

$$\therefore \sqrt{\left(\frac{1+x+2yz}{1-x}\right)} = \frac{y+z}{1-x}$$

and similarly for the other two.

2. Solve the equations

$$(1). \quad x^2 + 4xy + y^2 = 13$$

$$8xy - 7x^2 + y^2 = 13$$

By subtraction we get

$$8x^2 - 4xy = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, \text{ which gives } y^2 = 13$$

$$\text{or } 2x = y \quad " \quad " \quad x^2 = 1$$

$$\text{and } y = \pm 2 \pm \sqrt{17}$$

$$(2). \quad (1+x)^{\frac{2}{n}} - (1-x)^{\frac{2}{n}}$$

$$= (1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Divide through by  $(1-x)^{\frac{2}{n}}$ ; then

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

$$\therefore \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{5})$$

$$\therefore \frac{1+x}{1-x} = \frac{(1 \pm \sqrt{5})^n}{2^n}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{(1 \pm \sqrt{5})^n - 2^n}{(1 \pm \sqrt{5})^n + 2^n}$$

3. (1). If  $a$  be a root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$ , then  $x-a$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

Since  $a$  is a root of the equation, the equation must be satisfied when  $a$  is substituted in it for  $x$ ; that is  $f(a)$  must  $= 0$ . But  $f(a)$  is the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x-a$ ,  $\therefore x-a$  divides  $f(x)$  without remainder and is  $\therefore$  a factor of it.

(2). The equation

$$4x^3 - 52x^2 + 49x - 12 = 0$$

has two equal roots; find all the roots.

Express the equation thus:

$$x^4 - 13x^2 + \frac{49}{4}x - 3 = 0$$

and let the roots be  $a, a, c$ .

Then the sum of these roots must be equal to 13, and the sum of their products, two at a time, must equal  $\frac{49}{4}$ .

$$\therefore 2a + c = 13$$

$$a^2 + 2ac = \frac{49}{4}$$

These two equations give

$$a = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } c = 12;$$

the roots of the given equations are  $\therefore \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 12$ .

(3.) The roots of the equation

$$x^4 - 10x^3 + 32x^2 - 38x + 15 = 0$$

are of the form  $a+1, a-1, c+2, c-2$ ; find all the roots.

Since the sum of the roots must  $= 10$  and the sum of their products two together  $= 32$ , we have

$$a + c = 5 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } (a+1)(a-1) + (c+2)(c-2)$$

$$+ (a+1)(c+2) + (a+1)(c-2)$$

$$+ (a-1)(c+2) + (a-1)(c-2)$$

(which reduces to

$$a^2 + c^2 + 4ac - 5) = 32$$

$$\therefore a^2 + c^2 + 4ac = 37 \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we get

$$a = 2 \text{ or } 3, \quad c = 3 \text{ or } 2$$

Now  $c$  cannot have the value 2, for then the root  $c-2$  of the equation would be 0, but 0 is not a root of the equation.

$\therefore$  we must take  $a = 2, c = 3$  and the required roots are 3, 1, 5, 1.

4. Sum the series

$$13 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \&c. + n^2.$$

See Todhunter's Algebra, § 460.

5. Show how to find the sum of an arithmetical progression, having given the first term, common difference and number of terms.

Sum to  $n$  term, the series whose first term is  $a$ , and the succession differences  $b, 2b, 3b, \dots (n-1)b$ .

This series is  $a, a+b, a+b+2b, \&c.$ , the last term being

$$a + b + 2b + \dots (n-1)b,$$

$$\text{which} = a + \frac{n}{2} (n-1)b.$$

$$\therefore \text{the sum of the series} = na$$

$$+ b \left\{ 1 + 3 + 6 + 10 + \dots + \frac{n}{2} (n-1) \right\}$$

The series 1, 3, 6, 10, ..., observing that