

ANSWERKEY (CAPS-2)

1. (D)	2. (A)	3. (A)	4. (B)	5. (A)	6. (A)	7. (B)
8. (ABD)	9. (AC)	10. (AC)	11. (C)	12. (B)	13. (2.00)	14. (0.00)
15. (8)	16. (1)	17. (1)	18. (9)	19. [1, 2]	20. (± 2)	21. (0)
22. (A) $\rightarrow$ q, (B) $\rightarrow$ (p,r,s), (C) $\rightarrow$ (r), (D) $\rightarrow$ (s)						

SCQ (Single Correct Type) :

1. If α, β be the roots of $x^2 + x + 2 = 0$ and γ, δ be the roots of $x^2 + 3x + 4 = 0$, then $(\alpha + \gamma)(\alpha + \delta)(\beta + \gamma)(\beta + \delta)$ is equal to
 (A) -18 (B) 18 (C) 24 (D) 44

Ans. (D)

Sol. We have $\alpha + \beta = -1$; $\alpha\beta = 2$, $\gamma + \delta = -3$, $\gamma\delta = 4$

Now $(\alpha + \gamma)(\alpha + \delta)(\beta + \gamma)(\beta + \delta) = (\alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 4)(\beta^2 - 3\beta + 4) \dots (1)$

But $\alpha^2 + \alpha + 2 = 0$ and $\beta^2 + \beta + 2 = 0$

$$\therefore (\alpha + \gamma)(\alpha + \delta)(\beta + \gamma)(\beta + \delta) = (-\alpha - 2 - 3\alpha + 4)(-\beta - 2 - 3\beta + 4) = (2 - 4\alpha)(2 - 4\beta) \\ = 4 - 8(\alpha + \beta) + 16\alpha\beta = 4 + 8 + 32 = 44 \text{ Ans.}$$

2. The number of value of k for which $(x^2 - (k-2)x - 2k)(x^2 + kx + 2k - 4)$ is a perfect square is
 (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 2 (D) 0

Ans. (A)

Sol. Let the expression is of the form $(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$

It can be a perfect square if either both expression are simultaneously perfect squares of both roots common, i.e., $(k-2)^2 + 8k = 0$ and $k^2 - 4(2k-4) = 0$ or $\frac{2-k}{k} = \frac{-2k}{2k-4}$ Solving we get k can take only value

3. The value of 'a' for which the quadratic expression $ax^2 + |2a-3|x - 6$ is positive for exactly three integral values of x is

(A) $\left[-\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{1}{2}\right]$ (B) $\left[-\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{1}{2}\right]$ (C) $\left[-\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{1}{6}\right]$ (D) None of these

Ans. (A)

Sol. Since expression is positive only three integral values of x, therefore parabola

$y = ax^2 + |2a-3|x - 6$ will open downward

$$\Rightarrow a < 0 \text{ and } y = ax^2 + (3-2a)x - 6$$

$$\text{or } y = (ax+3)(x-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 < -\frac{3}{a} \leq 6 \Rightarrow -\frac{3}{5} < a \leq -\frac{1}{2}$$

4. Consider the quadratic equation $ax^2 - bx + c = 0$, $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$. If the given equation has two distinct real roots belonging to $(1, 2)$ then
 (A) $1 < a < 5$ (B) $a \geq 5$ (C) $a = 4$ (D) $a = 3$

Ans. (B)

Sol. $\alpha + \beta = \frac{b}{a}, \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}, \alpha, \beta \in (1, 2)$

$\Rightarrow a - 1, \beta - 1, 2 - \alpha, 2 - \beta \in (0, 1)$

Apply AM $\geq$ GM

$\frac{(\alpha - 1) + (2 - \alpha)}{2} > \sqrt{(\alpha - 1)(2 - \alpha)}$

And $\frac{(\beta - 1) + (2 - \beta)}{2} > \sqrt{(\beta - 1)(2 - \beta)}$

$\Rightarrow (a - 1)(2 - \alpha) < \frac{1}{4}$ and $(\beta - 1)(2 - \beta) < \frac{1}{4}$

