

7. What value of x will make $x^3 + 3cx^2 + 2c^2x + 5c^3$ equal to the cube of $x + c$?

$$(x+c)^3 = x^3 + 3cx^2 + 3c^2x + c^3 = x^3 + 3cx^2 + 2c^2x + 5c^3; \therefore x = 4c.$$

8. If $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ and $s = a + b + c$, prove that $(2s - a)^2 + (2s - b)^2 = (2s - c)^2$.

This question is incorrect.

9. Having 75 minutes at my disposal, how far can I go in a carriage at $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles an hour, having to walk back at $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles an hour?

Let x = distance in miles.

$$\frac{x}{6\frac{3}{4}} + \frac{x}{3\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{75}{60}; x = 3.$$

10. I row a miles down a stream in b minutes and return in c minutes; find the rate at which I row in still water, and the rate at which the stream flows.

Let x = man's rate in still water, y = stream's rate per hour. Man goes down at $x + y$ rate, and up at $x - y$ rate; hence

$$\frac{a}{x+y} = \frac{b}{60}, \quad \frac{a}{x-y} = \frac{c}{60}, \quad x = \frac{b+c}{c-b}y,$$

$$x = \frac{30a(b+c)}{bc}, \quad y = \frac{30a(c-b)}{bc}.$$

ALGEBRA (SECOND CLASS.)

1. Find the value of $x^5 + x^4 - 166x^3 - 166x^2 + 81x + 81$ when $x = -7$; and the value of $x^3 - 3px^2 + (3p^2 + q)x - pq$ when $x = a + p$. (Arrange the latter result according to powers of a .)

The result can be obtained by substitution or by Horner's Method of Division.

The second part may be worked as under: In the expression put for x its value, thus,

$$(a+p)x^3 - 3px^2 + (3p^2 + q)x - pq$$

$$= (a-2p)x^2 + (3p^2 + q)x - pq;$$

again, put for x its value and reduce,

$$(a^2 - ap + p^2 + q)x - pq,$$

and so on, the result being $a^3 + aq + p^3$.

2. What is the condition that $x + b$ shall be a factor of $ax^2 + bx + c$?

Find the factors of

$$(a.) (a^2 - ab) + 2(b^2 - ab) + 3(a^2 - b^2) + 4(a - b)^2; \text{ and } (b.) (ax + b)(bx + c)(cx + a) - (ax + c)(bx + a)(cx + b).$$

Put $x + b = 0$, we have $ab^2 - b^3 + c = 0$ for the condition.

$$(a.) (a-b)(8a-3b); (b.) x(1-x)(b-c)(c-a)(a-b).$$

3. What must be the relation among a, b, c that $ax^2 + bx + c$ may be a perfect square?

(a.) Extract the square root of

$$(a-b)^2 - 4(a^2 + b^2) (a-b)^2 + 4(a^2 + b^2) + 8a^2b^2.$$

(b.) If 5 be subtracted from the sum of the squares of any four consecutive numbers the remainder will be a perfect square. (Prove this.)

Put the expression = 0 and solve as a quadratic equation. Then the condition required is that for equal roots, viz.: $b^2 = 4ac$.

$$(a.) (a-b)^2 - 2(a^2 + b^2) = -(a+b)^2.$$

(b.) Take for the consecutive integers $x-1, x, x+1, x+2$; we have

$$(x-1)^2 + x^2 + (x+1)^2 + (x+2)^2 - 5 = 4x^2 + 4x + 1 = (2x+1)^2.$$

$$4. \text{ If } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} \text{ and } \frac{h}{k} = \frac{l}{m} = \frac{n}{p}$$

prove that

$$\frac{(a+c)(h+l+n)}{(b+d+f)(k+m+p)} = \frac{ah+cl+en}{bk+dm+fp}.$$

(a.) Reduce $\frac{ab(x^2 - y^2) + xy(a^2 - b^2)}{ab(x^2 + y^2) + xy(a^2 + b^2)}$ to its

lowest terms.

(b.) If $xy + yz + zx = 1$ prove that

$$\frac{x}{1-x^2} + \frac{y}{1-y^2} + \frac{z}{1-z^2} = \frac{4xyz}{(1-x^2)(1-y^2)(1-z^2)}.$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{a}{b} = x, \&c., \therefore a = bx, \&c.;$$

$$\frac{h}{k} = y, \&c., \therefore h = ky, \&c.;$$

hence left-hand members = xy .

Also we have $ah = bkyx$, &c. = &c.;

$\therefore$ right-hand member = xy .

$$(a.) \frac{ab(x^2 - y^2) + xy(a^2 - b^2)}{ab(x^2 + y^2) + xy(a^2 + b^2)}$$

$$= \frac{(bx+ay)(ax-by)}{(bx+ay)(ax+by)} = \frac{ax-by}{ax+by}.$$

(b.) By simplifying the left-hand member of the equality the numerator is $x + y + z - x^2(x+y) - y^2(x+z) - x^2(y+z) + xyz(xy+xz+yz)$.

From the given equality

$$x^2(x+y) = z - xyz, \quad y^2(x+z) = y - yxz, \&c.;$$

$\therefore$ the numerator =

$$x + y + z - x + y - z + 4xyz = 4xyz,$$

which is the numerator of the right-hand member; and the denominators are the same.