

**1.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (3+2)x + 3 \times 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

**(ii)**

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

$$x^2 - (5+7)x + 5 \times 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 12x + 35 = 0$$

**(iii)**

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

$$x^2 - (5+(-2))x + 5 \times (-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$$

**(iv)**

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

$$x^2 - (6+0)x + 6 \times 0 = 0$$

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

**(v)**

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{15}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow 2x^2 + x - 15 = 0$$

**(vi)**

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{7}{10}x + \frac{1}{10} = 0 \Rightarrow 10x^2 - 7x + 1 = 0$$

**(vii)**

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{9}{16} = 0 \Rightarrow 16x^2 - 9 = 0$$

**(viii)**

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

$$x^2 - (4 + \sqrt{3} + 4 - \sqrt{3})x + (4 + \sqrt{3}) \times (4 - \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 4^2 - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 13 = 0$$

**(ix)**

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

$$x^2 - \left( (-1 - \sqrt{2}) + (-1 + \sqrt{2}) \right) x + (-1 - \sqrt{2}) \times (-1 + \sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + 1^2 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$$

**(x)**

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{2}{2}x + \frac{1^2 - 3}{4} = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - x - \frac{2}{4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - \frac{1}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow 2x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$$

**2.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 7 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 2$$

**(ii)**

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 7 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha\beta = 7$$

**(iii)**

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$= 2^2 - 2 \times 7 = -10$$

**(iv)**

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\beta + \alpha}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{2}{7}$$

**(v)**

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\beta\alpha} = \frac{-10}{7} = -\frac{10}{7}$$

**(vi)**

$$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2)$$

$$= (2)(-10 - 7) = -34$$

**(vii)**

$$\alpha^2\beta^2 = (\alpha\beta)^2 = (7)^2 = 49$$

**(viii)**

$$\alpha^2\beta + \beta^2\alpha = \alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta) = 7(2) = 14$$

**3.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - 7x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 7$$

(ii)

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - 7x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha\beta = 3$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^2 + \beta^2 &= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta \\ &= 7^2 - 2 \times 3 = 49 - 6 = 43 \end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$\alpha^2 \beta^2 = (\alpha\beta)^2 = (3)^2 = 9$$

4.(i)

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 5$$

(ii)

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha\beta = 2$$

(iii)

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\beta + \alpha}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{5}{2}$$

(iv)

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^2 + \beta^2 &= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta \\ &= 5^2 - 2 \times 2 = 25 - 4 = 21 \end{aligned}$$

(v)

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\beta\alpha} = \frac{21}{2}$$

5(i)

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 11 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -6 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 11$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = (-6)^2 - 2 \times 11 = 36 - 22 = 14$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^3 + \beta^3 &= (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2) \\ &= (-6)(14 - 11) = -18 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\alpha^3 \beta + \beta^3 \alpha = \alpha\beta(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) = 11(14) = 154$$

(iv)

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{\beta} + \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha^3 + \beta^3}{\beta\alpha} = -\frac{18}{11}$$

**6.**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2)$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 2 \times \frac{7}{2} = -\frac{19}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2) = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{19}{4} - \frac{7}{2}\right) = \frac{99}{8}$$

**7.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$4x^2 - 8x + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + \frac{5}{4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 2 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = 2^2 - 2 \times \frac{5}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$$

**(ii)**

$$\alpha^4 + \beta^4 = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 = -\frac{7}{8}$$

**8.**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - px + q = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = p \text{ and } \alpha\beta = q$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = (p)^2 - 2 \times q = p^2 - 2q$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2) = (p)(p^2 - 2q - q) = p^3 - 3pq$$

9.

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2px + q = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 2p \text{ and } \alpha\beta = q$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = (2p)^2 - 2 \times q = 4p^2 - 2q$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^4 + \beta^4 &= (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta)^2 = (4p^2 - 2q)^2 - 2(q)^2 \\ &= 16p^4 - 16p^2q + 4q^2 - 2q^2 = 16p^4 - 16p^2q + 2q^2 \end{aligned}$$

10.

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha^2}{\beta\alpha}$$

$$\beta^2 + \alpha^2 = (\beta + \alpha)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = \left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - 2 \times \frac{c}{a} = \frac{b^2}{a^2} - \frac{2c}{a} = \frac{b^2 - 2ac}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha^2}{\beta\alpha} = \frac{\frac{b^2 - 2ac}{a^2}}{\frac{c}{a}} = \frac{b^2 - 2ac}{a^2} \times \frac{a}{c} = \frac{b^2 - 2ac}{ac}$$

11.