$(\alpha - 1)(\beta - 1)(2 - \alpha)(2 - \beta) < \frac{1}{16}$

$\therefore (\alpha - 1), (2 - \alpha), (\beta - 1), (2 - \beta) > 0$

$\Rightarrow 0 < (\alpha - 1)(2 - \alpha)(\beta - 1)(2 - \beta) < \frac{1}{16}$

$\Rightarrow 0 < \left(\frac{c}{a} - \frac{b}{a} + 1\right)\left(4 - \frac{2b}{a} + \frac{c}{a}\right) < \frac{1}{16}$

$(a - b + c)(4a - 2b + c) \geq 1 \quad (\because a, b, c \in \mathbb{N})$

From (1), $\frac{a^2}{16} > 1 \Rightarrow a \geq 5$

5. The set of values of 'a' for which in-equation $(a - 1)x^2 - (a + 1)x + (a - 1) \geq 0$ is true for all $x \geq 2$ is

(A) $\left(\frac{7}{3}, \infty\right)$ (B) $\left(1, \frac{7}{3}\right]$ (C) $(-\infty, 1)$ (D) $(-3, -2)$

Ans. (A)

Sol. $(a - 1)x^2 - (a + 1)x + (a - 1) \geq 0$

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

$a \geq \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x^2 - x + 1} = 1 + \frac{2x}{x^2 - x + 1} = 1 + \frac{2}{x + \frac{1}{x} - 1} \Rightarrow a \in \left(1, \frac{7}{3}\right)$

6. Let a_m ($m = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$) be the possible integral values of 'a' for which the graphs of $f(x) = ax^2 + 2bx + b$ and $g(x) = 5x^2 - 3bx - a$ meets at some point for all real values of b.

Let $T_r = \prod_{m=1}^p (r - a_m)$ and $S_n = \sum_{r=1}^n T_r$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$)

sum of all the possible values of 'n' for which T_n vanishes, is _____

(A) 10 (B) 15 (C) 21 (D) 20

Ans. (A)

Sol. $ax^2 + 2bx + b = 5x^2 - 3bx - a$
 $\Rightarrow (a - 5)x^2 + 5bx + b + a = 0$
 Since, this equation has real solutions $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}$
 Hence, $a - 5 \neq 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 5$
 and $D \geq 0 \quad \forall b \in \mathbb{R}$
 $\Rightarrow 25b^2 - 4(a - 5)(b + a) \geq 0 \quad \forall b \in \mathbb{R}$
 $\Rightarrow 25b^2 - 4(a - 5)b - 4a(a - 5) \geq 0 \quad \forall b \in \mathbb{R}$
 $\Rightarrow$ Its discriminant ≤ 0
 $16(a - 5)^2 + 4(25) \times 4a(a - 5) \leq 0$
 $\Rightarrow 16(a - 5)[a - 5 + 25a] \leq 0$
 $\Rightarrow (a - 5)(26a - 5) \leq 0$
 $\Rightarrow a \in \left[\frac{5}{26}, 5 \right) \quad (\because a \neq 5)$

So, integral values of a are 1, 2, 3, 4.

Now, $T_r = \prod_{m=1}^p (r - a_m)$
 $\Rightarrow T_r = (r - 1)(r - 2)(r - 3)(r - 4)$
 $S_n = \sum_{r=1}^n T_r$
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Clearly S_n vanishes for $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$

Hence, required sum $= 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$

7. If $p, q, r, s \in \mathbb{R}$, then equation $(x^2 + px + 3q)(-x^2 + rx + q)(-x^2 + sx - 2q) = 0$ has
 (A) 6 real roots (B) at least two real roots
 (C) 2 real and 4 imaginary roots (D) 4 real and 2 imaginary roots

Ans. (B)

