x^2 - 3 - 7x$$

To find the zeros, we put $f(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 - 3 - 7x = 0$$

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

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

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

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$x = 3/2 \text{ and } x = -1/3$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are $3/2$ and $-1/3$.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of x / coefficient of x^2

$$\begin{aligned} 3/2 + (-1/3) &= - (-7) / 6 \\ 7/6 &= 7/6 \end{aligned}$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of x^2

$$\begin{aligned} 3/2 \times (-1/3) &= (-3) / 6 \\ -1/2 &= -1/2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(v) $p(x) = x^2 + 2\sqrt{2}x - 6$

Solution:

Given,

$$p(x) = x^2 + 2\sqrt{2}x - 6$$

To find the zeros, we put $p(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2\sqrt{2}x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 3\sqrt{2}x - \sqrt{2}x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + 3\sqrt{2}) - \sqrt{2}(x + 3\sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - \sqrt{2})(x + 3\sqrt{2}) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$x = \sqrt{2} \text{ and } x = -3\sqrt{2}$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are $\sqrt{2}$ and $-3\sqrt{2}$.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of x / coefficient of x^2

$$\sqrt{2} + (-3\sqrt{2}) = -(2\sqrt{2}) / 1$$

$$-2\sqrt{2} = -2\sqrt{2}$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of x^2

$$\sqrt{2} \times (-3\sqrt{2}) = (-6) / 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$-3 \times 2 = -6/1$$

$$-6 = -6$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(vi) $q(x) = \sqrt{3}x^2 + 10x + 7\sqrt{3}$

Solution:

Given,

$$q(x) = \sqrt{3}x^2 + 10x + 7\sqrt{3}$$

To find the zeros, we put $q(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}x^2 + 10x + 7\sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}x^2 + 3x + 7x + 7\sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}x(x + \sqrt{3}) + 7(x + \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3}x + 7) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$x = -\sqrt{3} \text{ and } x = -7/\sqrt{3}$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are $-\sqrt{3}$ and $-7/\sqrt{3}$.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of x / coefficient of x^2

$$-\sqrt{3} + (-7/\sqrt{3}) = -(10)/\sqrt{3}$$

$$(-3-7)/\sqrt{3} = -10/\sqrt{3}$$

$$-10/\sqrt{3} = -10/\sqrt{3}$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of x^2

$$(-\sqrt{3}) \times (-7/\sqrt{3}) = (7\sqrt{3}) / \sqrt{3}$$

$$7 = 7$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(vii) $f(x) = x^2 - (\sqrt{3} + 1)x + \sqrt{3}$

Solution:

Given,

$$f(x) = x^2 - (\sqrt{3} + 1)x + \sqrt{3}$$

To find the zeros, we put $f(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (\sqrt{3} + 1)x + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - \sqrt{3}x - x + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - \sqrt{3}) - 1(x - \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - \sqrt{3})(x - 1) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$x = \sqrt{3} \text{ and } x = 1$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are $\sqrt{3}$ and 1.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of x / coefficient of x^2

$$\sqrt{3} + 1 = -(-(\sqrt{3} + 1)) / 1$$

$$\sqrt{3} + 1 = \sqrt{3} + 1$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of x^2

$$1 \times \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3} / 1$$

$$\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3}$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(viii) $g(x) = a(x^2 + 1) - x(a^2 + 1)$

Solution:

Given,

$$g(x) = a(x^2 + 1) - x(a^2 + 1)$$

To find the zeros, we put $g(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a(x^2 + 1) - x(a^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ax^2 + a - a^2x - x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ax^2 - a^2x - x + a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ax(x - a) - 1(x - a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - a)(ax - 1) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$x = a \text{ and } x = 1/a$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are a and $1/a$.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of x / coefficient of x^2

$$a + 1/a = -(-a^2 - 1) / a$$

$$(a^2 + 1)/a = (a^2 + 1)/a$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of x^2

$$a \times 1/a = a / a$$

$$1 = 1$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(ix) $h(s) = 2s^2 - (1 + 2\sqrt{2})s + \sqrt{2}$

Solution:

Given,

$$h(s) = 2s^2 - (1 + 2\sqrt{2})s + \sqrt{2}$$

To find the zeros, we put $h(s) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2s^2 - (1 + 2\sqrt{2})s + \sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s^2 - 2\sqrt{2}s - s + \sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s(s - \sqrt{2}) - 1(s - \sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2s - 1)(s - \sqrt{2}) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$x = \sqrt{2} \text{ and } x = 1/2$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are $\sqrt{2}$ and 1.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of s / coefficient of s^2

$$\sqrt{2} + 1/2 = -(-1 + 2\sqrt{2}) / 2$$

$$(2\sqrt{2} + 1)/2 = (2\sqrt{2} + 1)/2$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of s^2

$$1/2 \times \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2} / 2$$

$$\sqrt{2} / 2 = \sqrt{2} / 2$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(x) $f(v) = v^2 + 4\sqrt{3}v - 15$

Solution:

Given,

$$f(v) = v^2 + 4\sqrt{3}v - 15$$

To find the zeros, we put $f(v) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 + 4\sqrt{3}v - 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 + 5\sqrt{3}v - \sqrt{3}v - 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v(v + 5\sqrt{3}) - \sqrt{3}(v + 5\sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (v - \sqrt{3})(v + 5\sqrt{3}) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$v = \sqrt{3} \text{ and } v = -5\sqrt{3}$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are $\sqrt{3}$ and $-5\sqrt{3}$.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of v / coefficient of v^2

$$\sqrt{3} + (-5\sqrt{3}) = -(4\sqrt{3}) / 1$$

$$-4\sqrt{3} = -4\sqrt{3}$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of v^2

$$\sqrt{3} \times (-5\sqrt{3}) = (-15) / 1$$

$$-5 \times 3 = -15$$

$$-15 = -15$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(xi) $p(y) = y^2 + (3\sqrt{5}/2)y - 5$

Solution:

Given,

$$p(y) = y^2 + (3\sqrt{5}/2)y - 5$$

To find the zeros, we put $f(y) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + (3\sqrt{5}/2)y - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - \sqrt{5}/2 y + 2\sqrt{5}y - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(y - \sqrt{5}/2) + 2\sqrt{5}(y - \sqrt{5}/2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y + 2\sqrt{5})(y - \sqrt{5}/2) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$y = \sqrt{5}/2 \text{ and } y = -2\sqrt{5}$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are $\sqrt{5}/2$ and $-2\sqrt{5}$.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of y / coefficient of y^2

$$\sqrt{5}/2 + (-2\sqrt{5}) = -(3\sqrt{5}/2) / 1$$

$$-3\sqrt{5}/2 = -3\sqrt{5}/2$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of y^2

$$\sqrt{5}/2 \times (-2\sqrt{5}) = (-5) / 1$$

$$-(\sqrt{5})^2 = -5$$

$$-5 = -5$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

(xii) $q(y) = 7y^2 - (11/3)y - 2/3$

Solution:

Given,

$$q(y) = 7y^2 - (11/3)y - 2/3$$

To find the zeros, we put $q(y) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 7y^2 - (11/3)y - 2/3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (21y^2 - 11y - 2)/3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 21y^2 - 11y - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 21y^2 - 14y + 3y - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7y(3y - 2) - 1(3y + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3y - 2)(7y + 1) = 0$$

This gives us 2 zeros, for

$$y = 2/3 \text{ and } y = -1/7$$

Hence, the zeros of the quadratic equation are $2/3$ and $-1/7$.

Now, for verification

Sum of zeros = - coefficient of y / coefficient of y^2

$$2/3 + (-1/7) = -(-11/3) / 7$$

$$-11/21 = -11/21$$

Product of roots = constant / coefficient of y^2

$$2/3 \times (-1/7) = (-2/3) / 7$$

$$-2/21 = -2/21$$

Therefore, the relationship between zeros and their coefficients is verified.

2. For each of the following, find a quadratic polynomial whose sum and product respectively of the zeros are as given. Also, find the zeros of these polynomials by factorization.

