



**SUBJECT:- MATHEMATICS**

**CHAPTER:-2**

**TOPIC:- Polynomials**

**STEP 1:- GUIDELINES AND INTRODUCTION**

**Guidelines:**

Dear students Kindly refer to the following notes/video links from the Chapter-  
“Polynomials” and thereafter do the questions in your math notebook.

Chapter2 – Part 1

LINK FOR THE CHAPTER: <http://ncert.nic.in/textbook/textbook.htm?jemh1=2-15>

**INTRODUCTION**

Let us recall the concepts done in class IX

1) **Polynomial:** The expression, which contains one or more terms with non-zero coefficient is called a polynomial. A polynomial can have any number of terms.  
*For Example:* 25,  $p + q$ ,  $7x + y + 5$ ,  $wx + xy + yz + zx$  etc. are some polynomials.

2) **Degree of polynomial:** The highest power of the variable in a polynomial is called as the degree of the polynomial.  
*For Example:* The degree of  $p(x) = x^5 - x^3 + 7$  is 5.

A polynomial of degree 1 is called a linear polynomial, degree 2 is called quadratic polynomial, degree 3 is called a cubic polynomial.

3) **Zeroes of a Polynomial:** The value of variable for which the polynomial becomes zero is called as the zeroes of the polynomial.

i.e. a real number  $k$  is said to be zero of a polynomial  $p(x)$  if  $p(k) = 0$

*For Example:* Consider  $p(x) = x + 2$ . Find zeroes of this polynomial.

If we put  $x = -2$  in  $p(x)$ , we get,

$$p(-2) = -2 + 2 = 0.$$

Thus, -2 is a zero of the polynomial  $p(x)$ .

**STEP 2:**

**Subtopic:**

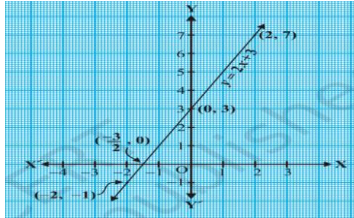
- (i) Geometrical Meaning of zeroes of a polynomial
- (ii) Relationship between zeroes and coefficients of a polynomial

- (iii) Forming a polynomial, given its zeroes

**STEP 3: Key Points and important link for references:**

(i) Geometrical Meaning of the Zeroes of a Polynomial

- (i) Graph of a linear polynomial  $ax + b$  is a straight line.

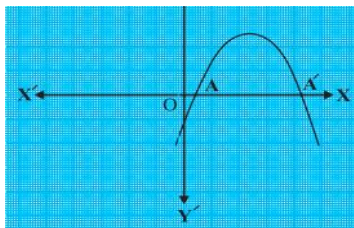


Refer to the link for zeroes of linear polynomial

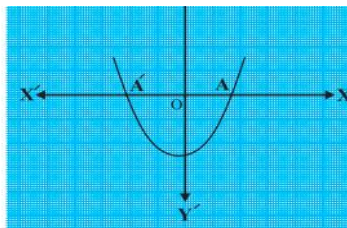
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- (ii) Graph of a quadratic polynomial  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  is a parabola open upwards if  $a > 0$ .

Graph of a quadratic polynomial  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  is a parabola open downwards, if  $a < 0$ .



$a < 0$



$a > 0$

Refer to the link for the quadratic polynomial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-AlezS1ByQ>

Refer to the following link for other polynomials

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSzmfUdBp2w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xz5gXe2Ok-0>

Q1 Write the number of zeroes of the polynomial  $y = f(x)$  whose graph is given in the following figures:

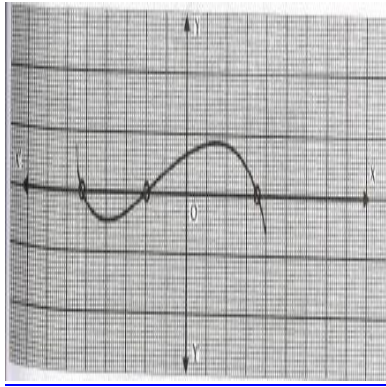


fig (i)

fig (i) has 3 zeroes

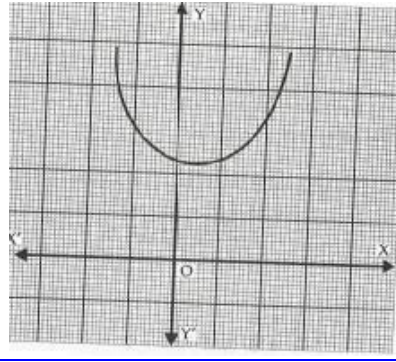


fig (ii)

fig (ii) has no zeroes

### (ii) Relationship Between Zeroes and Coefficients of a Polynomial

The general form of linear polynomial is  $p(x) = ax+b$ , its zero is  $\frac{-b}{a}$  .i.e.  $x = \frac{-b}{a}$  or  $\frac{-\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x}$  .

