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Mathematics Honors Sub.

B.Sc. Part - I

Paper - I

Topic: Theory of Equations.

Q: A root α of the eqn $3x^3 - 10x^2 + 7x + 10 = 0$ is connected with a root α' of the equation $x^3 - x^2 - 17x + 65 = 0$ by the relation $\alpha\alpha' + \alpha' - \alpha + 1 = 0$. Using the fact, Solve the two given eqns completely.

Solⁿ: - Since α is a root of the equation

$$3x^3 - 10x^2 + 7x + 10 = 0$$

We have, $3\alpha^3 - 10\alpha^2 + 7\alpha + 10 = 0$

Again since α' is a root of the equation

$$x^3 - x^2 - 17x + 65 = 0, \text{ we have}$$

$$\alpha'^3 - \alpha'^2 - 17\alpha' + 65 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

But $\alpha\alpha' + \alpha' - \alpha + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha'(\alpha + 1) = \alpha - 1$$

$$\therefore \alpha' = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}$$

Now, putting $\alpha' = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}$ in (2)

$$\text{we get, } \left(\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}\right)^2 - 17\left(\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}\right) + 65 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)^3 - (x-1)^2(x-1) - 17(x-1)(x+1)^2 + 65(x+1)^3 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1) - (x^3 - x^2 - x + 1) - 17(x^2 - 1)(x+1) + 65(x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1) - (x^3 - x^2 - x + 1) - 17(x^3 + x^2 - x - 1) + 65(x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3(1-1-17+65) + x^2(-3+1-17+195) + x(3+1+17+195) + (-1-1+17+65) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow 48x^3 + 176x^2 + 216x + 80 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^3 + 22x^2 + 27x + 10 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Hence the roots of $3x^3 - 10x^2 + 7x + 10 = 0$.

are $-\frac{2}{3}, 2+i, 2-i$.

Again, dividing

$x^3 - x^2 - 17x + 65$ by $x+5$, we get

$$x^2 - 6x + 13$$

Solving $x^2 - 6x + 13 = 0$, we get

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 13}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm 4i}{2} = 3 \pm 2i$$

Hence the roots of $x^3 - x^2 - 17x + 65 = 0$

are $-5, 3+2i, 3-2i$.

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Q: If the roots of the equation $x^4 - 5x^3 + 11x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$ be connected by the relation $2\beta + 3\alpha = 7$, then find all its roots.

Sol: Putting $x=1$ in $x^4 - 5x^3 + 11x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$, we find that $x^4 - 5x^3 + 11x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$.

Taking $x=1$, in the relation $2\beta + 3\alpha = 7$, we get

$$2\beta = 7 - 3 = 4, \therefore \beta = 2$$

Hence the two roots of the given equation are $x=1$ and $\beta=2$.

Consequently $(x-1)$ and $(x-2)$ are two factors of $x^4 - 5x^3 + 11x^2 - 13x + 6$.

Now, dividing

$x^4 - 5x^3 + 11x^2 - 13x + 6$ by $(x-1)(x-2)$ i.e. by $x^2 - 3x + 2$, we get $x^2 - 2x + 3$.

\therefore The other roots of the given eqn are obtained by the equation

$$x^2 - 2x + 3 = 0. \text{ Solving } x^2 - 2x + 3 = 0$$

$$\text{we get, } x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}i}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}i$$

Hence all the four roots of the given eqn are $1, 2, 1 + \sqrt{2}i, 1 - \sqrt{2}i$.

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