Sol. Dis. of $x^2 + px + 3q$ is $p^2 - 12q \equiv D_1$
 Dis. of $-x^2 + rx + q$ is $r^2 + 4q \equiv D_2$
 Dis. of $-x^2 + sx - 2q$ is $s^2 - 8q \equiv D_3$
Case 1 : If $q < 0$, then $D_1 > 0$, $D_3 > 0$ and D_2 may or may not be positive
Case 2 : If $q > 0$, then $D_2 > 0$ and D_1, D_3 may or may not be positive
Case 3 : If $q = 0$, then $D_1 \geq 0$, $D_2 \geq 0$ and $D_3 \geq 0$

from **Case 1**, **Case 2** and **Case 3** we can say that the given equation has at least two real roots.

MCQ (One or more than one correct) :

8. If $|ax^2 + bx + 1| \leq 1$ for all x in $[0, 1]$ then
 (A) $|a| \leq 8$ (B) $|b| > 8$ (C) $b > 0$ (D) $|a| + |b| \leq 16$

Ans. (ABD)

Sol. Putting $x = 1$, and $\frac{1}{2}$
 $-2 \leq a + b \leq 0$ and $-8 \leq a + 2b \leq 0$
 $-4 \leq 2a + 2b \leq 0$ and $0 \leq -a - 2b \leq 8$
 By solving we get
 $-4 \leq a \leq 8$ and $-8 \leq b \leq 2$

9. The set 'S' of all real 'x' for which $(x^2 - x + 1)^{x-1} < 1$ contains
 (A) $(-5, -1)$ (B) $(-1, 1)$ (C) $(-1, 0)$ (D) $(-3, 1)$

Ans. (AC)

Sol. $x^2 - x + 1 = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x^2 - x + 1)^{x-1} < 1 \Rightarrow (x - 1) \log(x^2 - x + 1) < 0$$

Case 1 : $x \in (0, 1)$

Case 2 : $x - 1 < 0 \Rightarrow \log(x^2 - x + 1) > 0$

$$x \in (-\infty, 1) \cap x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$$

$$x \in (-\infty, 0)$$

10. Let Δ^2 be the discriminant and α, β be the roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. Then, $2a\alpha + \Delta$ and $2a\beta - \Delta$ can be the roots of the equation

(A) $x^2 + 2bx + b^2 = 0$

(B) $x^2 - 2bx + b^2 = 0$

(C) $x^2 + 2bx - 3b^2 + 16ac = 0$

(D) $x^2 - 2bx - 3b^2 + 16ac = 0$

Ans. (AC)

Sol. Since $\alpha, \beta = \frac{-b \pm \Delta}{2a}$ and $\Delta^2 = b^2 - 4ac$

either $2a\alpha + \Delta = -b$ and $2a\beta - \Delta = -b$

or $2a\alpha + \Delta = -b + 2\Delta$ and $2a\beta - \Delta = -b - 2\Delta$

$\therefore$ Sum of roots of required equation $= -2b$

And product of roots $= b^2$ or $b^2 - 4\Delta^2 = -3b^2 + 16ac$

$\therefore$ Required equation is

either $x^2 + 2bx + b^2 = 0$ or $x^2 + 2bx - 3b^2 + 16ac = 0$

Comprehension Type Question:

Comprehension # 1

If α, β, γ be the roots of the equation $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$. To obtain the equation whose roots are $f(\alpha), f(\beta), f(\gamma)$, where f is a function, we put $y = f(\alpha)$ and simplify it to obtain $\alpha = g(y)$ (some function of y). Now α is a root of the equation $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$, then we obtain the desired equation which is $a\{g(y)\}^3 + b\{g(y)\}^2 + c\{g(y)\} + d = 0$

For example, if α, β, γ are the roots of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$. To find equation whose roots are

$$\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}, \frac{1}{\gamma} \text{ we put } y = \frac{1}{\alpha} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{y}$$

As α is a root of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$

$$\text{we get } \frac{a}{y^3} + \frac{b}{y^2} + \frac{c}{y} + d = 0 \Rightarrow dy^3 + cy^2 + by + a = 0$$

This is desired equation.

