THEME: ROOTS OF QUADRATIC EQUATION
WEEK: 2

CLASS: SS 2
SUBJECT: FURTHER MATHEMATICS
UNIT TOPIC: ROOTS OF QUADRATIC EQUATION
LESSON TOPIC: CONDITIONS FOR QUADRATIC EQUATION
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: At the end of the lesson, students should be able to;
i. Define quadratic equation;
ii. State and apply conditions for quadratic equation;
iii. Find the sum and product of roots of quadratic equations;
iv. Find the quadratic given sum and product of roots

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: Charts of general solution of quadratic equation etc.
LESSON PRESENTATION: The teacher present lesson step by step by first asking the students questions based on previous lessons, for example, what is an equation? What is quadratic equation? Etc

## STEP 1

MODE: Entire Class

## TEACHER'S ACTIVITIES

## ROOTS OF QUADRATIC EQUATION

## QUADRATIC EQUATION

Definition: A quadratic equation is an equation that can be written as $a x^{2}+b x+c=0 ; a \neq 0$ where $a$, $b$ and $c$ are constants

Examples of quadratic equations are;
a. $3 x^{2}-55 x-4=0$
b. $\frac{7}{5} y^{2}+7 y+22=0$
c. $t(t-7)=0$
d. $(x-6)(x+6)=0$
e. $(p-8)^{2}=0$
f. $\frac{4}{5} x^{2}-\frac{3}{10} x-\frac{5}{21}=0$

The followings are not quadratic equation;
a. $\frac{3}{x^{2}}+7 x-1=0$
b. $5 y^{2}-7 \sqrt{y}+6=0$
c. $11 t^{2}+\frac{4}{t}+\frac{7}{11}=0$
d. $9 \sqrt{m^{2}}+6 m-7=0$

## STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

1. Give five examples of quadratic equation
2. Give five examples non quadratic equation

## STEP II

Exploration; fact find about the lesson objectives using the resources around
MODE: ENTIRE CLASS
TEACHER'S ACTIVITIES

## DISCRIMINATE

Definition: Discriminate is a number that can be calculated from any quadratic equation. It is usually denoted by;

$$
D=b^{2}-4 a c
$$

Where a is coefficient of $x^{2}, \mathrm{~b}$ is coefficient of x and c is a constant from any quadratic equation
Example: Determine discriminate of $3 x^{2}+9 x+5=0$
Solution

$$
\begin{gathered}
a=3, b=9 \text { and } c=5 \\
D=b^{2}-4 a c \\
=9^{2}-4(3)(5) \\
=81-60 \\
=21
\end{gathered}
$$

## STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Identify quadratic equation and determine it's discriminate from the following equations;
a. $4 x^{2}-55 x-4=0$
b. $\frac{7}{5} y^{2}+7 y+11=0$
c. $\frac{3}{x^{2}}+7 x+1=0$
d. $5 y^{2}-8 \sqrt{y}+6=0$
e. $11 t^{2}+\frac{4}{t}+\frac{1}{11}=0$
f. $9 \sqrt{m^{2}}+6 m+7=0$
g. $t(t+7)=0$
h. $(x-8)(x+8)=0$
i. $\quad(p+8)^{2}=0$
j. $\frac{4}{3} x^{2}-\frac{3}{5} x-\frac{5}{2}=0$

## STEP III

Discussion of condition about a quadratic equation
MODE: ENTIRE CLASS

## TEACHER'S ACTIVITIES

## CONDITIONS FOR QUADRATIC EQUATION

The discriminate provides critical/information regarding the nature of the roots/solutions of any quadratic equations

The discriminate provides the following information (Conditions) about a quadratic equation;

* If the solution is unique (one) solution/root or two different solutions/roots
* If the solutions/roots are real or imaginary(complex)
* If the solutions/roots are rational or irrational


## POSITIVE DISCRIMINATE

$a$. If $b^{2}-4 a c>0$ and it is perfect square, then, the roots are;

- Two real roots(solutions)
- The roots are rational

Example: $x^{2}+4 x-5=0$

$$
\begin{gathered}
a=1, b=4 \text { and } c=-5 \\
D=b^{2}-4 a c \\
=b^{2}-4(1)(-5) \\
=16+30 \\
=36
\end{gathered}
$$

