

## Roots of polynomials 4C

1 a  $4x^4 + 3x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$   
 $a = 4, b = 3, c = 2, d = -5$  and  $e = 4$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

b  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$

c  $\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{d}{a} = \frac{5}{4}$

d  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = \frac{\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta}{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$   
 $= \frac{\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}{\left(\frac{e}{a}\right)}$   
 $= \frac{\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}{\left(\frac{4}{4}\right)}$   
 $= \frac{5}{4}$

2 a  $2x^4 + 4x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 2 = 0$   
 Here  $a = 2, b = 4, c = -3, d = -1$  and  $e = 2$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{4}{2} = -2$$

b  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta = \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{3}{2}$

c  $\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{d}{a} = \frac{1}{2}$

d  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \frac{e}{a} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$

e  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = \frac{\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta}{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$   
 $= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}$

3 a  $x^4 + 3x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 4 = 0$   
 Here  $a = 1, b = 3, c = 2, d = -1$  and  $e = 4$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a} = -3$$

b  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$

3 c  $\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{d}{a} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$

d  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = \frac{\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta}{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$   
 $= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{e}{a}\right)}$   
 $= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{4}{1}\right)}$   
 $= \frac{1}{4}$

e  $a^2\beta^2\gamma^2\delta^2 = (\alpha\beta\gamma\delta)^2 = \left(\frac{e}{a}\right)^2 = 4^2 = 16$

4 a  $7x^4 + 6x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0$   
 Here  $a = 7, b = 6, c = -5, d = 4$  and  $e = 3$ .

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{6}{7}$$

b  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta = \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{5}{7}$

c  $\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{d}{a} = -\frac{4}{7}$

d  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = \frac{\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta}{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$   
 $= \frac{\left(-\frac{4}{7}\right)}{\left(\frac{e}{a}\right)}$   
 $= \frac{\left(-\frac{4}{7}\right)}{\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)}$   
 $= -\frac{4}{3}$

e  $\alpha^3\beta^3\gamma^3\delta^3 = (\alpha\beta\gamma\delta)^3 = \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^3 = \frac{27}{343}$

5  $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$

The roots are  $\alpha = -\frac{3}{2}, \beta = -\frac{1}{2}, \gamma = -2$  and

$$\delta = \frac{2}{3}.$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - 2 + \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{10}{3} = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta$$

$$= \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)(-2) + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \\ + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-2) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + (-2)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} + 3 - 1 + 1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{3}$$

$$= \frac{25}{12} = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta$$

$$= \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-2) + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \\ + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)(-2)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-2)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 2 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} = -\frac{d}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-2)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = -1 = \frac{e}{a}$$

If  $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$ , then

$$x^4 + \frac{b}{a}x^3 + \frac{c}{a}x^2 + \frac{d}{a}x + e = 0.$$

$$-\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{10}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{25}{12}$$

$$-\frac{d}{a} = \frac{5}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{a} = -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{e}{a} = -1$$

$$\text{So } x^4 + \frac{10}{3}x^3 + \frac{25}{12}x^2 - \frac{5}{3}x - 1 = 0.$$

Multiply by 12 for integer coefficients

$$12x^4 + 40x^3 + 25x^2 - 20x - 12 = 0$$

So  $a = 12, b = 40, c = 25, d = -20$  and

$$e = -12.$$

6  $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$

The roots are  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}, \beta = \frac{1}{3}, \gamma = 1+i$  and

$$\delta = 1-i.$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + (1+i) + (1-i)$$

$$= \frac{11}{6} = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(1+i) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(1-i) \\ + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(1+i) + \frac{1}{3}(1-i) + (1+i)(1-i)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3}i + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3}i + 1 - i + i - i^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + 1 + 1 = \frac{3}{2} = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(1+i) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(1-i)$$

$$+ \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(1+i)(1-i) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(1+i)(1-i)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{6}i - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6}i - \frac{1}{2}(2) + \frac{1}{3}(2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} - 1 + \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{2}{3} = -\frac{d}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(1+i)(1-i)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right)(2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} = \frac{e}{a}$$

If  $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$ ,

$$\text{the } x^4 + \frac{b}{a}x^3 + \frac{c}{a}x^2 + \frac{d}{a}x + \frac{e}{a} = 0$$

$$-\frac{b}{a} = \frac{11}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = -\frac{11}{6}$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$-\frac{d}{a} = -\frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{a} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{e}{a} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{So } x^4 - \frac{11}{6}x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{3} = 0$$

Multiply by 6 for integer coefficients

$$6x^4 - 11x^3 + 9x^2 + 4x - 2 = 0$$

So  $a = 6, b = -11, c = 9, d = 4$  and  $e = -2$ .