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - (\alpha + 3\alpha)x + \alpha(3\alpha)$$

$$x^2 - 4\alpha x + 3\alpha^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + px + q = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\alpha = -p \text{ and } 3\alpha^2 = q$$

$$\Rightarrow 3p^2 = 3(4\alpha)^2 = 3 \times 16\alpha^2 = 48\alpha^2$$

$$16q = 16(3\alpha^2) = 48\alpha^2 \text{ thus } 3p^2 = 16q$$

**12.**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - (\alpha + \alpha + 2)x + \alpha(\alpha + 2)$$

$$x^2 - (2\alpha + 2)x + \alpha^2 + 2\alpha = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2kx + t = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 + 2\alpha = t \text{ and } 2\alpha + 2 = 2k \Rightarrow \alpha + 1 = k$$

$$\Rightarrow (k-1)(k+1) = k^2 - 1 = (\alpha+1)^2 - 1 = \alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1 - 1 = \alpha^2 + 2\alpha = t$$

**13.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - (\alpha + 2\alpha)x + \alpha(2\alpha)$$

$$x^2 - 3\alpha x + 2\alpha^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = (-3\alpha)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{a^2} = 9\alpha^2 \Rightarrow 2b^2 = 18a^2\alpha^2$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = 2\alpha^2 \Rightarrow c = 2a\alpha^2 \Rightarrow 9ac = 18a^2\alpha^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b^2 = 9ac$$

**(ii)**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \\ ax^2 - 15x + 25 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad a = a, \quad b = -15, \quad c = 25$$

$$\text{One root is double the other} \Rightarrow 2b^2 = 9ac$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(-15)^2 = 9a(25) \Rightarrow 450 = 225a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 450 \div 225 = 2$$

**14.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - (\alpha + \alpha)x + \alpha(\alpha)$$

$$x^2 - 2\alpha x + \alpha^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 - bx + c = 0$$

$$b^2 = (2\alpha)^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = 4\alpha^2$$

$$4c = 4\alpha^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = 4c$$

**(ii)**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^2 + bx + c = 0 \\ x^2 - 14x + k = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad b = -14, \quad c = k$$

$$\text{Equal roots} \Rightarrow b^2 = 4a$$

$$\Rightarrow (-14)^2 = 4k \Rightarrow 196 = 4k$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 196 \div 4 = 49$$

**15.(i)**

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

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

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

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = (-(2\alpha + 1))^2 \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{a^2} = 4\alpha^2 + 4\alpha + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 4a^2\alpha^2 + 4a^2\alpha + a^2 \Rightarrow b^2 - a^2 = 4a^2\alpha^2 + 4a^2\alpha$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \alpha^2 + \alpha \Rightarrow c = a\alpha^2 + a\alpha \Rightarrow 4ac = 4a^2\alpha^2 + 4a^2\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - a^2 = 4ac$$

**(ii)**

$$\begin{cases} ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \\ 4x^2 - 16x + k = 0 \end{cases} \quad a=4, b=-16, c=k$$

$$\text{Roots differ by 1} \Rightarrow b^2 - a^2 = 4ac$$

$$\Rightarrow (-16)^2 - 4^2 = 4(4)k \Rightarrow 240 = 16k$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 240 \div 16 = 15$$

**16.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 5 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = -7$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = (5)^2 - 2 \times (-7) = 39$$

**(ii)**

$$\alpha^2\beta^2 = (\alpha\beta)^2 = (-7)^2 = 49$$

The quadratic with roots  $\alpha^2$  and  $\beta^2$  is given by

$$x^2 - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)x + \alpha^2\beta^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 39x + 49 = 0$$

**17.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -3 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 7$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\beta + \alpha}{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{3}{7}, \quad \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{7}$$

(ii)

The quadratic with roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta}$  is given by:

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right)x + \frac{1}{7} = 0 \Rightarrow 7x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$$

18.(i)

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$2x^2 - x - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = -4$$

$$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2)$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 2 \times (-4) = 8.25$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(8.25 - (-4)) = 6.125$$

$$\alpha^3\beta^3 = (\alpha\beta)^3 = (-4)^3 = -64$$

(ii)

The quadratic with roots  $\alpha^3$  and  $\beta^3$  is given by:

$$x^2 - (\alpha^3 + \beta^3)x + \alpha^3\beta^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 6.125x + (-64) = 0 \Rightarrow 8x^2 - 49x - 512 = 0$$

19.

