

Study Materials for  
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(Theory of equations)

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Topic:- Removal of terms

One of the most important applications of the transformation is to remove the certain specific term from an equation.

Let us consider the equation

$$a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

In order to remove the second or third term of the given equation diminished the roots of (1) by  $h$  where  $h$  is obtained by

(i), for removal of second term use the equation

$$na_0h + a_1 = 0 \quad \text{ie. } h = -\frac{a_1}{na_0}$$

(ii), for removal of third term use the equation

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2} a_0h^2 + (n-1)a_1h + a_2 = 0$$

Ex:- Transform the equation  $x^4 + 8x^3 + x - 5 = 0$  into one in which the second term is missing

Sol<sup>n</sup> -  $\therefore x^4 + 8x^3 + x - 5 = 0$  may be written as

$$x^4 + 8x^3 + 0x^2 + x - 5 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

In order to remove the second term let the roots of (2) is diminished ~~the~~ by  $h$  where  $h$  may be obtained by

$$nao \ h + 8 = 0 \Rightarrow 4 \cdot 1 \cdot h + 8 = 0 \Rightarrow h = -2$$

$\therefore$  ~~by~~ making use of synthetic division

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr}
 1 & 1 & 8 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\
 & & -2 & -12 & 24 & -50 \\
 \hline
 & & 6 & -12 & 25 & -55 \\
 & & & -2 & -8 & 40 \\
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 & & & 4 & -20 & 65 \\
 & & & & -2 & -4 \\
 \hline
 & & & & 2 & -24 \\
 & & & & & -2 \\
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 & & & & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Therefore the transformed equation is

$$\cancel{y^4 - 24y^2} \quad y^4 + 0y^3 - 24y^2 + 65y - 55 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^4 - 24y^2 + 65y - 55 = 0$$

Solve the equation  $x^4 + 20x^3 + 148x^2 + 480x + 462 = 0$   
by removing the second term.

Sol<sup>n</sup>:- Here Given equation is

$$x^4 + 20x^3 + 143x^2 + 430x + 462 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

here  $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 20, a_2 = 143, a_3 = 430, a_4 = 462$

$\therefore$  ~~Here~~  $na_0h + a_1 = 0$  gives  $4 \cdot 1 \cdot h + 20 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow h = -5$$

Hence we diminish the roots by  $-5$

$\therefore$  making use of Synthetic division

1	20	143	430	462
	$-\frac{5}{5}$	$-\frac{75}{68}$	$-\frac{340}{90}$	$-\frac{450}{12}$
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	15	68	90	12
	$-\frac{5}{10}$	$-\frac{50}{18}$	$-\frac{90}{0}$	
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	5	18	0	
	$-\frac{5}{5}$	$-\frac{25}{-7}$		
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	0	-7		
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>			
	0			

Hence the transformed equation is

$$y^4 + 0y^3 + 7y^2 + 0y + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow y^4 - 7y^2 + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^4 - 3y^2 - 4y^2 + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2(y^2 - 3) - 4(y^2 - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (y^2 - 4)(y^2 - 3) = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 = 4 \text{ or } y^2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm 2 \text{ or } \pm \sqrt{3}$$

Hence  $x = y + h = 2 - 5, -2 - 5, \sqrt{3} - 5, -\sqrt{3} - 5$

$\therefore x = -7, -3, -5 + \sqrt{3}, -5 - \sqrt{3} \quad \#$

## Equation with binomial coefficients

It is often found convenient to write the equation in the form

$$a_0 x^n + n a_1 x^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} a_2 x^{n-2} + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} a_{n-2} x^2 + n a_{n-1} x + a_n = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here the successive coefficients are obtained by multiplying  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n$  respectively by  $1, n, \frac{n(n-1)}{2}, \dots, \frac{n(n-1)}{2}, n-1$  which are the successive coefficients in the expansion of  $(1+x)^n$ .

