# ALGEBRA Inequalities & Quadratic Equations





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If you keep on going
And never stop,
You can keep on going,
You can make it to the top.
Life is full of mountains,
Some are big and some are small,
But if you don't give up
You can overcome them all.
So keep on going
Try not to stop,
When you keep on going
You can make it to the top.



















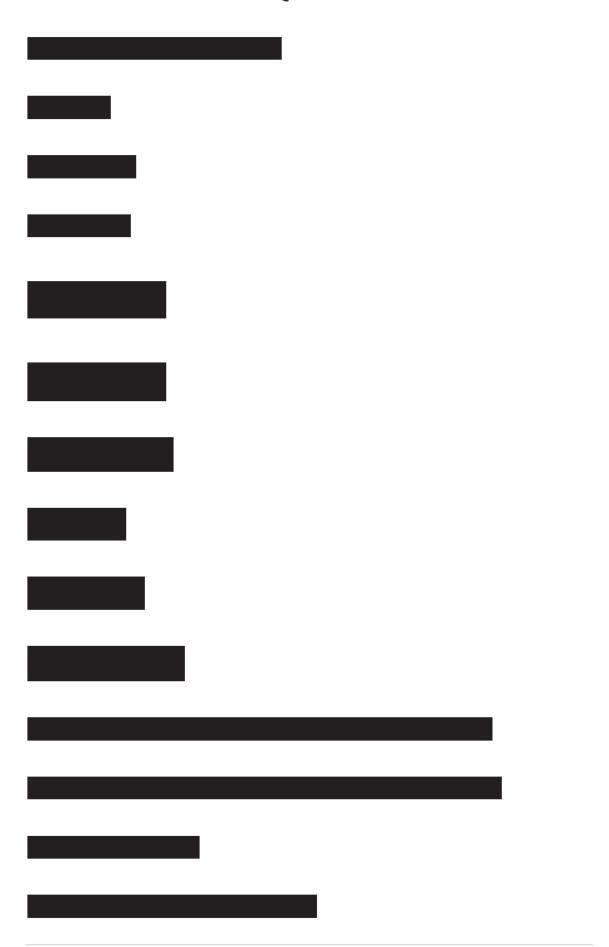
$$24. -2x^2 + 3x + 2 < 0$$







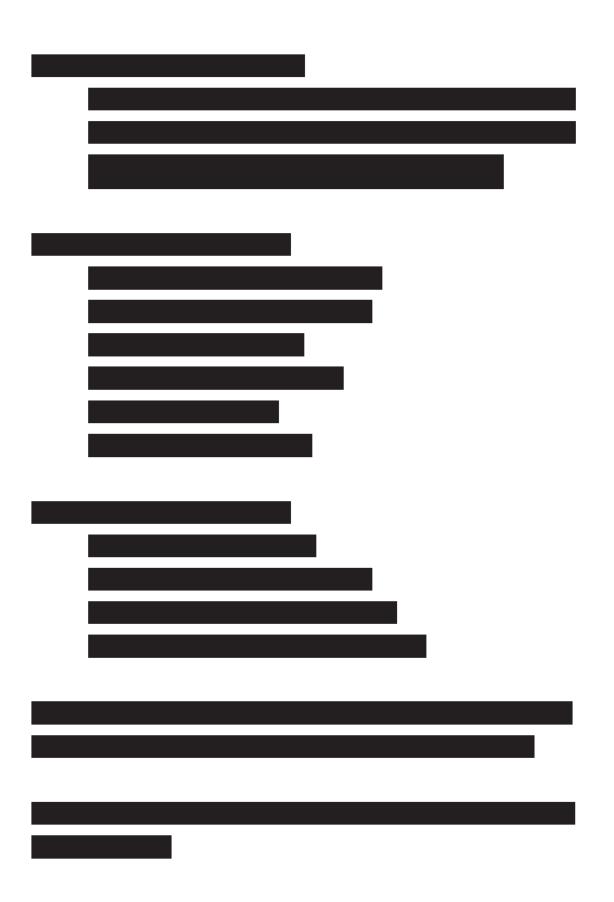


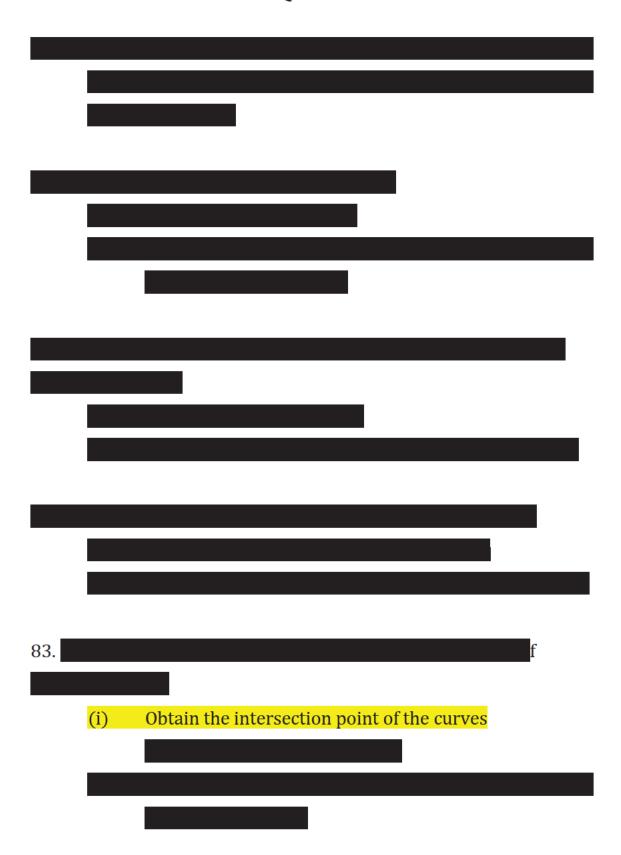


