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Pure Math - 1

Roots of Polynomials.  
Exercise

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1. The cubic equation  $x^3 - x^2 - x - 5 = 0$  has roots  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

(a) Show that the value of  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3$  is 19. ---[4]

(b) Find the value of  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4 + \gamma^4$  ---[2]

(c) Find a cubic equation with roots  $\alpha+1, \beta+1$  and  $\gamma+1$ , give your answer in the form,  $px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$ , where  $p, q, r$  and  $s$  are constants to be determined. ---[3]

[SP-20/01/Q4]

2. The equation,  $x^3 - x + 1 = 0$  has roots  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

(i) Use the relation  $x = y^{1/3}$  to show that the equation,

$$y^3 + 3y^2 + 2y + 1 = 0$$

has roots  $\alpha^3, \beta^3, \gamma^3$ . Hence write down the value of  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3$ . ---[3]

$$\text{let } S_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n + \gamma^n$$

(ii) Find the value of  $S_{-3}$ . ---[2]

(iii) Show that  $S_6 = 5$  and find the value of  $S_9$ . ---[4]

[S-19/11/Q6]

3. A cubic equation  $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$  has real roots  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  such that,  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{-5}{12}$ ,

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -12$$

$$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 = 90$$

(i) Find the values of  $c$  and  $d$ . ---[3]

(ii) Express  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2$  in terms of  $b$ . ---[2]

(iii) Show that  $b^3 - 15b + 126 = 0$ . ---[4]

(iv) Given that  $3 + i\sqrt{12}$  is a root of,  $y^3 - 15y + 126 = 0$ , deduce the value of  $b$ . ---[2]

[S-19/13/Q9]



4. The equation  $x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 7 = 0$  has roots  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .

(i) Use the relation  $x^2 = -7y$  to show that the equation  $49y^3 + 14y^2 - 27y + 7 = 0$

has roots  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta\gamma}, \frac{\beta}{\gamma\alpha}, \frac{\gamma}{\alpha\beta}$  --- [4]

(ii) Show that  $\frac{\alpha^2}{\beta^2\gamma^2} + \frac{\beta^2}{\gamma^2\alpha^2} + \frac{\gamma^2}{\alpha^2\beta^2} = \frac{58}{49}$  --- [3]

(iii) Find the exact value of  $\frac{\alpha^3}{\beta^3\gamma^3} + \frac{\beta^3}{\gamma^3\alpha^3} + \frac{\gamma^3}{\alpha^3\beta^3}$  --- [2]

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5. It is given that the equation  $x^3 - 21x^2 + kx - 216 = 0$ , where  $k$  is a constant, has real roots  $a, a^2$  and  $a^{-1}$ .

(i) Find the numerical values of the roots. --- [6]

(ii) Deduce the value of  $k$ . S-18/11/Q4 --- [2]

6. The equation  $9x^3 - 9x^2 + x - 2 = 0$  has roots  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .

(i) Use substitution  $y = 3x - 1$  to show that  $3\alpha - 1, 3\beta - 1, 3\gamma - 1$  are the roots of the equation,

$$y^3 - 2y - 7 = 0 \quad \text{--- [2]}$$

The sum  $(3\alpha - 1)^n + (3\beta - 1)^n + (3\gamma - 1)^n$  is denoted by  $S_n$

(ii) Find the value of  $S_3$ . --- [2]

(iii) Find the value of  $S_{-2}$  --- [4]

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7. The roots of the equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$

are  $\alpha, 2\alpha, 4\alpha$ , where  $p, q, r$  and  $\alpha$  are non-zero real constants.

(i) Show that:  $2p\alpha + q = 0$  --- [4]

(ii) Show that:  $p^3r - q^3 = 0$  --- [2]

8. The cubic equation,

$$2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 10 = 0 \text{ has roots } \alpha, \beta, \text{ and } \gamma.$$

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(i) Find the value of  $(\alpha+1)(\beta+1)(\gamma+1)$  --- [4]

(ii) Find the value of  $(\beta+\gamma)(\gamma+\alpha)(\alpha+\beta)$  W-17/11/Q4 --- [4]

9. The roots of the cubic equation,  
 $x^3 - 5x^2 + 13x - 4 = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .

(i) Find the value of  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2$  --- [3]

(ii) Find the value of  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3$  [W-18/12/Q1] --- [2]

10. By finding a cubic equation whose roots are  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$ , solve the set of simultaneous equations.

