

2. (1) Let $x = a + b + c + d + e$, then given expression

$$3. \{x - c^2 + \text{etc.} - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2)\} \\ = 3 \{5x^2 - 2x(a + b + c + d + e)\} \\ = 9x^2, \text{ substituting } x \text{ for } a + b + c + d + e, \\ \text{and } 3(a + b + c + d + e) \text{ is square root sought.}$$

(2) 0.

3. Show that $(x - a)^2 = x^2 - 2ax + a^2$ is exactly divisible by $x^2 - 2ax + a^2$.

Find the factors of $(a^2 - b^2)^2 + (b^2 - c^2)^2 + (c^2 - a^2)^2$.

3. Divisor $= (x - a)(x^2 - 2ax + a^2)$, the expression $(x - a)^2 = x^2 - 2ax + a^2$ vanishes when $x = a$, and is therefore divisible as stated.

Writing $x = a^2 - b^2$, and $y = b^2 - c^2$, and $x + y = a^2 - c^2$ the given expression becomes $x^2 + y^2 - (x + y)^2$.

$$x^2 + y^2 - (x^2 + 2xy + y^2) = -2xy$$

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re-substituting for x , y and $x + y$, given expression $= -5(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)$

$$(a^2 - c^2) \{ (a^2 - b^2)^2 + (a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2) + (b^2 - c^2)^2 \} \\ = 5(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)(c^2 - a^2) \{ a^4 - b^4 + c^4 - a^2b^2 - b^2c^2 - c^2a^2 \}$$

4. Show how to extract the square root of a quantity of the form $a + b\sqrt{-1}$.

(1) Find the square root of $-3 - \sqrt{-16}$.

(2) Show that one of the fourth roots of -64 is $2(1 + \sqrt{-1})$.

4. Bookwork.

(1) Given expression $= -(3 + 4\sqrt{-1})$, extracting square root of $3 + 4\sqrt{-1}$ in ordinary way we find it to be $(2 + \sqrt{-1})$, and square root required is $-1 + 2\sqrt{-1}$.

(2) Required $2\sqrt[4]{2(-1)} = R$, say in $x^4 + 1 = 0$, put $x + \frac{1}{x} = z$ and $z^2 - 2 = 0$, thus $z = \pm\sqrt{2}$, therefore $(x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1)(x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1) = 0$, one of the roots of $x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1 = 0$ is $\frac{1 + \sqrt{-1}}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $R = 2(1 + \sqrt{-1})$

5. Solve the equations $ax + by = c$, $a'x + b'y = c'$.

Interpret the result when $\frac{a}{a'} = \frac{b}{b'} = \frac{c}{c'}$.

5. Bookwork. See Tailhunter's Algebra (larger) where, in chapter on simultaneous equations, the whole subject is discussed.

6. Solve the equations—

$$(1) \frac{ax+b}{a+bx} + \frac{cx+d}{c+dx} = \frac{a}{a'} + \frac{b}{b'} + \frac{c}{c'} + \frac{d}{d'}$$

$$(2) \frac{x}{b+c} + \frac{y}{c+a} = a+b.$$

$$\frac{y}{c+a} + \frac{z}{a+b} = b+c.$$

$$\frac{z}{a+b} + \frac{x}{b+c} = c+a.$$

$$6 \frac{ax+b}{a+bx} - \frac{ax-b}{a-bx} = \frac{cx-d}{c-dx} - \frac{cx+d}{c+dx}$$

$$\frac{2ab(1-x^2)}{a^2-b^2x^2} = \frac{2cd(x^2-1)}{c^2-d^2x^2}$$

$$\therefore 1-x^2=0, \text{ and } x = \pm 1.$$

$$\text{or } \frac{ab}{a^2-b^2x^2} = \frac{cd}{c^2-d^2x^2}$$

$$abc^2 - abd^2x^2 = b^2cdx^2 - a^2d^2$$

$$ac^2(a+b) = bd^2(ad+bc)$$

$$\text{and } x^2 = \frac{ac^2(a+b)}{bd(ad+bc)}$$

$$x = \pm c \sqrt{\frac{a(a+b)}{ba(ad+bc)}}$$

$$\text{or } x = \pm 1.$$

(2) By inspection we see at once that the roots are

$$x = b^2 - c^2,$$

$$y = c^2 - a^2,$$

$$z = a^2 - b^2.$$

These may also be obtained by cross multiplication.

7. Find the relation between the roots and co-efficients of the equation $x^3 + px + q = 0$.

If the difference of the roots of the equation $x^3 - (m-a)x + b^2$ is equal to the difference of the roots of the equation $x^3 + (m-b)x + a^2$, show that $2m = 5(a+b)$.

7. If a and β be the roots of the equation $x^3 + px + q = 0$, then $a - \beta = \pm \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}$ making the necessary substitutions the result given, viz.: $2m = 5(a+b)$ follows at once.