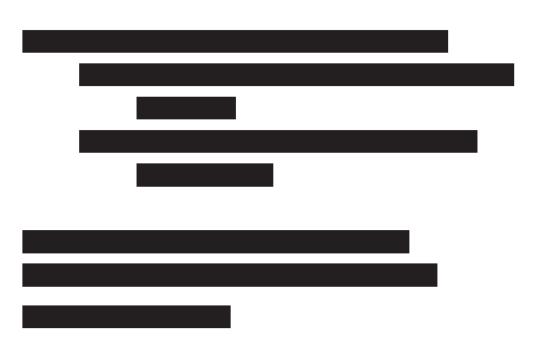












86. (i) Sketch the graphs of  $y_1 = |3x + 1|$  and  $y_2 = |2 - x|$ .

89.

Using the graph obtain the answer of  $|x^2 - 9| = x - 3$ .

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- (i) Show that f(4 + k) + f(4 k) = 2 if k is a real number
- (ii) Take the value of q as f(q) = 2q 3

91. (a)

(ii) Sketch a rough sketch of the curves  $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$ 



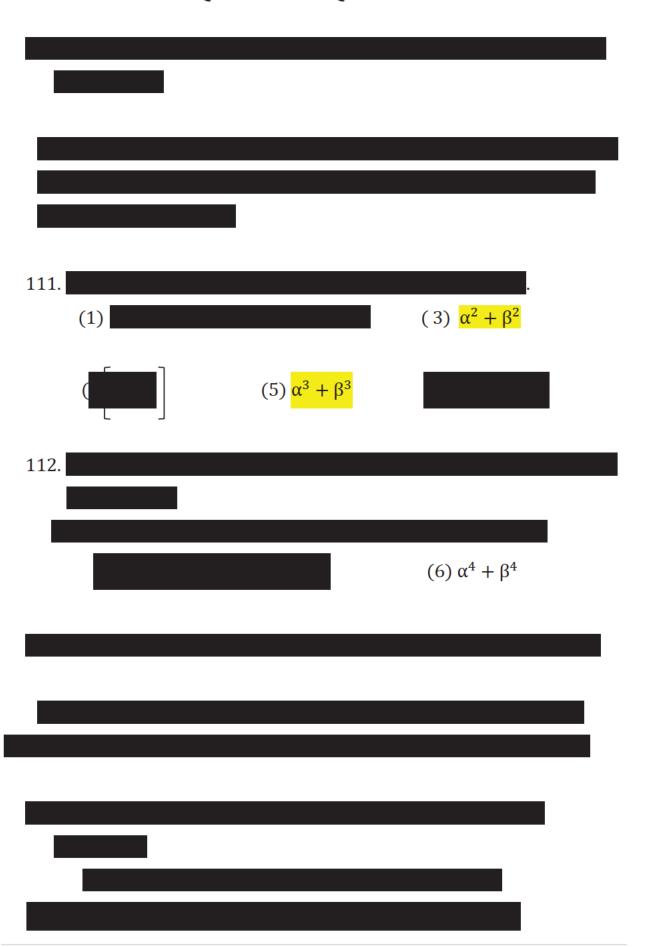


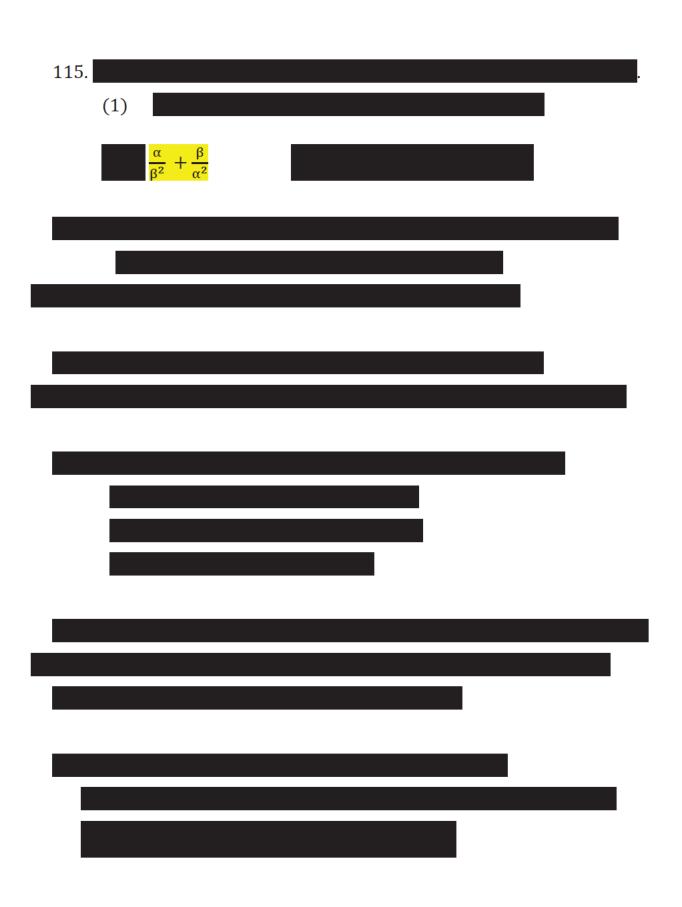
99. Solve the inequality  $\left| \frac{2x-1}{x+1} - 3 \right| < 1$ .