7  $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$

$$\sum \alpha = \frac{17}{12} \Rightarrow -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{17}{12} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = -\frac{17}{12}$$

$$\sum \alpha\beta = -\frac{25}{72} \Rightarrow \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{25}{72}$$

$$\sum \alpha\beta\gamma = -\frac{53}{72} \Rightarrow -\frac{d}{a} = -\frac{53}{72} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{a} = \frac{53}{72}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{e}{a} = -\frac{1}{6}.$$

If  $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$ ,

then  $x^4 + \frac{b}{a}x^3 + \frac{c}{a}x^2 + \frac{d}{a}x + e = 0$

So  $x^4 - \frac{17}{12}x^3 - \frac{25}{72}x^2 + \frac{53}{72}x - \frac{1}{6} = 0$

Multiply by 72 for integer coefficients:

$$72x^4 - 102x^3 - 25x^2 + 53x - 12 = 0.$$

So  $a = 72, b = -102, c = -25, d = 53$  and  $e = -12$ .

8  $x^4 - 16x^3 + 86x^2 - 176x + 105 = 0$

$$a = 1, b = -16, c = 86, d = -176 \text{ and } e = 105.$$

The roots are  $\alpha = \alpha, \beta = \alpha + k, \gamma = \alpha + 2k$

and  $\delta = \alpha + 3k$ .

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta$$

$$= \alpha + (\alpha + k) + (\alpha + 2k) + (\alpha + 3k)$$

$$= 4\alpha + 6k$$

But  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a} = 16$

So  $4\alpha + 6k = 16 \Rightarrow 2\alpha + 3k = 8$ .

$$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta$$

$$= \alpha(\alpha + k) + \alpha(\alpha + 2k) + \alpha(\alpha + 3k)$$

$$+ (\alpha + k)(\alpha + 2k) + (\alpha + k)(\alpha + 3k)$$

$$+ (\alpha + 2k)(\alpha + 3k)$$

$$= \alpha^2 + k\alpha + \alpha^2 + 2k\alpha + \alpha^2 + 3k\alpha + \alpha^2$$

$$+ 3k\alpha + 2k^2 + \alpha^2 + 4k\alpha$$

$$+ 3k^2 + \alpha^2 + 5k\alpha + 6k^2$$

$$= 6\alpha^2 + 18k\alpha + 11k^2$$

But  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta = \frac{c}{a} = 86$

So  $6\alpha^2 + 18k\alpha + 11k^2 = 86$

If  $2\alpha + 3k = 8 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{8}{2} - \frac{3}{2}k = 4 - \frac{3}{2}k$ .

Substitute  $\alpha = 4 - \frac{3}{2}k$  into

$$6\alpha^2 + 18k\alpha + 11k^2 = 86.$$

$$6\left(4 - \frac{3}{2}k\right)^2 + 18k\left(4 - \frac{3}{2}k\right) + 11k^2 = 86$$

$$6\left(16 - 12k + \frac{9}{4}k^2\right) + 72k - 27k^2 + 11k^2 = 86$$

$$96 - 72k + \frac{27}{2}k^2 + 72k - 27k^2 + 11k^2 = 86$$

$$-\frac{5}{2}k^2 = -10$$

$$k^2 = 4$$

$$k = \pm 2$$

If  $k = 2$ , then  $\alpha = 4 - \frac{3}{2}k \Rightarrow \alpha = 1$ .

So the roots are  $1, 1+2, 1+2(2)$  and

$$1+3(2)$$

Hence the roots are  $1, 3, 5$  and  $7$ .

Note if  $k = -2$ , then  $\alpha = 7$ , which would yield the same roots.