Let us denote the L.H.S of (1) by  $\phi_n(x)$  so that

$$\phi_n(x) = a_0 x^n + n a_1 x^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} a_2 x^{n-2} + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} a_{n-2} x^2 + n a_{n-1} x + a_n \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

replacing  $n$  by  $n-1, n-2, \dots, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0$ , we get

$$\phi_{n-1}(x) = a_0 x^{n-1} + (n-1) a_1 x^{n-2} + \dots + (n-1) a_{n-2} x + a_{n-1}$$

$$\dots$$

$$\phi_4(x) = a_0 x^4 + 4 a_1 x^3 + 6 a_2 x^2 + 4 a_3 x + a_4$$

$$\phi_3(x) = a_0 x^3 + 3 a_1 x^2 + 3 a_2 x + a_3$$

$$\phi_2(x) = a_0 x^2 + 2 a_1 x + a_2$$

$$\phi_1(x) = a_0 x + a_1$$

$$\phi_0(x) = a_0$$

Q. Reduce the cubic  $a_0x^3 + 3a_1x^2 + 3a_2x + a_3 = 0$   
 in the form  $x^3 + 3Hx + G = 0$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:- let  $\phi_3(x) = a_0x^3 + 3a_1x^2 + 3a_2x + a_3 = 0$  — (1)

We diminish the roots of (1) by  $h$ , so that the transformed equation will be in the form

$$a_0y^3 + 3A_1(h)y^2 + 3A_2(h)y + A_3(h) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } A_0y^3 + 3A_1y^2 + 3A_2y + A_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where  $y = x - h$

If the second term is absent in transformed equation, we must have  $A_1(h) = 0$

$$\text{i.e. } A_1(h) = a_0h + a_1 = 0 \Rightarrow h = -\frac{a_1}{a_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A_2 = A_2(h) &= a_0h^2 + 2a_1h + a_2 \\ &= a_0\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_0}\right)^2 + 2a_1\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_0}\right) + a_2 \\ &= \frac{a_1^2}{a_0} - \frac{2a_1^2}{a_0} + a_2 = -\frac{a_1^2}{a_0} + a_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2 = \frac{a_0a_2 - a_1^2}{a_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } A_3 &= A_3(h) = a_0h^3 + 3a_1h^2 + 3a_2h + a_3 \\ &= a_0\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_0}\right)^3 + 3a_1\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_0}\right)^2 + 3a_2\left(-\frac{a_1}{a_0}\right) + a_3 \\ &= -\frac{a_1^3}{a_0} + \frac{3a_1^3}{a_0} - \frac{3a_1a_2}{a_0} + a_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2 = \frac{-a_1^3 + 3a_1^2 - 3a_0 a_1 a_2 + a_0^2 a_3}{a_0^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_3 = \frac{2a_1^3 - 3a_0 a_1 a_2 + a_0^2 a_3}{a_0^2}$$

∴ (2) can be written as

$$a_0 y^3 + 0 y^2 + 3 \frac{(a_0 a_2 - a_1^2)}{a_0} y + \left( \frac{2a_1^3 - 3a_0 a_1 a_2 + a_0^2 a_3}{a_0^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 y^3 + 3 \frac{H}{a_0} y + \frac{G}{a_0^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where  $H = a_0 a_2 - a_1^2$  &  $G = 2a_1^3 - 3a_0 a_1 a_2 + a_0^2 a_3$

$$\text{(3)} \Rightarrow y^3 + \frac{3H}{a_0^2} y + \frac{G}{a_0^3} = 0$$

multiplying the roots of (3) by  $a_0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^3 + 3Hx + G = 0}$$

where  $x = a_0 y$

Relation between  $x, y, z$

$$\therefore x = a_0 y = a_0(x-h), \text{ where } y = x-h$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a_0(x-h) = a_0 \left( x + \frac{a_1}{a_0} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = a_0 x + a_1}$$