

TY Honours Maths – Problem Set 9

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1. Write down a quadratic equation that has roots of $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ in the form of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x = \frac{1}{3} & x = \frac{3}{4} \\ 3x = 1 & 4x = 3 \\ 3x - 1 = 0 & 4x - 3 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$(3x-1)(4x-3) = 0$$

$$12x^2 - 13x + 3 = 0$$

or

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

2. Solve the following equation leaving your answers in surd form:

$$x^2 + 8x - 2 = 0$$

$$a = 1, b = 8, c = -2$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{8^2 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{72}}{2} = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{36} \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm 6\sqrt{2}}{2} = -4 \pm 3\sqrt{2}$$

3. A quadratic function has roots of 2 and -3. It also contains the point (1, -12). Evaluate the function.

$$f(x) = k[(x-2)(x+3)]$$

$$f(x) = k(x^2 + x - 6)$$

$$(1, -12) \Rightarrow f(1) = -12$$

$$f(1) = k(1^2 + 1 - 6) = -12$$

$$\Rightarrow -4k = -12$$

$$k = 3$$

$$f(x) = 3(x^2 + x - 6)$$

$$= 3x^2 + 3x - 18$$

4. Solve the following system of equations.

$$y = 2x + 2$$

$$xy = 4$$

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$$x(2x+2) = 4$$

$$2x^2 + 2x = 4$$

$$2x^2 + 2x - 4 = 0$$

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

$$(x+2)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = -2 \quad x = 1$$

$$y = 2(-2) + 2 \quad y = 2(1) + 2$$

$$y = -2 \quad y = 4$$

$$(-2, -2) \quad (1, 4)$$

5. The function $f(x) = 2x^2 + 8x - 2$ can be expressed as $a(x+b)^2 + c$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

- (i) Using the method of completing the square, find the values of a, b and c .
- (ii) Hence, find the co-ordinates of the local minimum of the curve.
- (iii) Solve the equation $f(x) = 0$, writing your answers in surd form.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad f(x) &= 2x^2 + 8x - 2 = 2(x^2 + 4x - 1) \\ &= 2(\underbrace{x^2 + 4x + 4}_{(x+2)^2} - 4 - 1) \\ &= 2((x+2)^2 - 5) = 2(x+2)^2 - 10 \end{aligned}$$

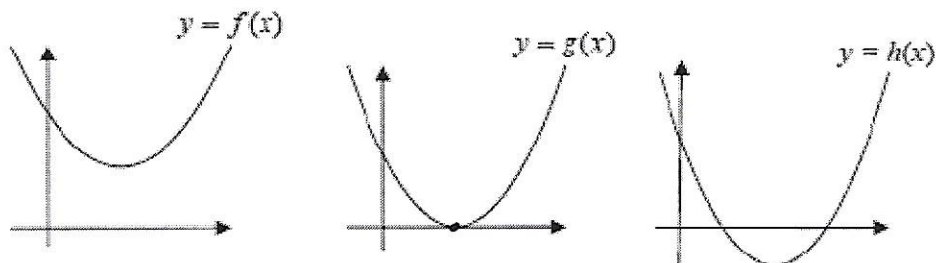
$$a=2, b=2, c=-10$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad f(x) &= 2(x+2)^2 - 10 \quad \text{min when } x = -2 \\ f(-2) &= 2(-2+2)^2 - 10 = -10 \\ \text{Minimum: } &(-2, -10) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad f(x) &= 2x^2 + 8x - 2 = 0 \\ f(x) &= 2(x+2)^2 - 10 = 0 \\ 2(x+2)^2 &= 10 \\ (x+2)^2 &= 5 \\ x+2 &= \pm\sqrt{5} \\ x &= -2 \pm \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

6.(i)

The graphs of three quadratic functions, f , g and h , are shown.



In each case, state the nature of the roots of the function.

Function	Nature of Roots
$f(x)$	<i>Not Real</i>
$g(x)$	<i>Real and Equal</i>
$h(x)$	<i>Real and different.</i>

(ii)

By evaluating the discriminant, or otherwise, match each curve above to one of the following functions giving a reason for your choice:

$$x^2 + 5x + 5, \quad x^2 + 2x + 5, \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 - 4x + 4$$

$$f(x) = \underline{x^2 + 2x + 5} \quad \text{Reason: } \underline{b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4(1)(5) = -16 < 0}$$

Since discriminant $< 0 \Rightarrow f(x)$

$$g(x) = \underline{x^2 - 4x + 4} \quad \text{Reason: } \underline{b^2 - 4ac = (-4)^2 - 4(1)4 = 0}$$

Since discriminant $= 0 \Rightarrow g(x)$

$$h(x) = \underline{x^2 + 5x + 5} \quad \text{Reason: } \underline{b^2 - 4ac = 5^2 - 4(1)(5) = 20 > 0}$$

Since discriminant $> 0 \Rightarrow h(x)$