- 9  $3072x^4 - 2880x^3 + 840x^2 - 90x + 3 = 0$   
 Here  $a = 3072, b = -2880, c = 840, d = -90$   
 and  $e = 3$ .

The roots are  $\alpha = \alpha, \beta = r\alpha, \gamma = r^2\alpha$  and  
 $\delta = r^3\alpha$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = \alpha + r\alpha + r^2\alpha + r^3\alpha$$

$$= \alpha(1 + r + r^2 + r^3)$$

$$\text{But } \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{2880}{3072} = \frac{15}{16}$$

$$\text{So } \alpha(1 + r + r^2 + r^3) = \frac{15}{16}$$

$$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta$$

$$= \alpha(r\alpha) + \alpha(r^2\alpha) + \alpha(r^3\alpha) +$$

$$(r\alpha)(r^2\alpha) + (r\alpha)(r^3\alpha) + (r^2\alpha)(r^3\alpha)$$

$$= \alpha^2(r + r^2 + r^3 + r^3 + r^4 + r^5)$$

$$= \alpha^2 r(1 + r + 2r^2 + r^3 + r^4)$$

$$\text{But } \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta =$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{840}{3072} = \frac{35}{128}$$

$$\text{So } \alpha^2 r(1 + r + 2r^2 + r^3 + r^4) = \frac{35}{128}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta$$

$$= (r\alpha)(r^2\alpha) + \alpha(r\alpha)(r^3\alpha) +$$

$$\alpha(r^2\alpha)(r^3\alpha) + (r\alpha)(r^2\alpha)(r^3\alpha)$$

$$= r^3\alpha^3 + r^4\alpha^3 + r^5\alpha^3 + r^6\alpha^3$$

$$\alpha^3 r^3(1 + r + r^2 + r^3)$$

But

$$\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{d}{a} = \frac{90}{3072} = \frac{15}{512}$$

$$\text{So } \alpha^3 r^3(1 + r + r^2 + r^3) = \frac{15}{512}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \alpha(r\alpha)(r^2\alpha)(r^3\alpha) = \alpha^4 r^6$$

$$\text{But } \alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \frac{e}{a} = \frac{3}{3072} = \frac{1}{1024}$$

$$\text{So } \alpha^4 r^6 = \frac{1}{1024}$$

Taking square root of both sides

$$\alpha^2 r^3 = \frac{1}{32} = \frac{1}{2^5}$$

So  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $r = \frac{1}{2}$  are possible roots.

- 9 Check by substituting into

$$\alpha(1 + r + r^2 + r^3) = \frac{15}{16}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{4}{8} + \frac{2}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{15}{8}\right) = \frac{15}{16}$$

$$\text{So } \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } r = \frac{1}{2}$$

Substituting these values in the root expressions then gives  $x = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{16}$ .

- 10 a  $40x^3 + 90x^2 - 115x + n = 0$

So  $a = 40, b = 90, c = -115, d = m$  and  
 $e = n$ .

The roots are  $\alpha = 1, \beta = -3, \gamma = \frac{1}{2}$  and

$$\delta = \delta$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 1 - 3 + \frac{1}{2} + \delta = -\frac{3}{2} + \delta$$

$$\text{But } \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{90}{40} = -\frac{9}{4}$$

$$\text{So } -\frac{3}{2} + \delta = -\frac{9}{4}$$

$$\delta = -\frac{9}{4} + \frac{6}{4}$$

$$\delta = -\frac{3}{4}$$

- b  $\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta$

$$= (1)(-3)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (1)(-3)\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$+ (1)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + (-3)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{4} - \frac{3}{8} + \frac{9}{8}$$

$$= -\frac{12}{8} + \frac{18}{8} - \frac{3}{8} + \frac{9}{8}$$

$$= \frac{12}{8} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{But } \alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{d}{a} = -\frac{m}{40}$$

$$\text{So } -\frac{m}{40} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow m = -60.$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = (1)(-3)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{9}{8}$$

**10 b** But  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \frac{e}{a} = \frac{n}{40}$

So  $\frac{n}{40} = \frac{9}{8} \Rightarrow n = 45$

**11 a**  $2x^4 - 34x^3 + 202x^2 + dx + e = 0$   
So  $a = 2, b = -34, c = 202, d = d$  and  $e = e$ .

The roots are  $\alpha = \alpha, \beta = \alpha + 1, \gamma = 2\alpha + 1$

and  $\delta = 3\alpha + 1$ .