On the basis of above information, answer the following questions :

11. If α, β are the roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then the roots of the equation $a(2x + 1)^2 + b(2x + 1)(x - 1) + c(x - 1)^2 = 0$ are-

(A) $\frac{2\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}, \frac{2\beta+1}{\beta-1}$

(B) $\frac{2\alpha-1}{\alpha+1}, \frac{2\beta-1}{\beta+1}$

(C) $\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-2}, \frac{\beta+1}{\beta-2}$

(D) $\frac{2\alpha+3}{\alpha-1}, \frac{2\beta+3}{\beta-1}$

Ans. (C)

Sol. $a \left(\frac{2x+1}{x-1} \right)^2 + b \left(\frac{2x+1}{x-1} \right) + c = 0$

Let $\frac{2x+1}{x-1} = a$

$\Rightarrow x\alpha - \alpha = 2x + 1$

$\Rightarrow x(\alpha - 2) = 1 + \alpha \Rightarrow x = \frac{1 + \alpha}{\alpha - 2}$

Similarly other root can be find out.

- 12.** If α, β are the roots of the equation $2x^2 + 4x - 5 = 0$, the equation whose roots are the reciprocals of $2\alpha - 3$ and $2\beta - 3$ is -

(A) $x^2 + 10x - 11 = 0$

(B) $11x^2 + 10x + 1 = 0$

(C) $x^2 + 10x + 11 = 0$

(D) $11x^2 - 10x + 1 = 0$

Ans. (B)

Sol. $\frac{1}{2\alpha - 3} = x \Rightarrow 2\alpha - 3 = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} + 3 \right)$

$\Rightarrow 2 \left(\frac{1+3x}{2x} \right)^2 + 4 \left(\frac{1+3x}{2x} \right) - 5 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 11x^2 + 10x + 1 = 0.$

Numerical based Questions :

- 13.** If $X^2 - 2p_s X + s = 0$, $s = 1, 2, 3$ are three equations of which each pair has exactly one root common and no root is common to all three equations, then the number of solutions of the triplet (p_1, p_2, p_3) is

Ans. (2.00)

Sol. $\alpha + \beta = 2p_1; \alpha\beta = 1$

$\beta + \gamma = 2p_2; \beta\gamma = 2$

$\gamma + \alpha = 2p_3; \gamma\alpha = 3$

From here we get two sets of α, β, γ

i.e. (P_1, P_2, P_3)

- 14.** If α and β are the roots of the equation $x^2 - a(x + 1) - b = 0$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ and $(a + b) \neq 0$, then the value of $\frac{1}{\alpha^2 - a\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta^2 - a\beta} \cdot \frac{2}{a + b}$ is equal to

Ans. (0.00)

Sol. As $\alpha^2 - a\alpha - a - b = 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha^2 - a\alpha} = \frac{1}{a + b} = \frac{1}{\beta^2 - a\beta}$

- 15.** Find product of all real values of x satisfying $(5 + 2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} + (5 - 2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} = 10$

Ans. (8)

Sol. $(5+2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} + \frac{1}{(5+2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3}} = 10 \Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = 10 \Rightarrow t^2 - 10t + 1 = 0$

$$t = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{96}}{2} = 5 \pm 2\sqrt{6} \Rightarrow (5+2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} = (5+2\sqrt{6}) \text{ or } \frac{1}{5+2\sqrt{6}}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ or } -2 \text{ or } -\sqrt{2} \text{ or } \sqrt{2}$$

Product 8

16. If a, b are the roots of $x^2 + px + 1 = 0$ and c, d are the roots of $x^2 + qx + 1 = 0$. Then find the value of $(a - c)(b - c)(a + d)(b + d)/(q^2 - p^2)$.