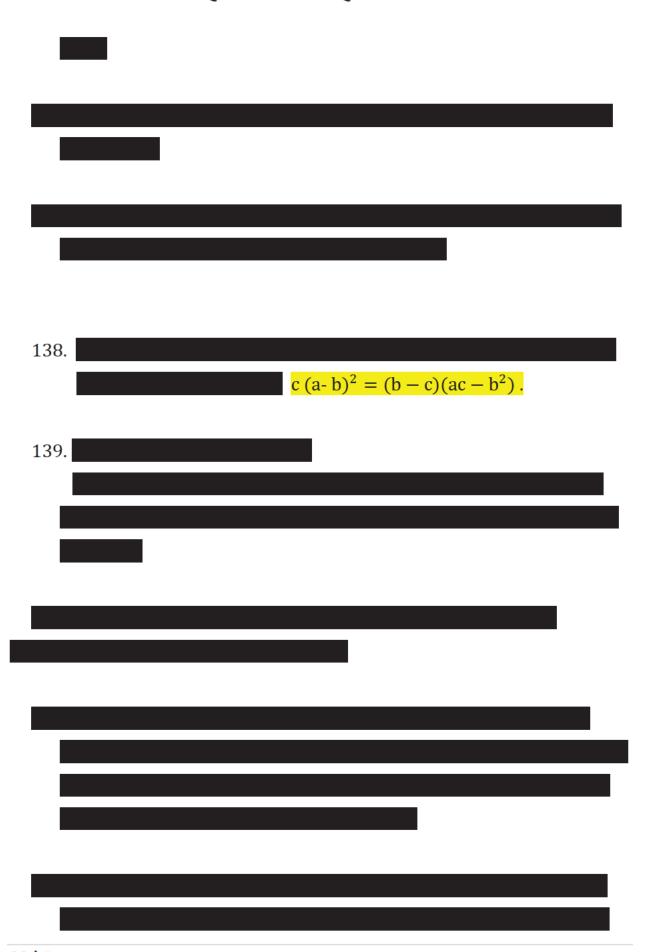














145. 
$$x^2 + ax + b = 0$$

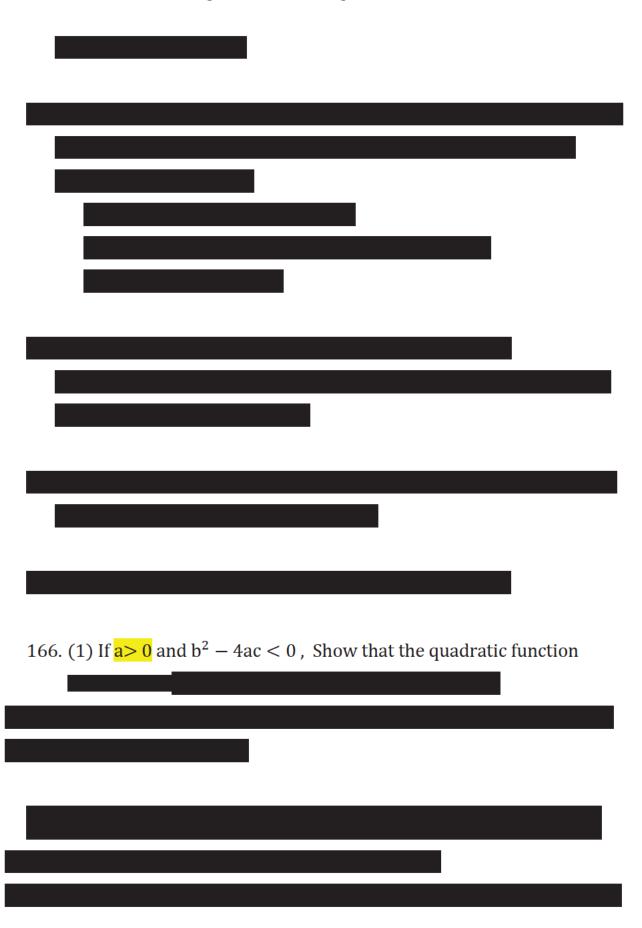
146. 
$$4x^2 - 1 = 0$$

149. 
$$x^2 - cx + d = 0$$
,  $x^2 - ax + b = 0$ 

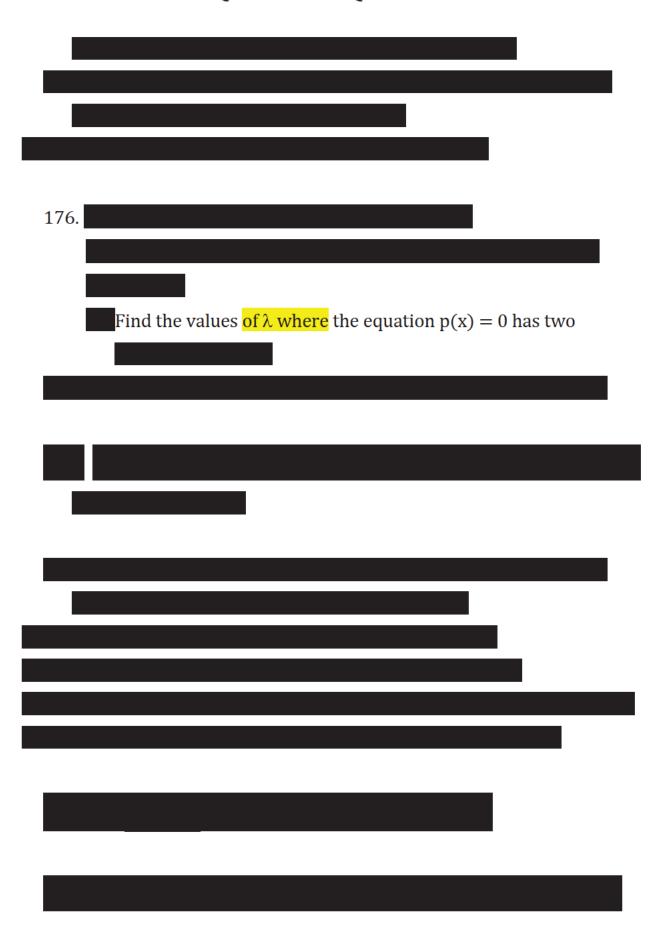
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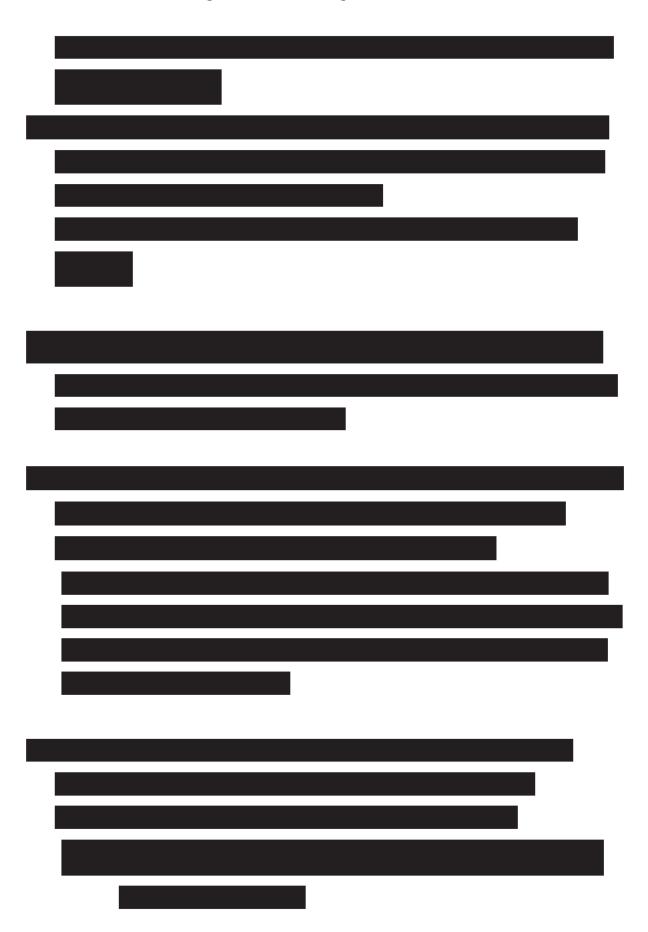