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta$$

$$= \alpha + (\alpha + 1) + (2\alpha + 1) + (3\alpha + 1)$$

$$= 7\alpha + 3$$

But  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{34}{2} = 17$

So  $7\alpha + 3 = 17$

$$7\alpha = 14$$

$$\alpha = 2$$

**b** So the roots are  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 3, \gamma = 5$  and  $\delta = 7$ .

$$\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta$$

$$= (2)(3)(5) + (2)(3)(7)$$

$$+ (2)(5)(7) + (3)(5)(7)$$

$$= 30 + 42 + 70 + 105 = 247.$$

But  $\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{d}{a} = -\frac{d}{2}$

So  $-\frac{d}{2} = 247 \Rightarrow d = -494$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = (2)(3)(5)(7) = 210$$

But  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \frac{e}{a} = \frac{e}{2}$ .

So  $\frac{e}{2} = 210 \Rightarrow e = 420$ .

**12 a**  $4x^4 - 19x^3 + px^2 + qx + 10 = 0$

So  $a = 4, b = -19, c = p, d = q$  and  $e = 10$ .

If  $\gamma = 3 + i$  is a root then the complex

conjugate is also a root. So  $\delta = 3 - i$

The roots are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma = 3 + i$  and  $\delta = 3 - i$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta$$

$$= \alpha + \beta + (3 + i) + (3 - i)$$

$$= \alpha + \beta + 6.$$

But  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{19}{4}$

So,  $\alpha + \beta + 6 = \frac{19}{4}$

$$4\alpha + 4\beta + 24 = 19$$

$$4\alpha + 4\beta + 5 = 0$$

**12 a**  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \alpha\beta(3+i)(3-i) = 10\alpha\beta$

But  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = \frac{e}{a} = \frac{10}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$

So  $10\alpha\beta = \frac{5}{2}$

$$20\alpha\beta - 5 = 0$$

$$4\alpha\beta - 1 = 0$$

**b** If  $4\alpha\beta - 1 = 0$ , then  $4\alpha\beta = 1$

and  $\alpha = \frac{1}{4\beta}$

Substitute  $\alpha = \frac{1}{4\beta}$  into  $4\alpha + 4\beta + 5 = 0$

$$4\left(\frac{1}{4\beta}\right) + 4\beta + 5 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\beta} + 4\beta + 5 = 0$$

Multiply by  $\beta$

$$1 + 4\beta^2 + 5\beta = 0$$

So  $4\beta^2 + 5\beta + 1 = 0$

$$(4\beta + 1)(\beta + 1) = 0$$

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{4} \text{ or } \beta = -1$$

If  $\beta = -\frac{1}{4}, \alpha = \frac{1}{4(-\frac{1}{4})} = -1$

If  $\beta = -1, \alpha = \frac{1}{4(-1)} = -\frac{1}{4}$ .

So the roots are  $-\frac{1}{4}, -1, 3 + i$  and  $3 - i$

$$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)(-1) + \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)(3+i) + \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)(3-i)$$

$$+ (-1)(3+i) + (-1)(3-i) + (3+i)(3-i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4} - 3 - 3 + 10$$

$$= \frac{11}{4}$$

But  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{p}{4}$

So,  $\frac{p}{4} = \frac{11}{4} \Rightarrow p = 11$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)(-1)(3+i) + \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)(-1)(3-i)$$

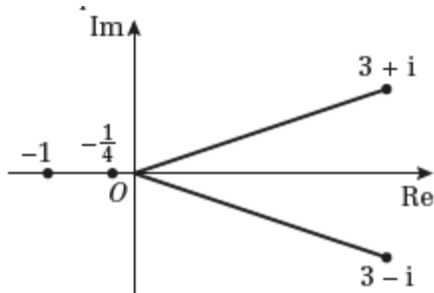
$$+ \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)(3+i)(3-i) + (-1)(3+i)(3-i)$$

$$12 \text{ b } = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)(10) + (-1)(10) = -11$$

$$\text{But } \alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta + \beta\gamma\delta = -\frac{d}{a} = -\frac{q}{4}$$

$$-\frac{q}{4} = -11 \Rightarrow q = 44$$

c



$$13 \text{ a } 6x^4 - 10x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x - 40 = 0$$

So,  $a = 6, b = -10, c = 3, d = 6$  and  $e = -40$ .