Ans. (1)

Sol. $x^2 + px + 1 = 0 \begin{cases} a \\ b \end{cases} \Rightarrow a + b = -p, ab = 1 \quad ; \quad x^2 + qx + 1 = 0 \begin{cases} c \\ d \end{cases} \Rightarrow c + d = -q, cd = 1$

$$a + b = -p, ab = 1 \Rightarrow c + d = -q, cd = 1$$

$$\text{RHS} = (a - c)(b - c)(a + d)(b + d) = (ab - ac - bc + c^2)(ab + ad + bd + d^2)$$

$$= (1 - ac - bc + c^2)(1 + ad + bd + d^2)$$

$$= 1 + ad + bd + d^2 - ac - a^2cd - abcd - acd^2 - bc - abcd - b^2cd$$

$$- bcd^2 + c^2 + adc^2 + bdc^2 + c^2d^2$$

$$= 1 + ad + bd + d^2 - ac - a^2 - 1 - ad - bc - 1 - b^2 - bd + c^2 + ac + bc + 1 [\because ab = cd = 1]$$

$$= c^2 + d^2 - a^2 - b^2 = (c + d)^2 - 2cd - (a + b)^2 + 2ab = q^2 - 2 - p^2 + 2 = q^2 - p^2 = \text{LHS.}$$

Proved.

Aliter :

$$\text{RHS} = (ab - c(a + b) + c^2)(ab + d(ab + d(a + b) + d^2)) = (c^2 + pc + 1)(1 - pd + d^2) \dots (1)$$

Since c & d are the roots of the equation $x^2 + qx + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore c^2 + qc + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow c^2 + 1 = -qc \text{ \& } d^2 + qd + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow d^2 + 1 = -qd.$$

$$\therefore \text{(i) Becomes} = (pc - qc)(-pd - qd) = c(p - q)(-d)(p + q) = -cd(p^2 - q^2)$$

$$= cd(q^2 - p^2) = q^2 - p^2 = \text{LHS.}$$

Proved.

17. If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are the roots of the equation $x^4 - Kx^3 + Kx^2 + Lx + M = 0$, where K, L & M are real numbers, then the minimum value of $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2$ is $-n$. Find the value of n.

Ans. (1)

Sol. $x^4 - Kx^3 + Kx^2 + Lx + M = 0 \begin{cases} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sum \alpha = K, \sum \alpha\beta = K, \sum \alpha\beta\gamma = -L$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = M \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta)^2 - 2 \sum \alpha\beta$$

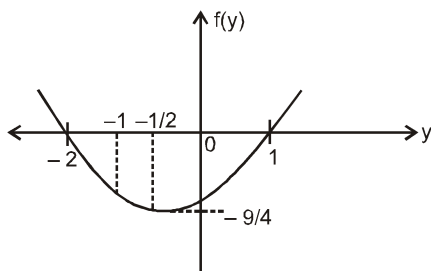
$$K^2 - 2K = (K - 1)^2 - 1 \Rightarrow (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2)_{\min} = -1$$

18. Consider $y = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$, where x is real, then the range of expression $y^2 + y - 2$ is [a, b].

Find $b - 4a$.

Ans. (9)

Sol. $y = \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \Rightarrow x^2y - 2x + y = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$



$D \geq 0$

$4 - 4y^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow y \in [-1, 1]$

Now $f(y) = y^2 + y - 2$

$\Rightarrow f(y) \in \left[-\frac{9}{4}, 0\right] \Rightarrow a = -\frac{9}{4}, b = 0 \Rightarrow b - 4a = 0 - 4\left(-\frac{9}{4}\right) = 9. \text{ Ans.}$

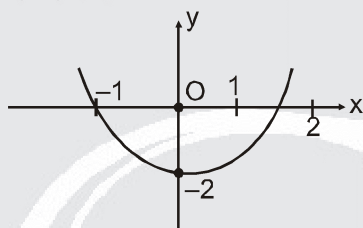
- 19.** Find the values of a , for which the quadratic expression $ax^2 + (a - 2)x - 2$ is negative for exactly two integral values of x .