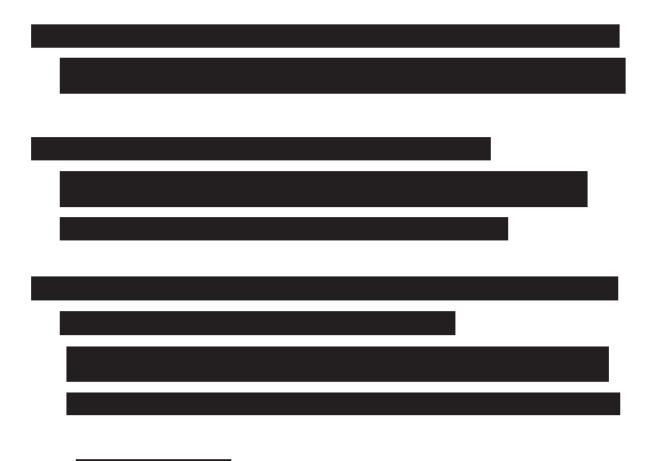












196.

- (a) Show that f(x) does not lie between  $-7 4\sqrt{3}$  and  $-7 + 4\sqrt{3}$ , for any real value of x.
- (b) Express f(x) in the form  $A + \frac{B}{x-4} + \frac{C}{x-3}$ , where A, B and C are constant.