Substitute  $x = \frac{1-3i}{2}$  into the equation

$$6\left(\frac{1-3i}{2}\right)^4 - 10\left(\frac{1-3i}{2}\right)^3 + 3\left(\frac{1-3i}{2}\right)^2 + 6\left(\frac{1-3i}{2}\right) - 40 = 0$$

$$\frac{6}{2^4}(1-3i)^4 - \frac{10}{2^3}(1-3i)^3 + \frac{3}{2^2}(1-3i)^2 + 3(1-3i) - 40 = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{8}(1-3i)^4 - \frac{5}{4}(1-3i)^3 + \frac{3}{4}(1-3i)^2 + 3 - 9i - 40 = 0$$

Expand  $(1-3i)^4$  using  $(a+b)^4$  with  $a = 1$  and  $b = -3i$

$$(a+b)^4 = a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$$

$$(1-3i)^4 = 1 + 4(-3i) + 6(-3i)^2 + 4(-3i)^3 + (-3i)^4$$

$$(1-3i)^4 = 1 - 12i + 54i^2 - 108i^3 + 81i^4$$

Use  $i = i, i^2 = -1, i^3 = -i$  and  $i^4 = 1$  to simplify

$$(1-3i)^4 = 1 - 12i - 54 + 108i + 81 = 28 + 96i$$

Expand  $(1-3i)^3$  using  $(a+b)^3$  with  $a = 1$  and  $b = -3i$

$$13 \text{ a } (a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1-3i)^3 &= 1 + 3(-3i) + 3(-3i)^2 + (-3i)^3 \\ &= 1 - 9i + 27i^2 - 27i^3 \\ &= 1 - 9i - 27 + 27i \\ &= -26 + 18i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1-3i)^2 &= 1 - 3i - 3i + 9i^2 \\ &= -8 - 6i \end{aligned}$$

Substituting

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{3}{8}(28 + 96i) - \frac{5}{4}(-26 + 18i) \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{4}(-8 - 6i) + 3 - 9i - 40 \\ &= \frac{21}{2} + 36i + \frac{65}{2} - \frac{45}{2}i - 6 - \frac{9}{2}i + 3 - 9i - 40 \\ &= \left(\frac{21}{2} + \frac{65}{2} - 6 + 3 - 40\right) + \left(36 - \frac{45}{2} - \frac{9}{2} - 9\right)i \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

b If  $x = \frac{1-3i}{2}$  is a root, then  $x = \frac{1+3i}{2}$  is also a root.

$$\left(x - \left(\frac{1+3i}{2}\right)\right)\left(x - \left(\frac{1-3i}{2}\right)\right)$$

$$= x^2 - x\left(\frac{1-3i}{2}\right) - x\left(\frac{1+3i}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1+3i}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1-3i}{2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{3}{2}xi - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}xi + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4}i + \frac{3}{4}i - \frac{9}{4}i^2 \\ &= x^2 - x + \frac{5}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Multiply by 4:

$$= 2x^2 - 2x + 5$$

Find the other factors using division:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - 2x + 5 \overline{) 6x^4 - 10x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x - 40} \\ \underline{6x^4 - 6x^3 + 15x^2} \phantom{- 40} \\ -4x^3 - 12x^2 + 6x \phantom{- 40} \\ \underline{-4x^3 + 4x^2 - 10x} \phantom{- 40} \\ -16x^2 + 16x - 40 \\ \underline{-16x^2 + 16x - 40} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

**13 b continued**

So

$$6x^4 - 10x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x - 40 \\ = (2x^2 - 2x + 5)(3x^2 - 2x - 8) = 0$$

$$\text{Let } (3x^2 - 2x - 8) = 0$$

$$(3x + 4)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{4}{3} \text{ or } x = 2$$

So the other roots are  $x = -\frac{4}{3}$ ,  $x = 2$  and

$$x = \frac{1 + 3i}{2}.$$

**c**