Ans. $[1, 2)$

Sol. Let $f(x) = ax^2 + (a - 2)x - 2$

$\therefore f(0) = -2$

and $f(-1) = 0$



Since the quadratic expression is negative for exactly two integral values

$\Rightarrow f(1) < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f(2) \geq 0$
 $\Rightarrow a + a - 2 - 2 < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 4a + 2a - 4 - 2 \geq 0$
 $\Rightarrow a < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad a \geq 1$
 $\therefore a \in [1, 2)$

- 20.** If α, β are roots of the equation $x^2 - 34x + 1 = 0$, evaluate $\sqrt[4]{\alpha} - \sqrt[4]{\beta}$

Ans. (± 2)

Sol. $\therefore \alpha, \beta$ are the roots of $x^2 - 34x + 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 34 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 1$

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

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

$\therefore \left(\sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta}\right)^2 = \alpha + \beta + 2\sqrt{\alpha\beta} \quad \therefore \alpha + \beta = 34 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 1$

$$\therefore (\sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta})^2 = 36 \quad \therefore \text{we consider the principal value}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta} = 6 \text{ put in (1), we get.}$$

$$\left(\alpha^{\frac{1}{4}} - \beta^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 = 4 \quad \therefore \alpha^{\frac{1}{4}} - \beta^{\frac{1}{4}} = \pm 2 \text{ Ans.}$$

21. Find the number of real roots of $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$

Ans. (0)

Sol. $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \left(\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 1 \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 3 \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{No real value of } x.$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of real roots} = 0$$

Matrix Match Type :

22. Consider the equation $x^2 + 2(a - 1)x + a + 5 = 0$, where 'a' is parameter. Match of the real values of 'a' so that the given equation has

Column-I		Column-II	
A	imaginary roots	p	$\left(-\infty, -\frac{8}{7}\right)$
B	one root smaller than 3 and other root greater than 3	q	$(-1, 4)$
C	exactly one root in the interval (1, 3) & 1 and 3 are not be root of the equation	r	$\left(-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{8}{7}\right)$
D	one root smaller than 1 and other root greater than 3	s	$\left(-\infty, -\frac{4}{3}\right)$

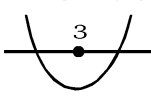
Ans. (A) $\rightarrow$ q, (B) $\rightarrow$ (p,r,s), (C) $\rightarrow$ (r), (D) $\rightarrow$ (s)

Sol. $x^2 + 2(a - 1)x + a + 5 = 0$

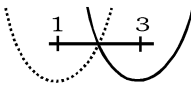
$$D = 4(a - 1)^2 - 4(a + 5)$$

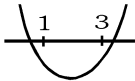
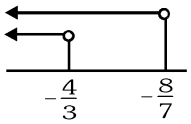
$$= (a^2 - 3a - 4) = 4(a - 4)(a + 1)$$

$$(A) \quad D < 0 \Rightarrow a \in (-1, 4)$$

(B)  $\Rightarrow f(3) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow 7a + 8 < 0 \Rightarrow a \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{8}{7}\right)$$

(C)  $\Rightarrow f(1) \cdot f(3) < 0$
 $(3a + 4)(7a + 8) < 0 \quad a \in \left(-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{8}{7}\right)$

(D)  $\Rightarrow f(1) < 0 \text{ \& } f(3) < 0$
 $\Rightarrow a \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{4}{3}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{8}{7}, \infty\right)$

Subjective Type Questions :

23. Let α_1, α_2 and β_1, β_2 be the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ and $px^2 + qx + r = 0$ respectively. If the system of equations $\alpha_1 y + \alpha_2 z = 0$ and $\beta_1 y + \beta_2 z = 0$ has non-trivial solution, prove that

$$\frac{b^2}{q^2} = \frac{ac}{pr}$$

- Sol. Given α_1, α_2 are the roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = -\frac{b}{a}, \alpha_1 \alpha_2 = \frac{c}{a} \quad \dots(1)$$

Also, β_1, β_2 are the roots of $px^2 + qx + r = 0$, then

$$\beta_1 + \beta_2 = -\frac{q}{p}, \beta_1 \beta_2 = \frac{r}{p} \quad \dots(2)$$