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -1$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 29$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = -1$$

[S-17/11/Q7] --- [8]

11. The roots of the cubic equation,  
 $x^3 + 2x^2 - 3 = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

(i) Using the substitution  $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$ , find the cubic equation with roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$ . --- [3]

(ii) Hence find, the value of  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2}, \frac{1}{\beta^2}, \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$  --- [1]

(iii) Find also the value of,  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2\gamma^2} + \frac{1}{\alpha^2\gamma^2}$  --- [1]

12. The roots of cubic equation:

$2x^3 + x^2 - 7 = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Using the substitution

$y = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$ , or otherwise, find the cubic equation

whose roots are  $1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, 1 + \frac{1}{\beta}$  and  $1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}$ , giving your

answer in the form  $ay^3 + by^2 + cy + d = 0$ , where

$a, b, c$  and  $d$  are the constants to be determined. --- [4]

[S-16/11/Q1]

13. The cubic equation  $x^3 - x^2 - x - 5 = 0$  has roots

$\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Show that the value of  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3$  is 19. --- [4]

Find the value of  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4 + \gamma^4$  --- [2]

Show that the cubic equation with roots  $\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$ ,

$\frac{\beta-1}{\beta}$  and  $\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}$  may be found using the substitution  $\rightarrow$

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13.  $z = \frac{1}{1-x}$ , and find this equation, giving your answer in the form  $px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$ , where  $p, q, r$  and  $s$  are constants to be determined. [4]

[S-16/13/Q8]

14. Find the cubic equation with root  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  such that,

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 3$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$$

$$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 = -30$$

giving your answer in the form  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ , where  $p, q$  and  $r$  are integers to be found. [6]

[W-16/11/Q2]

15. The roots of cubic equation  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Find the value of,

(i)  $\frac{1}{(\alpha\beta)(\beta\gamma)(\gamma\alpha)}$       (ii)  $\frac{1}{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta\gamma} + \frac{1}{\gamma\alpha}$

(iii)  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2\beta\gamma} + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta^2\gamma} + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta\gamma^2}$       [6]

Deduce a cubic equation, with integer coefficient, having roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha\beta}, \frac{1}{\beta\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{\gamma\alpha}$ . [2]

[S-15/11/Q4]

16. The quartic equation  $x^4 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$ , where  $p, q$  and  $r$  are real constants, has two pairs of equal roots, show that  $p^2 + 4r = 0$  and state the value of  $q$ . [6]

[S-15/13/Q1]

17. The cubic equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r$ , where  $p, q$  and  $r$  are integers, has roots  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ , such that,

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 15 \quad ; \quad \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 83$$

Write down the value of  $p$  and the value of  $q$ . [3]

Given that  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are all real and that  $\alpha\beta + \gamma\alpha = 36$ , find  $\alpha$  and hence find the value of  $r$ . [5]

Value of  $r$ .

[W-15/11/Q5]

[5]

Answers

1.

Let  $S_n$  denote  $\alpha^n + \beta^n + \gamma^n$

$$S_2 = S_1^2 - 2 \sum \alpha\beta = 1^2 - 2(-1) = 3$$

(A)

$$\therefore S_3 = S_1 \times S_2 - S_1 \cdot \sum \alpha\beta + 3\alpha\beta\gamma$$

$$= 1 \times 3 - 1 \times (-1) + 3 \times 5$$

$$= 19 \checkmark$$

or

$$\sum \alpha^3 = (\sum \alpha)^3 - 3(\sum \alpha)(\sum \alpha\beta) + 3\alpha\beta\gamma$$

$$= 1^3 - 3 \times 1 \times (-1) + 3 \times 5$$

$$= 19 \checkmark$$

$$\text{or } \sum \alpha^3 = (\sum \alpha)[\sum \alpha^2 - \sum \alpha] + 3\alpha\beta\gamma$$

$$= 1 [3 - (-1)] + 3 \times 5$$

$$= 19 \checkmark$$

(b)  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4 + \gamma^4 = (\sum \alpha^2)^2 - 2[\sum \alpha\beta]^2$

$$= 3^2 - 2[(-1)^2 - 2 \times 1 \times 5]$$

$$= 9 + 18 = 27 \checkmark$$

or

$$S_4 = S_3 + S_2 + 5S_1$$

$$= 19 + 3 + 5 \times 1 = 27 \checkmark$$

(c) Put  $x = z+1 \Rightarrow z = x-1$

Req Eqn:  $(x-1)^3 - (x-1)^2 - (x-1) - 5 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x - 6 = 0$$

2(i) Given  $x^3 - x + 1 = 0$  — (1)