Since the discriminate is positive and a perfect square, there are two real solutions that are rational

$$
\begin{gathered}
x^{2}+4 x-5=0 \\
(x+5)(x-1)=0 \\
x=-5 \text { or } x=1
\end{gathered}
$$

b. If $b^{2}-4 a c>0$ and is not a perfect square, then, the roots are;

- Two real roots(solutions)
- The roots are irrational

Example: $3 x^{2}-5 x+1=0$

$$
\begin{gathered}
a=3, b=-5 \text { and } c=1 \\
D=b^{2}-4 a c \\
=(-5)^{2}-4(3)(1) \\
=25-12 \\
=13
\end{gathered}
$$

Since the discriminate is positive and not a perfect square, then there are two real solutions (roots) that are irrational

$$
\begin{gathered}
3 x^{2}-5 x+1=0 \\
a=3, b=-5 \text { and } c=1 \\
x=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2}-4 a c}}{2 a} \\
=\frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^{2}-4(3)(1)}}{2 \times 3} \\
=\frac{5 \pm \sqrt{13}}{6} \\
=\frac{5+\sqrt{13}}{6} \text { or } \frac{5-\sqrt{13}}{6}
\end{gathered}
$$

## NEGATIVE DISCRIMINATE

a. If $b^{2}-4 a c<0$ and is perfect square, then, the roots are;

- No real solution/roots [two complex (imaginary) solutions/roots]
- The roots(solutions) are rational

Example: $x^{2}-4 x+5=0$

$$
\begin{gathered}
a=1, b=-4 \text { and } c=5 \\
D=b^{2}-4 a c \\
=(-4)^{2}-4(1)(5) \\
=16-20 \\
=-4
\end{gathered}
$$

Since the discriminate is negative and a perfect square, there are two imaginary roots that are rational That is

$$
\begin{gathered}
x^{2}-4 x+5=0 \\
a=1, b=-4 \text { and } c=5
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
x= & \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2}-4 a c}}{2 a} \\
= & \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2 \times 1} \\
& =\frac{4 \pm i \sqrt{4}}{2} \\
& =\frac{4 \pm 2 i}{2} \\
= & 2+i \text { or } 2-i
\end{aligned}
$$

b. If $b^{2}-4 a c<0$ and it is not a perfect square, then, the roots are;

- No real roots/solutions (two imaginary roots/solutions)
- Irrational roots/solutions

Example: $x^{2}+3 x+7=0$

$$
\begin{gathered}
a=1, b=3 \text { and } c=7 \\
D=b^{2}-4 a c \\
=3^{2}-4(1)(7) \\
=9-28 \\
=-19
\end{gathered}
$$

Since the discriminate is negative and not a perfect square, then, the two roots/solutions are irrational and complex

That is

$$
\begin{array}{r}
x^{2}+3 x+7=\mathbf{0}=1, b=3 \text { and } c=7 \\
x=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2}-4 a c}}{2 a} \\
=\frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{-19}}{2} \\
=\frac{-3 \pm i \sqrt{19}}{2} \\
x=\frac{-3+i \sqrt{19}}{2} \text { or } x=\frac{-3-i \sqrt{19}}{2}
\end{array}
$$

## ZERO DISCRIMINATE

If $b^{2}-4 a c=0$, then, the root/solution is unique (one)

Example: $x^{2}-2 x+1=0$

$$
\begin{gathered}
a=1, b=-2 \text { and } c=1 \\
D=b^{2}-4 a c \\
=(-2)^{2}-4(1)(1) \\
=4-4 \\
=0
\end{gathered}
$$

Since the discriminate is zero, then, the solution/root is rational unique (one)
That is,

$$
\begin{gathered}
x^{2}-2 x+1=0 \\
x^{2}-x-x+1=0 \\
(x-1)(x-1)=0 \\
x=1 \text { twice }
\end{gathered}
$$

## STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Without solve the following equations, find the information (condition) about them
(i) $2 x^{2}+8 x-10=0$ (ii) $6 x^{2}-10 x+2=0$ (iii) $2 x^{2}-4 x+2=0$ (iv) $2 x^{2}-8 x+10=0$
(v) $2 x^{2}+6 x+14=0(v i) 3 x^{2}+9 x+21=0$

## STEP IV

Evaluation: Teacher will evaluate students through questions relevant to the lesson objectives, for example, what is discriminate? What is the formula for discriminate? Etc.

