

The quadratic equation $x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$ has roots α and β .

a. Without solving the equation, find the value of

i. $\alpha + \beta$;

ii. $\alpha\beta$.

b. Another quadratic equation $5x^2 + bx + c = 0, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, has roots $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$.

Find the value of b and the value of c .

a.

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = (-1)^n \frac{a_0}{a_n}$$

$$1x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{-4}{1} = 4$$

$$\alpha\beta = (-1)^2 \frac{5}{1} = 5$$

b.

Another quadratic equation has roots $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \times \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of roots} &= \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{\alpha\beta} + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha\beta} \\ &= \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} \\ &= \frac{4}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Product of roots} &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \times \frac{1}{\beta} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$5x^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = \frac{-b}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$b = -4$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = \frac{c}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$c = 1$$