Put  $x = y^{1/3}$  in (1)

$$y - y^{1/3} + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y^{1/3} = y + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (y+1)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y^3 + 3y^2 + 3y + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y^3 + 3y^2 + 2y + 1 = 0 \text{ — (2)}$$

(2) has roots  $\alpha^3, \beta^3, \gamma^3$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 = -3 \checkmark$$

(ii)  $S_{-3} = \frac{1}{\alpha^3} + \frac{1}{\beta^3} + \frac{1}{\gamma^3}$

$$= \frac{\sum \alpha^3 \beta^3 \gamma^3}{\alpha^3 \beta^3 \gamma^3} = \frac{2}{-1} = -2$$

2(iii)  $S_6 = \alpha^6 + \beta^6 + \gamma^6$

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

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

$$= (-3)^2 - 2 \times 2 = 5 \checkmark$$

3(i)  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{\sum \alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{c}{-d} = \frac{-5}{12}$

and  $\alpha\beta\gamma = -12 = -d$

$$\Rightarrow d = 12 \checkmark$$

$$\frac{c}{-12} = \frac{-5}{12} \Rightarrow c = 5 \checkmark$$

(ii)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = (\sum \alpha)^2 - 2 \sum (\alpha\beta)$

$$= (-b)^2 - 2 \times c$$

$$= b^2 - 2 \times 5$$

$$= b^2 - 10 \checkmark$$

2( $\sum \alpha$ ) $\cdot$ ( $\alpha\beta\gamma$ )

(iii) Given  $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \alpha^3 + b \sum \alpha^2 + c \sum \alpha + 3d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 90 + b(b^2 - 10) + 5(-b) + 3 \times 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^3 - 15b + 126 = 0 \checkmark$$

(iv) Real root is  $b = -6 \checkmark$

4(i)  $x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 7 = 0$  — (1)

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -7 \text{ — (4)}$$

Put  $x^2 = -7y \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{-7y}$  — (2)

and  $y = \frac{x^2}{-7}$  — (3)

fr (1) & (2)

$$\sqrt{-7y}(-7y) + 2(-7y) + \sqrt{-7y} + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{-7y}(-7y+1) = 14y-7$$

$$\times 9, -7y(-7y+1)^2 = (14y-7)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 49y^3 + 14y^2 - 27y + 7 = 0 \text{ — (5)}$$

fr (3)  $y = \frac{x^2}{-7}$  fr (4):

So roots are  $\frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha\beta\gamma}, \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha\beta\gamma}, \frac{\gamma^2}{\alpha\beta\gamma}$

or  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta\gamma}, \frac{\beta}{\alpha\gamma}, \frac{\gamma}{\alpha\beta} \checkmark$

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4(ii)  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta\gamma}, \frac{\beta}{\gamma\alpha}, \frac{\gamma}{\alpha\beta}$  Answers

are roots of (5)

$$\therefore \sum \frac{\alpha}{\beta\gamma} = -\frac{14}{49} = -\frac{2}{7} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$\sum \frac{\alpha}{\beta\gamma} \times \frac{\beta}{\gamma\alpha} = -\frac{27}{49}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{\gamma^2} = -\frac{27}{49} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

Now  $\frac{\alpha^2}{\beta^2\gamma^2} + \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha^2\gamma^2} + \frac{\gamma^2}{\alpha^2\beta^2}$

$$= \left(\sum \frac{\alpha}{\beta\gamma}\right)^2 - 2\left(\sum \frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 - 2\left(-\frac{27}{49}\right) = \frac{58}{49}$$

from (6) & (7)

(iii) for (5)

$$49\left(\sum \frac{\alpha^3}{\beta^3\gamma^3}\right) = -14\left[\sum \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta\gamma} \times \frac{\beta}{\gamma\alpha} + 27\left(\sum \frac{\alpha}{\beta\gamma}\right) - 21\right]$$

$$= -14\left(\frac{58}{49}\right) + 27\left(-\frac{2}{7}\right) - 21$$

$$\therefore \left(\sum \frac{\alpha^3}{\beta^3\gamma^3}\right) = -\frac{317}{343} \checkmark$$

5(i)  $\alpha\beta\gamma = a \times a \times a = 216 \Rightarrow a = 6 \checkmark$

$$\sum \alpha = a + a + a = 21$$

$$6\left(1 + r + \frac{1}{r}\right) = 21$$

$$2r^2 - 5r + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2, \frac{1}{2}$$