## ASSIGNMENT

i. What will be the value of $P$ so that the quadratic equation $P x^{2}-4 x+1=0$ has two equal roots?
ii. Find the value of the constant $K$ for which the equation $2 x^{2}+(K+3) x+2 K=0$ has equal roots
iii. If the roots of $(x-1)(x-2)=K$ are equal, find the value of $K$
iv. Find the values of $M$ which make the quadratic function $x^{2}+2(M+1) x+M+3$ a perfect square
v. What must be added to the expression $x^{2}-18 x$ to make it a perfect square?
vi. If the quadratic equation $3 x^{2}+7 x+C$ is a perfect square, find $C$

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## SUBJECT: FURTHER MATHEMATICS

UNIT TOPIC: ROOTS OF QUADRATIC EQUATION
LESSON TOPIC: CONDITIONS FOR LINE TO INTERSECT, SUM AND PRODUCT OF ROOTS OF QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: At the end of the lesson, students should be able to;
i. State and explain condition for line to intersect the curve or not to intersect to the curve;
ii. State and apply conditions for quadratic equation;
iii. Find the sum and product of roots of quadratic equations;
iv. Find the quadratic given sum and product of roots;
v. Solve problems on roots of quadratic equations

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: Charts showing condition for line to intersect curve and not to intersect etc.

LESSON PRESENTATION: The teacher present lesson step by step by first asking the students questions based on previous lessons, for example, condition for real roots, imaginary roots and equal roots Etc

## STEP 1

MODE: Entire Class
TEACHER'S ACTIVITIES
CONDITION FOR LINE TO INTERSECT, NOT TO INTERSECT AND TANGENT TO THE CURVE
a. If $b^{2}-4 a c>0$; the graph crosses the $x$-axis (intersect curve)

Example: $3 x^{2}+5 x-2=0$

$$
\begin{gathered}
b^{2}-4 a c=25+24 \\
=49>0
\end{gathered}
$$

The graph of the equation $3 x^{2}+5 x-2=0$ crosses the $x$-axis
Since


If

$$
a<0
$$


$b$. If $b^{2}-4 a c<0$, the graph is either wholly above or wholly below the $x$-axis
bi. If $f(0)>0$, the graph lies wholly above x -axis
Example: $2 x^{2}+5 x+4=0$

$$
\begin{gathered}
b^{2}-4 a c \\
=25-32<0 \text { and } \\
f(0)=4>0
\end{gathered}
$$

The graph lies wholly above $x$-axis
bii. If $f(0)<0$, the graph lies wholly below the $x$-axis
Example: $-4 x^{2}+2 x-9$

$$
b^{2}-4 a c
$$

$$
=4-144<0 \text { and } f(0)=-9<0
$$

The graph lies wholly below x -axis

c. If $b^{2}-4 a c=0$, the graph is tangent to $x$-axis

Example: $4 x^{2}-20 x+25=0$

$$
\begin{gathered}
b^{2}-4 a c \\
=400-400 \\
=0
\end{gathered}
$$

The graph is tangent to the $x$-axis
Since $a>0$,


If $a<0$,

## STUDENTS ACTIVITIES



Without sketching graph, state whether the graph of each of the following functions crosses the x -axis, lies wholly above or below or tangent to the curve
a. $6 x^{2}+10 x-4=0$ b. $4 x^{2}+10 x+8=0$ c. $-8 x^{2}+4 x-18=0 d .8 x^{2}-40 x+50=0$

## STEP II

Exploration; fact find about the lesson objectives using the resources around
MODE: ENTIRE CLASS
TEACHER'S ACTIVITIES

## SUM AND PRODUCT OF ROOTS

Suppose $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are the roots of $a x^{2}+b x+c=0 ; a \neq 0$
Then,

$$
\alpha, \beta=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2}-4 a c}}{2 a}
$$

Let $Q=b^{2}-4 a c$

$$
\alpha, \beta=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{Q}}{2 a}
$$

Then,

$$
\alpha=\frac{-b+\sqrt{Q}}{2 a} \text { and } \beta=\frac{-b-\sqrt{Q}}{2 a}
$$

## SUM OF THE ROOTS

$$
\begin{aligned}
\alpha+\beta & =\frac{-b+\sqrt{Q}}{2 a}-\frac{b-\sqrt{Q}}{2 a} \\
= & \frac{-b+\sqrt{Q}-b-\sqrt{Q}}{2 a} \\
& =\frac{-2 b}{2 a}=\frac{-b}{a}
\end{aligned}
$$