(i) $-8/3, 4/3$

Solution:

A quadratic polynomial formed for the given sum and product of zeros is given by:

$$f(x) = x^2 + \text{-(sum of zeros)} x + \text{(product of roots)}$$

Here, the sum of zeros is $= -8/3$ and product of zero $= 4/3$

Thus,

The required polynomial $f(x)$ is,

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (-8/3)x + (4/3)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 8/3x + (4/3)$$

So, to find the zeros we put $f(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 8/3x + (4/3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 6x + 2x + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x(x + 2) + 2(x + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 2)(3x + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 2) = 0 \text{ and, or } (3x + 2) = 0$$

Therefore, the two zeros are -2 and $-2/3$.

(ii) $21/8, 5/16$

Solution:

A quadratic polynomial formed for the given sum and product of zeros is given by:

$$f(x) = x^2 + \text{-(sum of zeros)} x + \text{(product of roots)}$$

Here, the sum of zeros is $= 21/8$ and product of zero $= 5/16$

Thus,

The required polynomial $f(x)$ is,

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (21/8)x + (5/16)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 21/8x + 5/16$$

So, to find the zeros we put $f(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 21/8x + 5/16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 42x + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 40x - 2x + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x(2x - 5) - 1(2x - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x - 5)(8x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x - 5) = 0 \text{ and, or } (8x - 1) = 0$$

Therefore, the two zeros are $5/2$ and $1/8$.

(iii) $-2\sqrt{3}, -9$

Solution:

A quadratic polynomial formed for the given sum and product of zeros is given by:

$$f(x) = x^2 + \text{-(sum of zeros)} x + \text{(product of roots)}$$

Here, the sum of zeros is $= -2\sqrt{3}$ and product of zero $= -9$

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Thus,

The required polynomial $f(x)$ is,

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (-2\sqrt{3})x + (-9)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2\sqrt{3}x - 9$$

So, to find the zeros we put $f(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2\sqrt{3}x - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 3\sqrt{3}x - \sqrt{3}x - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + 3\sqrt{3}) - \sqrt{3}(x + 3\sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 3\sqrt{3})(x - \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 3\sqrt{3}) = 0 \text{ and, or } (x - \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

Therefore, the two zeros are $-3\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{3}$.

(iv) $-3/2\sqrt{5}, -1/2$

Solution:

A quadratic polynomial formed for the given sum and product of zeros is given by:

$$f(x) = x^2 + -(\text{sum of zeros})x + (\text{product of roots})$$

Here, the sum of zeros is $= -3/2\sqrt{5}$ and product of zero $= -1/2$

Thus,

The required polynomial $f(x)$ is,

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (-3/2\sqrt{5})x + (-1/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 3/2\sqrt{5}x - 1/2$$

So, to find the zeros we put $f(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 3/2\sqrt{5}x - 1/2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{5}x^2 + 3x - \sqrt{5} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{5}x^2 + 5x - 2x - \sqrt{5} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5}x(2x + \sqrt{5}) - 1(2x + \sqrt{5}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x + \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{5}x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x + \sqrt{5}) = 0 \text{ and, or } (\sqrt{5}x - 1) = 0$$

Therefore, the two zeros are $-\sqrt{5}/2$ and $1/\sqrt{5}$.

3. If α and β are the zeros of the quadratic polynomial $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 4$, find the value of $1/\alpha + 1/\beta - 2\alpha\beta$.

Solution:

From the question, it's given that:

α and β are the roots of the quadratic polynomial $f(x)$ where $a = 1$, $b = -5$ and $c = 4$

So, we can find

$$\text{Sum of the roots} = \alpha + \beta = -b/a = -(-5)/1 = -5$$

$$\text{Product of the roots} = \alpha\beta = c/a = 4/1 = 4$$

To find, $1/\alpha + 1/\beta - 2\alpha\beta$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} \right] - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-5}{4} - 2(4) = -5/4 - 8 = -27/4$$

4. If α and β are the zeros of the quadratic polynomial $p(y) = 5y^2 - 7y + 1$, find the value of $1/\alpha + 1/\beta$.

Solution:

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From the question, it's given that:

α and β are the roots of the quadratic polynomial $f(x)$ where $a=5$, $b=-7$ and $c=1$

So, we can find

Sum of the roots = $\alpha+\beta = -b/a = -(-7)/5 = 7/5$

Product of the roots = $\alpha\beta = c/a = 1/5$

To find, $1/\alpha + 1/\beta$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta) / \alpha\beta$$

$$\Rightarrow (7/5) / (1/5) = 7$$

5. If α and β are the zeros of the quadratic polynomial $f(x)=x^2 - x - 4$, find the value of $1/\alpha+1/\beta-\alpha\beta$.

