

$$x^2 - \text{sum}x + \text{product} = 0$$

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Pre Calculus

Writing the Equation of a Quadratic Equation Given the Roots

Write an equation whose roots are:

1. $x = 3, x = -2$

Sum = $3 + (-2) = 1$
Product = $3 \cdot (-2) = -6$

$$x^2 - 1x - 6 = 0$$

2) $x = -1, x = -4$

Sum = $-1 + (-4) = -5$
Product = $-1 \cdot (-4) = 4$

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

3. $x = \frac{1}{2}, 2$

Sum = $\frac{1}{2} + 2 = \frac{5}{2}$

Product = $\frac{1}{2}(2) = 1$

~~$x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x + 1 = 0$~~
 $2x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$

4. $x = -2, \frac{4}{3}$

Sum = $-2 + \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{2}{3}$

Product = $-2(\frac{4}{3}) = -\frac{8}{3}$

~~$x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{8}{3} = 0$~~
 $3x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$

5. $x = 6 \pm \sqrt{3}$

Sum = $6 + \sqrt{3} + 6 - \sqrt{3} = 12$

Product = $(6 + \sqrt{3})(6 - \sqrt{3}) = 36 - 3 = 33$

$$x^2 - 12x + 33 = 0$$

6. $x = -4 \pm \sqrt{6}$

Sum = $-4 + \sqrt{6} + -4 - \sqrt{6} = -8$

Product = $(-4 + \sqrt{6})(-4 - \sqrt{6}) = 16 - 6 = 10$

$$x^2 + 8x + 10 = 0$$

7. $x = -2 \pm 5i$

Sum = $-2 + 5i + -2 - 5i = -4$

Product = $(-2 + 5i)(-2 - 5i) = 4 - 25i^2$
 $4 + 25 = 29$

$$x^2 + 4x + 29 = 0$$

8. $x = 3 \pm 6i$

Sum = $3 + 6i + 3 - 6i = 6$

Product = $(3 + 6i)(3 - 6i) = 9 - 36i^2$

$9 + 36 = 45$

$$x^2 - 6x + 45 = 0$$

9. $x = 2 \pm \sqrt{5}$

Sum = $2 + \sqrt{5} + 2 - \sqrt{5} = 4$
 Product = $(2 + \sqrt{5})(2 - \sqrt{5})$
 $= 4 - 5 = -1$

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

11. $x = -4 \pm i$

Sum = $-4 + i + -4 - i = -8$
 Product = $(-4 + i)(-4 - i)$
 $\frac{16 - i^2}{16 + 1} = 17$

$x^2 + 8x + 17 = 0$

10. $x = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-1}{2}$

Sum = $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{-1}{2}$
 $\frac{2}{6} + \frac{-3}{6} = \frac{-1}{6}$
 Product = $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{-1}{6}$

$(x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x + \frac{-1}{6}) = 0$
 $6x^2 + x - 1 = 0$

12. $5 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$

Sum = $5 + 2\sqrt{3} + 5 - 2\sqrt{3} = 10$
 Product = $(5 + 2\sqrt{3})(5 - 2\sqrt{3})$
 $25 - 4(3) = 13$

$x^2 - 10x + 13 = 0$

13. Juan has been told to write a quadratic equation where the sum of the roots is equal to -3 and the product of the roots is equal to -9. Which equation meets these requirements?

- 1) $x^2 + 3x + 9 = 0$ 3) $2x^2 + 6x - 18 = 0$
 2) $x^2 - 12x + 27 = 0$ 4) $(x + 3)(x + 9) = 0$

Sum = -3 2) $(x^2 + 3x - 9) = 0$
 Product = -9
 $2x^2 + 6x - 18 = 0$

14. Which equation has the complex number $4 + 3i$ as a root? Sum = $4 + 3i + 4 - 3i = 8$

- 1) $x^2 + 6x - 25 = 0$ 3) $x^2 + 8x - 25 = 0$
 2) $x^2 - 6x + 25 = 0$ 4) $x^2 - 8x + 25 = 0$

Product = $(4 + 3i)(4 - 3i) = 16 + 9 = 25$
 $x^2 - 8x + 25 = 0$

15. For which equation is the sum of the roots equal to the product of the roots?

- 1) $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ 3) $x^2 - 8x - 4 = 0$
 2) $x^2 + 3x - 6 = 0$ 4) $x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$

Sum = $\frac{4}{1} = 4$
 Product = $\frac{4}{1} = 4$