That is,

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

PRODUCT OF THE ROOTS

$$
\begin{aligned}
\alpha \beta & =\left(\frac{-b+\sqrt{Q}}{2 a}\right)\left(\frac{-b-\sqrt{Q}}{2 a}\right) \\
& =\frac{b^{2}+b \sqrt{Q}-b \sqrt{Q}-Q}{4 a^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
=\frac{b^{2}-Q}{4 a^{2}} \\
=\frac{b^{2}-\left(b^{2}-4 a c\right)}{4 a^{2}} \text { since } Q=b^{2}-4 a c \\
=\frac{c}{a}
\end{gathered}
$$

That is

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

Example: Find the sum and product of the roots of the quadratic equation $x^{2}+5 x-8=0$

## Solution

$$
a=1, b=5 \text { and } c=-8
$$

SUM

$$
\begin{aligned}
\alpha+ & \beta=-\frac{b}{a} \\
& =-\frac{5}{1} \\
& =-5
\end{aligned}
$$

PRODUCT

$$
\begin{gathered}
\alpha \beta=\frac{c}{a} \\
=\frac{-8}{1} \\
=-8
\end{gathered}
$$

## STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Find the sum and the product of the roots of the following quadratic equations
(i) $21 x^{2}-7 x+7=0$ (ii) $8 x^{2}-x-2=0$ (iii) $6 y^{2}+2 y+3=0$ (iv) $5-10 x-3 x^{2}=0$
(v) $4+2 m-4 m^{2}=0(v i) 3-6 p-p^{2}=0(v i i) 4 x^{2}-4 \sqrt{3} x+3=0(v i i i) x^{2}-x=6$

## STEP III

Discussion of some useful symmetric identities
MODE: ENTIRE CLASS
TEACHER'S ACTIVITIES
SOME USEFUL SYMMETRIC IDENTITIES
A.
I. $\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}=(\alpha+\beta)^{2}-2 \alpha \beta$
II. $\alpha^{3}+\beta^{3}=(\alpha+\beta)^{3}-3 \alpha \beta(\alpha+\beta)$
III. $\alpha^{4}+\beta^{4}=\left(\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}\right)^{2}-2 \alpha^{2} \beta^{2}=\left[(\alpha+\beta)^{2}-2 \alpha \beta\right]^{2}-2(\alpha \beta)^{2}$
IV. $(\alpha-\beta)^{2}=(\alpha+\beta)^{2}-4 \alpha \beta$
V. $\alpha^{2} \beta^{2}=(\alpha \beta)^{2}$
VI. $\alpha^{3} \beta^{3}=(\alpha \beta)^{3}$
VII. $\frac{1}{\alpha}+\frac{1}{\beta}=\frac{\alpha+\beta}{\alpha \beta}$
B. If the roots of a quadratic equation are $\alpha$ and $\beta$, then the quadratic equation is

$$
x^{2}-(\text { sum of roots }) x+\text { product of roots }=0
$$

Example: If $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are the roots of the equation $5 x^{2}-11 x+4=0$, obtain the equation whose roots are;
(i) $\alpha+1$ and $\beta+1$ (ii) $\alpha-3$ and $\beta-3$ (iii) $2 \alpha$ and $2 \beta$ (iv) $3 \alpha$ and $3 \beta$ (v) $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$

## Solution

$$
\begin{gathered}
a=5, b=-11 \text { and } c=4 \\
\alpha+\beta=-\frac{b}{a}=-\frac{(-11)}{5}=\frac{11}{5} \\
\alpha \beta=\frac{c}{a}=\frac{4}{5}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Sum of the roots

$$
\begin{gathered}
(\alpha+1)+(\beta+1) \\
=\alpha+\beta+2 \\
=\frac{11}{5}+2 \\
=\frac{21}{5}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Product of the roots

$$
\begin{gathered}
(\alpha+1)(\beta+1) \\
=\alpha+\beta+\alpha \beta+1 \\
=\frac{11}{5}+\frac{4}{5}+1 \\
=\frac{11+4+5}{5}
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
=\frac{20}{5} \\
=4
\end{gathered}
$$

## Required equation

$$
\begin{gathered}
x^{2}-(\text { sum of roots }) x+\text { product of roots }=0 \\
\qquad \begin{array}{c}
x^{2}-\frac{21}{5} x+4=0 \\
5 x^{2}-21 x+20=0
\end{array}
\end{gathered}
$$

## STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

1. If $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are the roots of the equation $2 x^{2}+7 x+3=0$, obtain the equation whose roots are;
(i) $\alpha^{2}$ and $\beta^{2}$ (ii) $\alpha-\beta$ and $\alpha-\beta$ (iii) $2 \alpha+\beta$ and $2 \beta+\alpha$ (iv) $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ and $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ (v) $\frac{1}{\alpha^{2}}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta^{2}}$
(vi) $2 \alpha-\beta$ and $2 \beta-\alpha$ (vii) $\frac{1}{\alpha}+\frac{1}{\beta}$ and $\frac{1}{\alpha \beta}$
2. If $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are the roots of the equation $3 x^{2}-2 x-6=0$, Find the equation whose roots are;
(i) $\alpha^{3}$ and $\beta^{3}(i i) \alpha^{4}$ and $\beta^{4}$ (iii) $\frac{1}{\alpha^{4}}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta^{4}}$ (iv) $\frac{1}{3 \alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{3 \beta}$ (v) $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$
3. If $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are the roots of the equation $2 x^{2}+6 x+c=0$, Find the value of $c$ if;
(i) $\alpha=\beta$ (ii) $\alpha=\beta+2$ (iii) $\frac{1}{\alpha}+\frac{1}{\beta}=-3$

## STEP IV

Evaluation: Teacher will evaluate students through questions relevant to the lesson objectives, for example, the identities of $\alpha^{3}+\beta^{3}$ and $\alpha^{4}+\beta^{4}$ Etc.

## ASSIGNMENT

If $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are the roots of the equation $x^{2}-2 x-5=0$, Find the equation whose roots are;
(i) $\alpha^{2} \beta$ and $\alpha \beta^{2}\left(\right.$ ii) $\alpha^{2}$ and $\beta^{2}$ (iii) Value of $\frac{1}{\alpha^{2}}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta^{2}}$ (iv) Value of $\alpha-\beta$
(v) $\alpha^{2}+\frac{1}{\beta}$ and $\frac{1}{\alpha}+\beta^{2}$

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## WEEK: 2

## SUBJECT: FURTHER MATHEMATICS

UNIT TOPIC: ROOTS OF QUADRATIC EQUATION
LESSON TOPIC: CUBIC EQUATIONS
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: At the end of the lesson, students should be able to;
i. Find roots of cubic equations;
ii. State symmetric identities of cubic equations;
iii. Find sum of roots of cubic equations;
iv. Find the sum and product of roots of cubic equations;
v. Find the product of roots of cubic equations;
vi. Form a cubic equation;
vii. Solve problems on cubic equations

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: Charts showing example of a cubic equation etc.
LESSON PRESENTATION: The teacher present lesson step by step by first asking the students questions based on previous lessons, for example, condition for real roots, imaginary roots and equal roots Etc

## STEP 1

MODE: Entire Class

## TEACHER'S ACTIVITIES

## CUBIC EQUATION

Definition: Cubic equation is an equation of form $a x^{3}+b x^{2}+c x+d=0, a \neq 0$ where $a, b, c$ and $d$ are constants

Suppose $\alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$ are the roots of cubic equation $a x^{3}+b x^{2}+c x+d=0, a \neq 0$, then,
a. The sum of roots is given by $\alpha+\beta+\gamma=-\frac{b}{a}$
b. The sum of product of roots taking two at a time is given by $\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma=\frac{c}{a}$
c. The product of roots is given by $\alpha \beta \gamma=-\frac{d}{a}$

The properties above are obtained by comparing the coefficients of the identity

$$
a x^{3}+b x^{2}+c x+d=a(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)
$$