Hence, or otherwise, find the maximum and minimum of f.

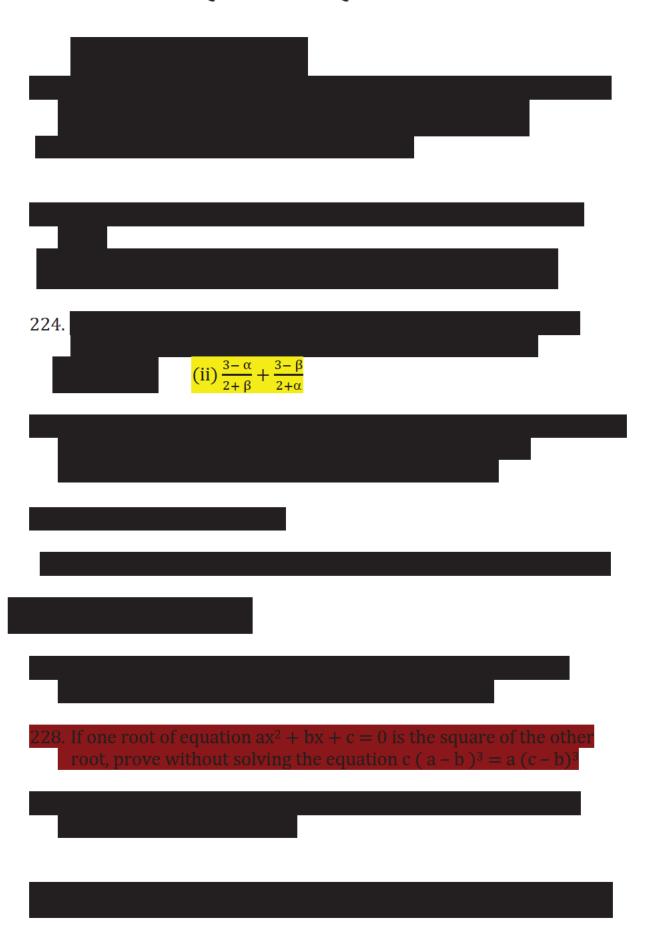
- (c) Find the equations of the vertical and horizontal asymptotoes of f(x).
- (d) Sketch the graph of f(x).



201.
(b) A number is divisible by 11. Let $\alpha$ be the number obtained by
adding the digits in the odd positions of the number and b be the
number obtained by adding the digits in the even positions of the
number. Show that a - b is divisible by 11.
202. (a) If n is an odd positive integer and $n > 2$ show that if $x^n + 2$ is
divided by $x^2 - 1$ the remainder will be $x + 2$ . (b) Show that if a number is divisible by 9 then the sum of the digits
of the number is also divisible by 9.
of the framber is also divisible by 7.





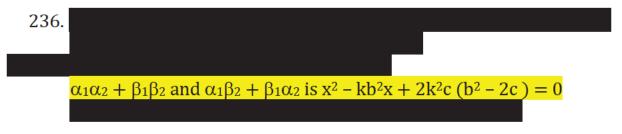


234. If the roots of the equation  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$  are  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  express the value of  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2}$  in terms of a and b.

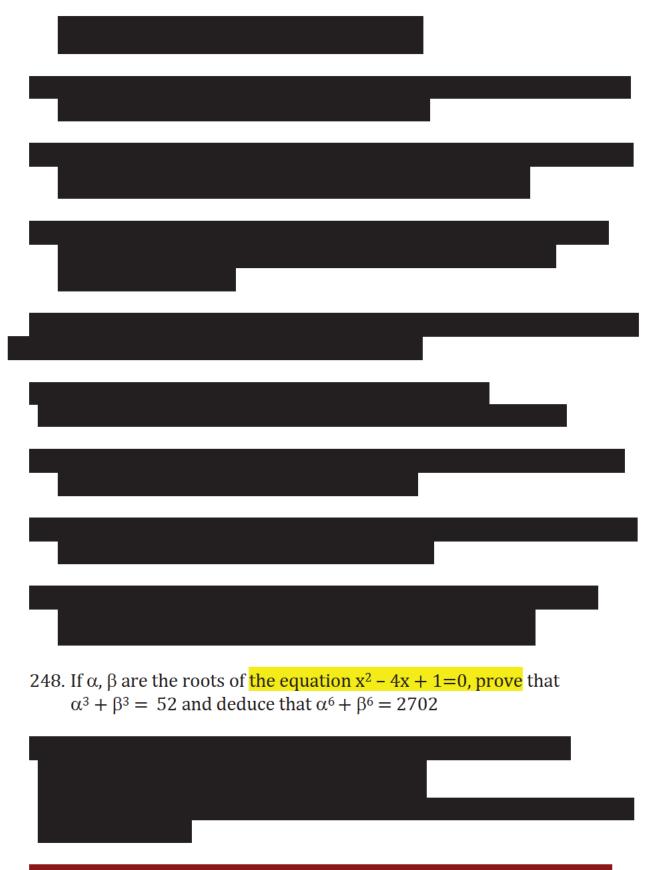
find the equation whose roots are  $(\alpha - 1)^2$  and  $(\beta - 1)^2$ 