General form of quadratic polynomial is  $ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a \neq 0$ . There are two zeroes of quadratic polynomial.

$$\text{Sum of zeroes} = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-\text{Coefficient of } x}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$$

$$\text{Product of zeroes} = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}$$

General form of cubic polynomial of  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  where  $a \neq 0$ . There are three zeroes of cubic polynomial.

$$\text{The sum of zeroes of the cubic polynomial} = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-\text{coefficient of } x^2}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3}$$

$$\text{Sum of the product of zeroes taken two at a time} = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\text{coefficient of } x}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3}$$

$$\text{Product of zeroes} = \frac{-d}{a} = \frac{-\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3}$$

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**Example 1:** Find the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial  $x^2 + 7x + 10$ , and verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients.

**Solution :** We have

$$x^2 + 7x + 10 = (x + 2)(x + 5)$$

So, the value of  $x^2 + 7x + 10$  is zero when  $x + 2 = 0$  or  $x + 5 = 0$ , i.e., when  $x = -2$  or  $x = -5$ . Therefore, the zeroes of  $x^2 + 7x + 10$  are  $-2$  and  $-5$ . Now,

$$\text{sum of zeroes} = -2 + (-5) = -7 = \frac{-7}{1} = \frac{-(\text{Coefficient of } x)}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2},$$

$$\text{product of zeroes} = (-2) \times (-5) = 10 = \frac{10}{1} = \frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}.$$

### (iii) Forming a polynomial, given its zeroes

- (a) A quadratic polynomial whose zeroes are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , is given by :  
 $p(x) = k[x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta]$  , where  $k$  is any real number
- (b) A quadratic polynomial whose zeroes are  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  , is given by :  
 $P(x) = k[x^3 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)x^2 + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma)x - \alpha\beta\gamma]$  , where  $k$  is any real number

Example 2: Find the quadratic polynomial with the sum of the zeroes as 2 and the product of the zeroes as  $-6$ .

Solution :A quadratic polynomial whose zeroes are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , is given by :

$$p(x) = k[x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta]$$
 , where  $k$  is any real number

here  $\alpha + \beta = 2$  and  $\alpha\beta = -6$

So, the required equation is  $k[x^2 - 2x - 6]$ , where  $k$  is any real number.

#### **STEP 4 : Points to Remember:**

- 1) For finding the zeroes of the polynomial  $p(x)$ , we put  $p(x) = 0$ .
- 2) On the graph if the curve is
  - (a) Intersecting the axis, it gives one zero
  - (b) Touching the axis, it gives two equal zeroes
  - (c) No point of intersection implies no zero
- 3) To find the total number of zeroes of the polynomial  $y = p(x)$  geometrically, the number of zeroes is equal to the total number of distinct points where the curve meets the  $x$  axis
- 4) If the zeroes of the polynomial are given, then we will find the sum  $(\alpha + \beta)$  and product  $(\alpha\beta)$  of the zeroes and substitute and find the polynomial  
 $p(x) = k[x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta]$  , where  $k$  is any real number.

#### **ASSIGNMENT**

- 1) Do NCERT Ex 2.1 and Ex 2.2 ( to be done in cw/hw register )  
(Q2 to Q5 of the assignment to be done in practice register)
- 2) If the product of zeroes of the polynomial  $ax^2 - 6x - 6$  is 4, find the value of 'a'.
- 3) If one zero of the polynomial  $(a^2 + 9)x^2 + 13x + 6a$  is the reciprocal of the other, find the value of 'a'.  
(Hint : take the zeroes as  $\alpha$  and  $1/\alpha$  , then find the product of the zeroes)
- 4) Find the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial  $6x^2 - 3 - 7x$  and verify the relationship between the zeroes and the coefficient of the polynomial.
- 5) Find the quadratic polynomial, the sum of whose zeroes is 8 and their product is 12. Hence, find the zeroes of the polynomial.

## NOTE

1. Refer to the following links to practice more questions:

a)

[https://diksha.gov.in/play/content/do\\_312795704618844160111633?referrer=utm\\_source%3Ddiksha\\_mobile%26utm\\_content%3Ddo\\_312796455240941568116824%26utm\\_campaign%3Dshare\\_content](https://diksha.gov.in/play/content/do_312795704618844160111633?referrer=utm_source%3Ddiksha_mobile%26utm_content%3Ddo_312796455240941568116824%26utm_campaign%3Dshare_content)

b) From Khan Academy Assignments

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/in-in-grade-10-ncert>

c) [www.examfear.com](http://www.examfear.com)

d) <http://www.ei-india.com/mindspark-math> (free trial for 60 days )

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