SYMMETRIC IDENTITIES IN $\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}$ AND $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$
I. $\frac{1}{\alpha}+\frac{1}{\beta}+\frac{1}{\gamma} \equiv \frac{\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma}{\alpha \beta \gamma}$
II. $\alpha^{2} \beta^{2} \gamma^{2} \equiv(\alpha \beta \gamma)^{2}$
III. $\alpha^{3} \beta^{3} \gamma^{3} \equiv(\alpha \beta \gamma)^{3}$
IV. $\quad(\alpha+\beta)(\alpha+\gamma)(\beta+\gamma) \equiv(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)-\alpha \beta \gamma$
V. $\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}+\gamma^{2} \equiv(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)^{2}-2(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)$
vI. $\quad(\alpha+\beta)^{2}+(\alpha+\gamma)^{2}+(\beta+\gamma)^{2} \equiv 2(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)^{2}-2(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)$
VII. $\alpha^{2} \beta^{2}+\alpha^{2} \gamma^{2}+\beta^{2} \gamma^{2}=(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)^{2}-2 \alpha \beta \gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)$
VIII. $\alpha^{3}+\beta^{3}+\gamma^{3} \equiv(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)^{3}-3(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)+3 \alpha \beta \gamma$
IX. $\quad \alpha^{3} \beta^{3}+\alpha^{3} \gamma^{3}+\beta^{3} \gamma^{3}=(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)^{3}-3 \alpha \beta \gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)+3(\alpha \beta \gamma)^{2}$

If the roots of a cubic equation are $\alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$, then the cubic equation is

$$
x^{3}-(\text { sum of roots }) x^{2}+(\text { sum of product of roots }) x-\text { product of roots }=0
$$

That is

$$
x^{3}-\left(\alpha^{3}+\beta^{3}+\gamma^{3}\right) x^{2}+\left(\alpha^{3} \beta^{3}+\alpha^{3} \gamma^{3}+\beta^{3} \gamma^{3}\right) x-\alpha^{3} \beta^{3} \gamma^{3}=0
$$

Example: Find an equation in x whose roots are cubes of the equation $2 x^{3}+5 x^{2}-x-1=0$

## Solution

Let $\alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$ be the roots of the given equation. Then,

$$
\begin{gathered}
\alpha+\beta+\gamma=-\frac{b}{a}=-\frac{5}{2} \\
\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma=\frac{c}{a}=-\frac{1}{2} \\
\alpha \beta \gamma=-\frac{d}{a}=\frac{1}{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

The roots of the required equation are $\alpha^{3}, \beta^{3}$ and $\gamma^{3}$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\alpha^{3}+\beta^{3}+\gamma^{3} \equiv(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)^{3}-3(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)+3 \alpha \beta \gamma=-\frac{143}{8} \\
\alpha^{3} \beta^{3}+\alpha^{3} \gamma^{3}+\beta^{3} \gamma^{3}=(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)^{3}-3 \alpha \beta \gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)(\alpha \beta+\alpha \gamma+\beta \gamma)+3(\alpha \beta \gamma)^{2}=-\frac{5}{4} \\
\alpha^{3} \beta^{3} \gamma^{3} \equiv(\alpha \beta \gamma)^{3}=\frac{1}{8}
\end{gathered}
$$

Hence, the required equation is

$$
\begin{gathered}
x^{3}-\left(\alpha^{3}+\beta^{3}+\gamma^{3}\right) x^{2}+\left(\alpha^{3} \beta^{3}+\alpha^{3} \gamma^{3}+\beta^{3} \gamma^{3}\right) x-\alpha^{3} \beta^{3} \gamma^{3}=0 \\
x^{3}+\frac{143}{8} x^{2}-\frac{5}{8} x-\frac{1}{8}=0 \\
8 x^{3}+143 x^{2}-5 x-1=0
\end{gathered}
$$

## STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

1. If $\alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$ are the roots of the equation $2 x^{3}-3 x^{2}-x+7=0$. Find cubic equation in x whose roots are;
(i) $3 \alpha, 3 \beta$ and $3 \gamma$ (ii) $\alpha-2, \beta-2$ and $\gamma-2$ (iii) $\alpha+\beta, \beta+\gamma$ and $\gamma+\alpha$ (iv) $\alpha^{2}, \beta^{2}$ and $\gamma^{2}$
2. If $\alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$ are the roots of the equation $x^{3}-2 x^{2}-3 x+4=0$. Find cubic equation in x whose roots are;
a. (i) $2 \alpha, 2 \beta$ and $3 \gamma$ (ii) $\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}$ and $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ (iii) $\alpha+\beta, \alpha+\gamma$ and $\beta+\gamma$ (iv) $\frac{1}{\alpha^{2}}, \frac{1}{\beta^{2}}$ and $\frac{1}{\gamma^{2}}$
b. Evaluate $(\alpha+\beta)^{2}+(\alpha+\gamma)^{2}+(\beta+\gamma)^{2}$