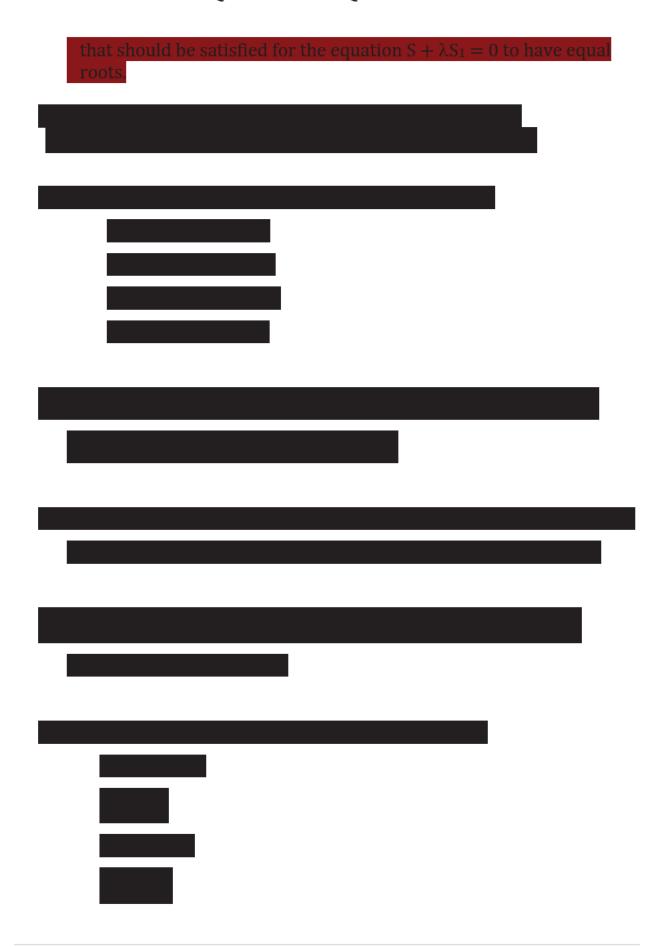
235. If the roots of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and the roots of the equation  $apx^2 + bqx + cr = 0$  are  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$  prove that:  $ac (r - p)^2 = (p - q) (q - r)$ 

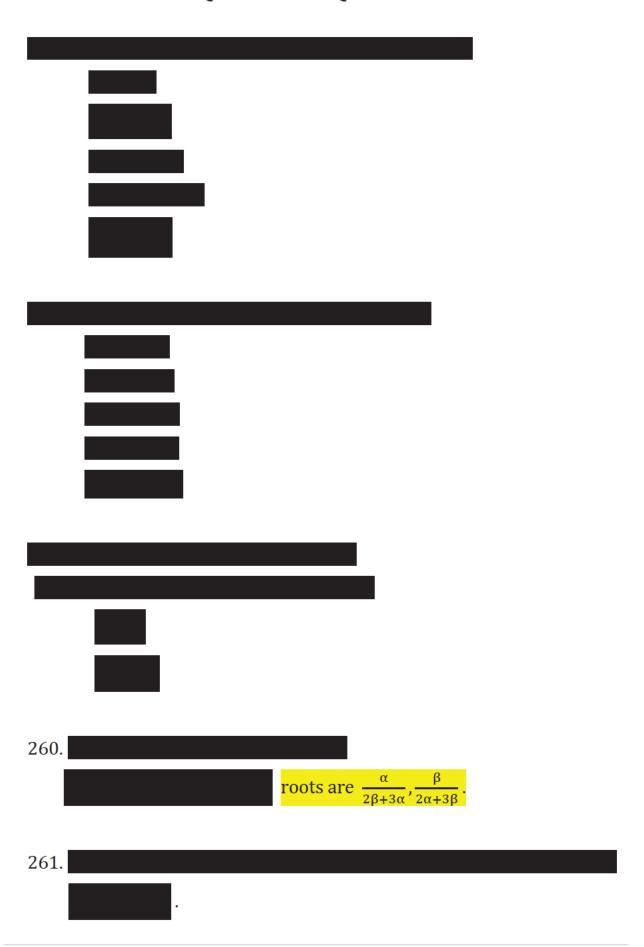
Find the values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  as rational functions of coefficients.













266.

show that  $\lambda + \frac{1}{\lambda} = \left(\frac{q^2 - 2pr}{pr}\right)$ . Hence, if  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_1$  are roots of

 $a_1x^2 + b_1x + c_1 = 0$  and  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\beta_2$  are roots of  $a_2x^2 + b_2x + c_2 =$ 

0, show that  $\lambda_1 + \frac{1}{\lambda_1} = \lambda_2 + \frac{1}{\lambda_2}$  where  $\lambda_1 = \frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}$  and  $\lambda_2 = \frac{\alpha_2}{\beta_2}$ . When

it is given that  $\alpha_1 b_2^2 c_1 = \alpha_2 b_1^2 c_2$ , show that  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} = \frac{\alpha_2}{\beta_2}$  or  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_2} = \frac{\beta_1}{\alpha_2}$ .