The equation $\alpha_1 y + \alpha_2 z = 0$ will have non-zero solution if

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 \beta_2 - \alpha_2 \beta_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} = \frac{\alpha_2}{\beta_2} \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{\beta_1 + \beta_2} = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}{\beta_1 \beta_2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)}{\left(-\frac{q}{p}\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{c}{a}}{\frac{r}{p}}} \Rightarrow \frac{pb}{qa} = \sqrt{\frac{pc}{ar}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p^2 b^2}{q^2 a^2} = \frac{pc}{ar} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{q^2} = \frac{ac}{pr}$$

24. The equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ and $cx^2 + bx + a = 0$ have a common root and the difference of their other roots is one. Then show that $|ac| = |a^2 - c^2|$. Hence or otherwise find the maximum and minimum value of $\left|\frac{a}{c}\right|$.

- Sol. Roots of both the equations are reciprocal of each other and they have a common root, which can be 1 or -1.

$$\Rightarrow |b| = |a + c|$$

Let $\pm 1, \beta$ be roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

and $\pm 1, \beta'$ be the roots of the equation $cx^2 + bx + a = 0$

$$\text{Now, } \pm 1 + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\pm 1 + \beta' = -\frac{b}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta - \beta' = b \left(\frac{a-c}{ac} \right) \Rightarrow \left| \frac{b(a-c)}{ac} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow |ac| = |a^2 - c^2|$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{a}{c} \right| = \left| \frac{a^2}{c^2} - 1 \right|$$

$$\text{Now, } \left| \frac{a^2}{c^2} - 1 \right| \geq \left| \frac{a^2}{c^2} \right| - 1 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{a}{c} \right| \geq \left| \frac{a^2}{c^2} \right| - 1 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{a}{c} \right| \leq \left| \frac{a^2}{c^2} \right| - 1 \leq \left| \frac{a}{c} \right|$$

Solving, we get

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{a}{c} \right| \in \left[\frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right].$$

$$\text{Hence minimum value} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\text{And maximum value} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

- 25.** If the roots of the equation $ax^2 - 2bx + c = 0$ are imaginary, find the number of real roots of $4e^x + (a+c)^2(x^3 + x) = 4b^2x$.

Sol. $f(x) = 4e^x + (a+c)^2(x^3 + x) = 4b^2x$

$$f'(x) = 4e^x + (a+c)^2 - 4b^2 + 3x^2(a+c)^2$$

Given $ax^2 - 2bx + c = 0$ has imaginary roots

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - ac < 0 \Rightarrow -4b^2 + 4ac > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4b^2 + (a-c)^2 + 4ac > 0 \Rightarrow -4b^2 + (a+c)^2 > 0$$

$$\text{So, } f'(x) > 0$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is an monotonically increasing function.

$$\text{Also } f(0) = 4 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty.$$

Hence $f(x)$ has one and only one real root.

- 26.** Prove that roots of $a^2x^2 + (b^2 + a^2 - c^2)x + b^2 = 0$ are not real, if $a + b > c$ and $|a - b| < c$. (where a, b, c are positive real numbers)

Sol. $a^2x^2 + (b^2 + a^2 - c^2)x + b^2 = 0$ (1)

$$\therefore a + b > c \Rightarrow a + b - c > 0$$
(2)

$$\text{and } |a - b| < c \Rightarrow a - b - c < 0$$
(3)

$$\text{and } a - b + c > 0$$
(4)

Discriminant of equation (1)

$$\text{i.e. } D = (b^2 + a^2 - c^2)^2 - 4a^2b^2$$

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

$$= \{(a-b)^2 - c^2\} \{(a+b)^2 - c^2\}$$

$$= (a-b+c)(a-b-c)(a+b+c)(a+b-c) < 0 \text{ (using (2), (3), (4))}$$

$$D < 0 \therefore \text{roots are not real.}$$