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 9x + 8 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{9}{2}x + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{9}{2} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 4$$

The quadratic with roots  $10\alpha$  and  $10\beta$  is given by:

$$x^2 - (10\alpha + 10\beta)x + (10\alpha)(10\beta) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 10(\alpha + \beta)x + 100\alpha\beta = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 10\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)x + 100(4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 45x + 400 = 0$$

20.(i)

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 7 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 2$$

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = 7^2 - 4 \times 2 = 41$$

$$\alpha - \beta = \pm\sqrt{(\alpha - \beta)^2} = \pm\sqrt{41}$$

$$\text{But } \alpha > \beta \Rightarrow \alpha - \beta > 0 \Rightarrow \alpha - \beta = \sqrt{41}$$

(ii)

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

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

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

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

$$x^2 - \left(\frac{7^2 - 2}{2}\right)x + 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 - \frac{47}{2}x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow 2x^2 - 47x + 2 = 0$$

21.

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 2 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{2}{3}$$

The quadratic with roots  $2\alpha - \beta$  and  $2\beta - \alpha$  is given by:

$$x^2 - (2\alpha - \beta + 2\beta - \alpha)x + (2\alpha - \beta)(2\beta - \alpha) = 0$$

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

Now

$$4\alpha\beta - 2\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2 + \beta\alpha = 5\alpha\beta - 2(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)$$

$$= 5\alpha\beta - 2[(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta]$$

$$= 5\alpha\beta - 2(\alpha + \beta)^2 + 4\alpha\beta$$

$$= 9\alpha\beta - 2(\alpha + \beta)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + 9\alpha\beta - 2(\alpha + \beta)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + 9\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - 2(2)^2 = 0$$

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

**22.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 + px + q = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -p \text{ and } \alpha\beta = q$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = (-p)^2 - 2 \times q = p^2 - 2q$$

**(ii)**

$$\alpha^4 + \beta^4 = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta)^2 = (p^2 - 2q)^2 - 2(q)^2$$

$$= p^4 - 4p^2q + 4q^2 - 2q^2$$

$$= p^4 - 4p^2q + 2q^2$$

**(iii)**

$$x^2 - (\alpha^4 + \beta^4)x + \alpha^4\beta^4 = 0$$

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

**23.**

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

The quadratic with roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta}$  is given by:

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

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

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

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

**24.(i)**

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

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 5x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{5}{2} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2)$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - 2 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{29}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2) = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)\left(\frac{29}{4} - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = \frac{155}{8}$$

**(ii)**

The quadratic with roots  $1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $1 + \frac{1}{\beta}$  is given by:

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (2 - 5)x + 1 - 5 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + 3x - 6 = 0$$

25.

Suppose  $x^2 - 2x - 3b = 0$  has roots  $\alpha, \beta$ ,  
and  $x^2 - 7x + 2b = 0$  has roots  $\alpha, \gamma$ .

A:  $\alpha + \beta = 2$

B:  $\alpha\beta = -3b$

C:  $\alpha + \gamma = 7$

D:  $\alpha\gamma = 2b$

Now D  $\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{2b}{\alpha}$ , substitute in C

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \frac{2b}{\alpha} = 7 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + 2b = 7\alpha \quad \text{E}$$

A  $\Rightarrow \beta = 2 - \alpha$ , substitute in B

$$\alpha(2 - \alpha) = -3b \Rightarrow 2\alpha - \alpha^2 = -3b$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 - 2\alpha = 3b \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2 - 2\alpha}{3} = b \quad \text{F}$$

Substitute F in E:  $\alpha^2 + 2\left(\frac{\alpha^2 - 2\alpha}{3}\right) = 7\alpha$

$$\Rightarrow 3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha^2 - 4\alpha = 21\alpha \Rightarrow 5\alpha^2 - 25\alpha = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(5\alpha - 5) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0 \text{ or } \alpha = 5$$

Substitute in F:  $b = \frac{5^2 - 2 \times 5}{3} = \frac{15}{3} = 5$

or  $b = \frac{0^2 - 2 \times 0}{3} = 0$  but  $b \neq 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 5$  and  $b = 5$

**26.**

$$\text{A: } 2x^2 - 5x - k = 0$$

$$\text{B: } 10x^2 + 11x + k = 0$$

If A and B have a common root, then there is

a value of  $x$  for which  $A = 0$  and  $B = 0$  and hence  $A + B = 0$ .

$$\text{A + B: } 12x^2 + 6x = 0 \Rightarrow 2x^2 + x = 0 \Rightarrow x(2x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Substituting } x = 0 \text{ in A } \Rightarrow -k = 0 \Rightarrow k = 0.$$

$$\text{Substituting } x = 0 \text{ in B } \Rightarrow k = 0.$$

$$\text{Substituting } x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ in A}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 5\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - k = 0 \Rightarrow 3 - k = 0 \Rightarrow k = 3.$$

$$\text{Substituting } x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ in B}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 11\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + k = 0 \Rightarrow -3 + k = 0 \Rightarrow k = 3.$$

$$\text{Thus } k \neq 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } k = 3.$$