Exercise 2.2

Question 1:

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

$(\text{i})\, x^2-2x-8$ $(\text{ii})\, 4s^2-4s+1$ $(\text{iii})\, 6x^2-3-7x$

$(\text{iv})\, 4u^2+8u$ $(\text{v})\, t^2-15$ $(\text{vi})\, 3x^2-x-4$

Answer:

(i) $x^2-2x-8=(x-4)(x+2)$

The value of x^2-2x-8 is zero when x − 4 = 0 or x + 2 = 0, i.e., when x = 4 or x = −2

Therefore, the zeroes of x^2-2x-8 are 4 and −2.

Sum of zeroes = $4-2=2=\frac{-(-2)}{1}=\frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } x)}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$

Product of zeroes $=4\times(-2)=-8=\frac{(-8)}{1}=\frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$

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

The value of $4s^2-4s+1$ is zero when 2s − 1 = 0, i.e., $s=\frac{1}{2}$

Therefore, the zeroes of $4s^2-4s+1$ are $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$.

Sum of zeroes = $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1=\frac{-(-4)}{4}=\frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } s)}{(\text{Coefficient of } s^2)}$

Product of zeroes $= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } s^2}$

(iii) $6x^2 - 3 - 7x = 6x^2 - 7x - 3 = (3x+1)(2x-3)$

The value of $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$ is zero when $3x + 1 = 0$ or $2x - 3 = 0$, i.e., $x = \frac{-1}{3}$ or $x = \frac{3}{2}$

Therefore, the zeroes of $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$ are $\frac{-1}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{2}$.

Sum of zeroes = $\frac{-1}{3} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{7}{6} = \frac{-(-7)}{6} = \frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } x)}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$

Product of zeroes = $\frac{-1}{3} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{-3}{6} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$

(iv) $4u^2 + 8u = 4u^2 + 8u + 0$

$= 4u(u+2)$

The value of $4u^2 + 8u$ is zero when $4u = 0$ or $u + 2 = 0$, i.e., $u = 0$ or $u = -2$

Therefore, the zeroes of $4u^2 + 8u$ are 0 and −2.

Sum of zeroes = $0 + (-2) = -2 = \frac{-(8)}{4} = \frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } u)}{\text{Coefficient of } u^2}$

Product of zeroes = $0 \times (-2) = 0 = \frac{0}{4} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } u^2}$

(v) $t^2 - 15$

$= t^2 - 0t - 15$

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

The value of $t^2 - 15$ is zero when $t-\sqrt{15}=0$ or $t+\sqrt{15}=0$, i.e., when $t=\sqrt{15}$ or $t=-\sqrt{15}$

Therefore, the zeroes of $t^2 - 15$ are $\sqrt{15}$ and $-\sqrt{15}$.

Sum of zeroes = $\sqrt{15}+\left(-\sqrt{15}\right)=0=\frac{-0}{1}=\frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } t)}{\left(\text{Coefficient of } t^2\right)}$

Product of zeroes = $\left(\sqrt{15}\right)\left(-\sqrt{15}\right)=-15=\frac{-15}{1}=\frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{vi})\quad & 3x^2-x-4\\ &=(3x-4)(x+1)\end{aligned}$$

The value of $3x^2 - x - 4$ is zero when $3x - 4 = 0$ or $x + 1 = 0$, i.e., when $x=\frac{4}{3}$ or $x = -1$

Therefore, the zeroes of $3x^2 - x - 4$ are $\frac{4}{3}$ and -1.

Sum of zeroes = $\frac{4}{3}+(-1)=\frac{1}{3}=\frac{-(-1)}{3}=\frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } x)}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$

Product of zeroes $=\frac{4}{3}(-1)=\frac{-4}{3}=\frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$

Question 2:

Find a quadratic polynomial each with the given numbers as the sum and product of its zeroes respectively.

(i) $\frac{1}{4},-1$ (ii) $\sqrt{2},\frac{1}{3}$ (iii) $0,\sqrt{5}$

(iv) $1,1$ (v) $-\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4}$ (vi) $4,1$

Answer:

(i) $\frac{1}{4}, -1$

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β.

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{-b}{a}$$
$$\alpha\beta = -1 = \frac{-4}{4} = \frac{c}{a}$$
$$\text{If } a = 4, \text{ then } b = -1, \ c = -4$$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $4x^2 - x - 4$.

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

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β.

$$\alpha + \beta = \sqrt{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{3} = \frac{-b}{a}$$
$$\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{c}{a}$$
$$\text{If } a = 3, \text{ then } b = -3\sqrt{2}, \ c = 1$$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $3x^2 - 3\sqrt{2}x + 1$.

(iii) $0, \sqrt{5}$

Let the polynomial be $ax^2 + bx + c$, and its zeroes be α and β.

$$\alpha+\beta=0=\frac{0}{1}=\frac{-b}{a}$$
$$\alpha\times\beta=\sqrt{5}=\frac{\sqrt{5}}{1}=\frac{c}{a}$$
$$\text{If } a=1, \text{ then } b=0,\ c=\sqrt{5}$$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $x^2+\sqrt{5}$.

(iv) 1, 1

Let the polynomial be ax^2+bx+c, and its zeroes be α and β.

$$\alpha+\beta=1=\frac{1}{1}=\frac{-b}{a}$$
$$\alpha\times\beta=1=\frac{1}{1}=\frac{c}{a}$$
$$\text{If } a=1, \text{ then } b=-1,\ c=1$$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is x^2-x+1.

(v) $-\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4}$

Let the polynomial be ax^2+bx+c, and its zeroes be α and β.

$$\alpha+\beta=\frac{-1}{4}=\frac{-b}{a}$$
$$\alpha\times\beta=\frac{1}{4}=\frac{c}{a}$$
$$\text{If } a=4, \text{ then } b=1,\ c=1$$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $4x^2+x+1$.

(vi) 4, 1

Let the polynomial be ax^2+bx+c.

$$\alpha + \beta = 4 = \frac{4}{1} = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$\alpha \times \beta = 1 = \frac{1}{1} = \frac{c}{a}$$

If $a = 1$, then $b = -4$, $c = 1$

Therefore, the quadratic polynomial is $x^2 - 4x + 1$.