Roots are 6, 12, 3  $\checkmark$

(ii)  $k = \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha$

$$= 6 \times 12 + 12 \times 3 + 3 \times 6$$

$$= 126 \checkmark$$

6(c) Substitute  $x = y+1$

(ii) we get  $y^3 - 2y - 7 = 0$  --- (1)

for (1)  $y^3 = 2y + 7$

$$\Rightarrow S_3 = 2S_1 + 3 = 2 \times 0 + 7 \times 3 = 21 \checkmark$$

6(iii)  $S_{-1} = \frac{1}{3\alpha-1} + \frac{1}{3\beta-1} + \frac{1}{3\gamma-1}$

$$= \frac{\sum (3\alpha-1)(3\beta-1)}{(3\alpha-1)(3\beta-1)(3\gamma-1)}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{7} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

for (1)

$$7S_{-2} = S_1 - 2S_{-1}$$

$$S_{-2} = \frac{1}{7} \left(0 - 2\left(-\frac{2}{7}\right)\right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{49} \checkmark$$

7  $\alpha + 2\alpha + 4\alpha = -p \Rightarrow -p = 7\alpha$  --- (1)

(i)  $\alpha \times 2\alpha + 2\alpha \times 4\alpha + 4\alpha \times \alpha = q = 14\alpha^2$

(2)  $\div (1) \frac{14\alpha^2}{7\alpha} = -\frac{q}{p}$  --- (2)

$$\Rightarrow 2p\alpha + q = 0 \checkmark \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

(ii)  $\alpha \times 2\alpha \times 4\alpha = r$

or  $8\alpha^3 = r$  | for (3)

$(2\alpha)^3 = -r$  |  $2\alpha = -\frac{r}{p}$

$\left(-\frac{r}{p}\right)^3 = -r$

$$\Rightarrow p^3 r - r^3 = 0 \checkmark$$

8(i)  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{3}{2}, \alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{10}{2} = 5$

$\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 2$  --- (1)

Now  $(\alpha+1)(\beta+1)(\gamma+1)$

$$= \alpha\beta\gamma + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha) + 1 + (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$$

$$= 5 + 2 + \frac{3}{2} + 1 = 9\frac{1}{2} \checkmark$$

(ii)  $(\beta+\gamma)(\gamma+\alpha)(\alpha+\beta)$

for (1)  $= \left(\frac{3}{2} - \alpha\right)\left(\frac{3}{2} - \beta\right)\left(\frac{3}{2} - \gamma\right)$

$$= \frac{27}{8} - \frac{9}{4}(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) + \frac{3}{2}(\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha) - \alpha\beta\gamma$$

$$= \frac{27}{8} - \frac{9}{4} \times \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \times 2 - 5$$

$$= -2 \checkmark$$

Ques  $x^3 - 5x^2 + 13x - 4 = 0$  — (1) Answers put  $y = 1 + \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{y-1}$

9. (i)  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 5, \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 13$   
 $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)$   
 $= 5^2 - 2 \times 13 = -1 \checkmark$

12.  $\Rightarrow \frac{2}{(y-1)^3} + \frac{1}{(y-1)^2} - 7 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 + (y-1) - 7(y-1)^3 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 7y^3 - 21y^2 + 20y - 8 = 0 \checkmark$

(ii) fn (1)  
 $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 = 5(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2) - 13(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) + 4 \times 3$   
 $= 5(-1) - 13 \times 5 + 12 = -58 \checkmark$   
Alt:  $\Sigma \alpha^3 = (\Sigma \alpha)(\Sigma \alpha^2 - \Sigma \alpha\beta) + 3\alpha\beta\gamma$   
 $= 5[-1 - 13] + 3 \times 4 = -58 \checkmark$

13. Let  $S_n$  denote  $\alpha^n + \beta^n + \gamma^n$   
 $S_2 = S_1^2 - 2\Sigma \alpha\beta = 5^2 - 2(-1) = 24$   
 Ques  $x^3 = x^2 + 2x + 5$   
 $\therefore S_3 = S_2 + S_1 + 5 \times 3$   
 $\text{or } \Sigma \alpha^3 = 24 + 5 + 15 = 44 \checkmark$

