

Assignment – 2
Poly Nominal

1. Find the zeros of the quadratic polynomial $2x^2 - 3x - 2$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}2x^2 - 3x - 2 &= 2x^2 + x - 4x - 2 \\ &= x(2x + 1) - 2(2x + 1) \\ &= (2x + 1)(x - 2)\end{aligned}$$

Hence value of $2x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$

When $2x + 1 = 0$ or $x - 2 = 0$

i.e. $2x = -1$ or $x = 2$

$$x = \frac{-1}{2}$$

So the zeros are $\frac{-1}{2}$, 2

2. Find a quadratic polynomial. The sum of zeros = $\frac{1}{5}$ and product of zeros = -1 .

Solution:

If α and β are the zeros of a quadratic polynomial.

Then the quadratic polynomial can be written as

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$= k [x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta] \dots,$$

here $5[x^2 - \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)x + (-1)]$

$$= 5x^2 - x - 5 \text{ is the required polynomial.}$$

3. Find the value of m in the quadratic polynomial

$$2x^2 - 7x - m \text{ if one zero is } \frac{-3}{2}.$$

Solution:

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a} = -\frac{-7}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \frac{-3}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-3}{2} + \beta = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\beta = \frac{7}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$$

$$\frac{-m}{2} = \frac{c}{a} = \alpha\beta$$

$$\frac{-m}{2} = \frac{-3}{2} \times 5$$

$$\therefore -m = -15, \quad m = 15$$