#### 267. $\alpha$ , $\beta$ are roots of quadratic equation $f(x)ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

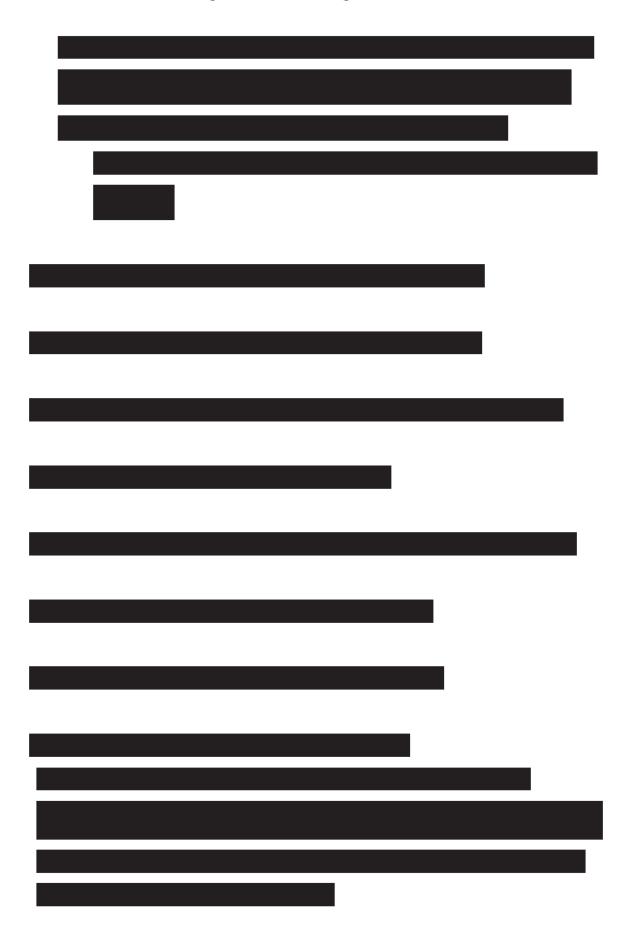
- (i) Find the equation whose roots are  $\alpha 1$ ,  $\beta 1$
- (ii) Find the requirement that both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are greater than 1

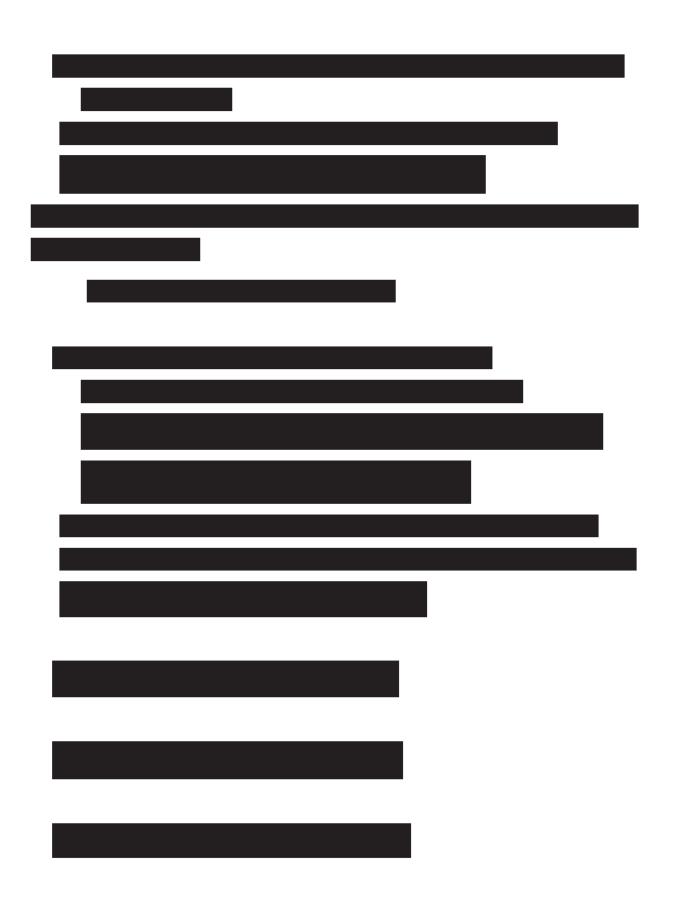
(iii) Guadratic equations  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  and  $ax^2 + cx + b = 0$  are