Solution:

From the question, it's given that:

α and β are the roots of the quadratic polynomial $f(x)$ where $a=1$, $b=-1$ and $c=-4$

So, we can find

Sum of the roots = $\alpha+\beta = -b/a = -(-1)/1 = 1$

Product of the roots = $\alpha\beta = c/a = -4/1 = -4$

To find, $1/\alpha + 1/\beta - \alpha\beta$

$$\Rightarrow [(\alpha + \beta) / \alpha\beta] - \alpha\beta$$

$$\Rightarrow [(1) / (-4)] - (-4) = -1/4 + 4 = 15/4$$

6. If α and β are the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $f(x) = x^2 + x - 2$, find the value of $1/\alpha - 1/\beta$.

Solution:

From the question, it's given that:

α and β are the roots of the quadratic polynomial $f(x)$ where $a=1$, $b=1$ and $c=-2$

So, we can find

Sum of the roots = $\alpha+\beta = -b/a = -(1)/1 = -1$

Product of the roots = $\alpha\beta = c/a = -2/1 = -2$

To find, $1/\alpha - 1/\beta$

$$\Rightarrow [(\beta - \alpha) / \alpha\beta]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\beta - \alpha}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\beta - \alpha}{\alpha\beta} \times \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta}}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\sqrt{1+8}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{9}}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

7. If one of the zero of the quadratic polynomial $f(x) = 4x^2 - 8kx - 9$ is negative of the other, then find the value of k .

Solution:

From the question, it's given that:

The quadratic polynomial $f(x)$ where $a=4$, $b=-8k$ and $c=-9$

And, for roots to be negative of each other, let the roots be α and $-\alpha$.

So, we can find

Sum of the roots = $\alpha - \alpha = -b/a = -(-8k)/4 = 8k = 0$ [$\because \alpha - \alpha = 0$]

$$\Rightarrow k = 0$$

8. If the sum of the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $f(t)=kt^2 + 2t + 3k$ is equal to their product, then find the value of k .

Solution:

Given,

The quadratic polynomial $f(t)=kt^2 + 2t + 3k$, where $a = k$, $b = 2$ and $c = 3k$.

And,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of the roots} &= \text{Product of the roots} \\ \Rightarrow & \quad (-b/a) = (c/a) \\ \Rightarrow & \quad (-2/k) = (3k/k) \\ \Rightarrow & \quad (-2/k) = 3 \\ & \quad \therefore k = -2/3 \end{aligned}$$

9. If α and β are the zeros of the quadratic polynomial $p(x) = 4x^2 - 5x - 1$, find the value of $\alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2$.

Solution:

From the question, it's given that:

α and β are the roots of the quadratic polynomial $p(x)$ where $a = 4$, $b = -5$ and $c = -1$

So, we can find

$$\text{Sum of the roots} = \alpha + \beta = -b/a = -(-5)/4 = 5/4$$

$$\text{Product of the roots} = \alpha\beta = c/a = -1/4$$

To find, $\alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1/4)(5/4) = -5/16$$

10. If α and β are the zeros of the quadratic polynomial $f(t)=t^2 - 4t + 3$, find the value of $\alpha^4\beta^3 + \alpha^3\beta^4$.

Solution:

From the question, it's given that:

α and β are the roots of the quadratic polynomial $f(t)$ where $a = 1$, $b = -4$ and $c = 3$

So, we can find

$$\text{Sum of the roots} = \alpha + \beta = -b/a = -(-4)/1 = 4$$

$$\text{Product of the roots} = \alpha\beta = c/a = 3/1 = 3$$

To find, $\alpha^4\beta^3 + \alpha^3\beta^4$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^3\beta^3(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha\beta)^3(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow (3)^3(4) = 27 \times 4 = 108$$