10  $2\Sigma \alpha\beta = (\Sigma \alpha)^2 - \Sigma \alpha^2$   
 $= (-1)^2 - 29$   
 $\Rightarrow \Sigma \alpha\beta = -14$  — (1)  
 $\frac{\Sigma \alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta\gamma} = -1 \Rightarrow \alpha\beta\gamma = 14$

fn (1)  $S_4 = S_3 + S_2 + 5S_1$   
 $= 44 + 24 + 5 \times 5 = 87 \checkmark$

Alt  
 $\alpha^4 + \beta^4 + \gamma^4 = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2)^2 - 2\Sigma \alpha^2\beta^2$   
 $= 24^2 - 2[(\Sigma \alpha\beta)^2 - 2(\Sigma \alpha)\alpha\beta\gamma]$   
 $= 576 - 2[1 - 2 \times 1 \times 14] = 87 \checkmark$

$\therefore$  Eqn  $x^3 - (\Sigma \alpha)x^2 + (\Sigma \alpha\beta)x - \alpha\beta\gamma = 0$   
 $\text{or } x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 14 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (x+1)(x^2 - 14) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } x = \pm \sqrt{14} \checkmark$

Now  $\therefore x = \frac{z-1}{z} \Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{1-x}$   
 $\therefore \frac{1}{(x-1)^3} - \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} - \frac{1}{(1-x)} - 5 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 5x^3 - 16x^2 + 18x - 6 = 0 \checkmark$

11.  $y = \frac{1}{x^2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}}$   
 (i)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} + \frac{2}{y} - 3 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} = 3 - \frac{2}{y}$

14.  $2\Sigma \alpha\beta = (\Sigma \alpha)^2 - \Sigma \alpha^2 = 3^2 - 1 = 8$   
 $\Rightarrow \Sigma \alpha\beta = 4$  — (1)  $\checkmark$   
 $\Sigma \alpha^3 - 3\alpha\beta\gamma = \Sigma \alpha(\Sigma \alpha^2 - \Sigma \alpha\beta)$   
 $\Rightarrow -30 - 3\alpha\beta\gamma = 3[1 - 4]$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha\beta\gamma = -7 \checkmark$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow 9y^3 - 12y^2 + 4y - 1 = 0$   
 has roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2}, \frac{1}{\beta^2}, \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$   
 $\therefore$  Sum of roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} = +\frac{12}{9} = \frac{4}{3} \checkmark$

Rep. Cubic Eqn  
 $x^3 - (\Sigma \alpha)x^2 + (\Sigma \alpha\beta)x - \alpha\beta\gamma = 0$   
 $x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 7 = 0 \checkmark$

(iii)  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2\gamma^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2\alpha^2}$   
 $= \Sigma \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \times \frac{1}{\beta^2} = \frac{4}{9} \checkmark$



[Answers]

15.  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 7$   
 $\Sigma \alpha\beta = 2, \alpha\beta\gamma = 3$

(i)  $\frac{1}{(\alpha\beta)(\beta\gamma)(\gamma\alpha)} = \frac{1}{(\alpha\beta\gamma)^2} = \frac{1}{9}$

(ii)  $\frac{1}{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta\gamma} + \frac{1}{\gamma\alpha} = \frac{\Sigma \alpha}{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{7}{3}$

(iii)  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2\beta\gamma} + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta^2\gamma} + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta\gamma^2}$   
 $= \frac{1}{\alpha\beta\gamma} \left[ \frac{\Sigma \alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta\gamma} \right] = \frac{2}{9}$

$x^3 - \frac{7}{3}x^2 + \frac{2}{9}x - \frac{1}{9} = 0$

$\Rightarrow 9x^3 - 21x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$

16. (i)  $2\alpha + 2\beta = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = -\alpha$

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

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

(iv)  $\alpha^2\beta^2 = -r$

So (i) put  $\beta = -\alpha$  in (ii), (iii), (iv)

$\Rightarrow p = 2\alpha^2$  and  $\alpha^4 = -r$

$\Rightarrow p^2 + 4r = 0$

and  $q = 0$

17.  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -p = 15 \Rightarrow p = -15$

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

$83 = (-15)^2 - 2q$

$\Rightarrow q = 71$

$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma = 36$  — (1)

$\Rightarrow \beta + \gamma = \frac{36}{\alpha}$

$\Rightarrow 15 - \alpha = \frac{36}{\alpha}$  [  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 15$   
 $\therefore \beta + \gamma = 15 - \alpha$  ]

$\alpha^2 - 15\alpha + 36 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 3$

$\Sigma \alpha\beta = \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = q = 71$  [  $\alpha \neq 12$   
 $\therefore 12^2 > 83$  ]

So  $\beta + \gamma = 12$

$\Rightarrow \beta\gamma = 35 \Rightarrow r = -\alpha\beta\gamma = -3 \times 35 = -105 \Rightarrow r = -105$