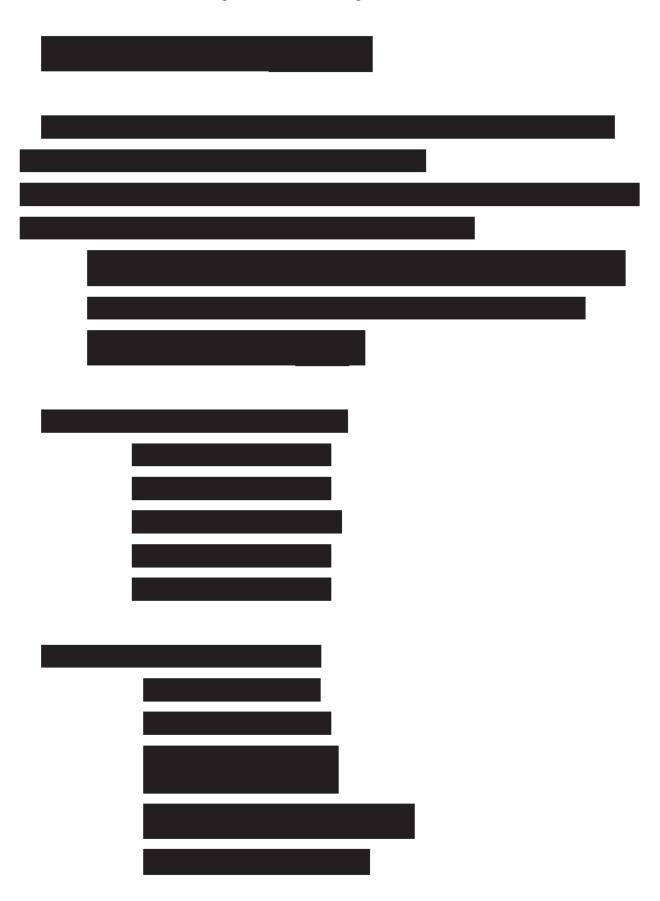
not identical. If they have common roots, show that a + b + c =

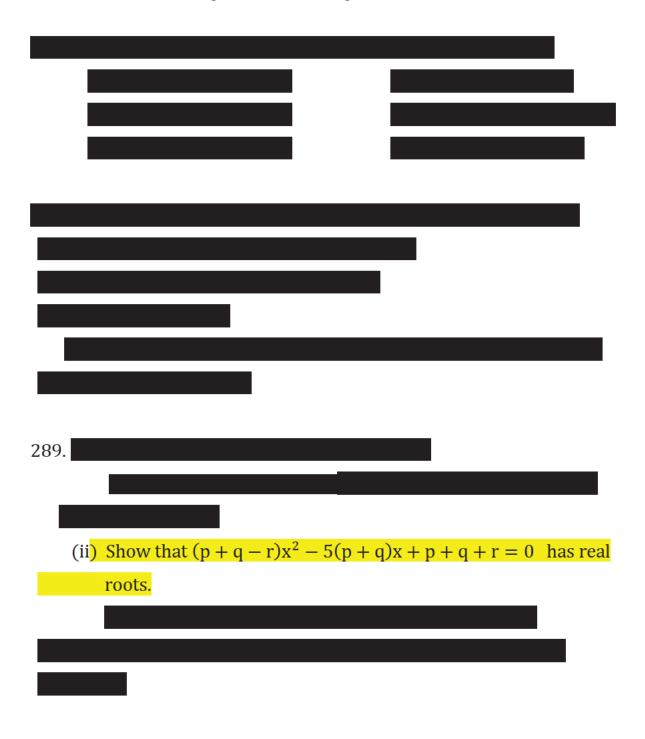
0. Find the equation that satisfies the remaining roots of two

equations









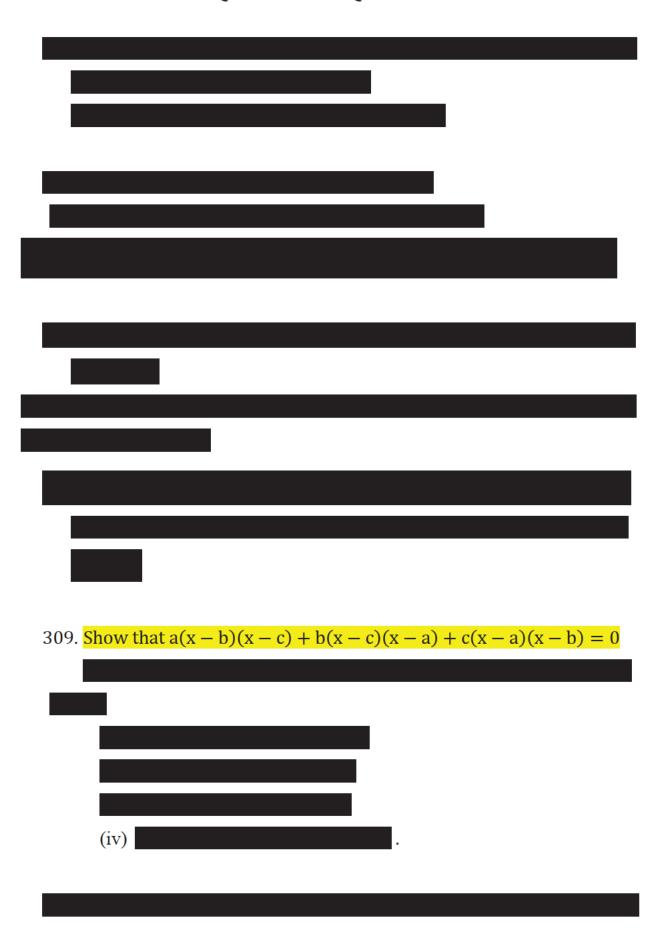
290. a, b, c are real in  $(a - b - c)x^2 + 2(a - b)x + a - b + c = 0$ . show that roots of the equation are real distinct rational.

When c = 0, deduce that roots are real distinct real real coincident.



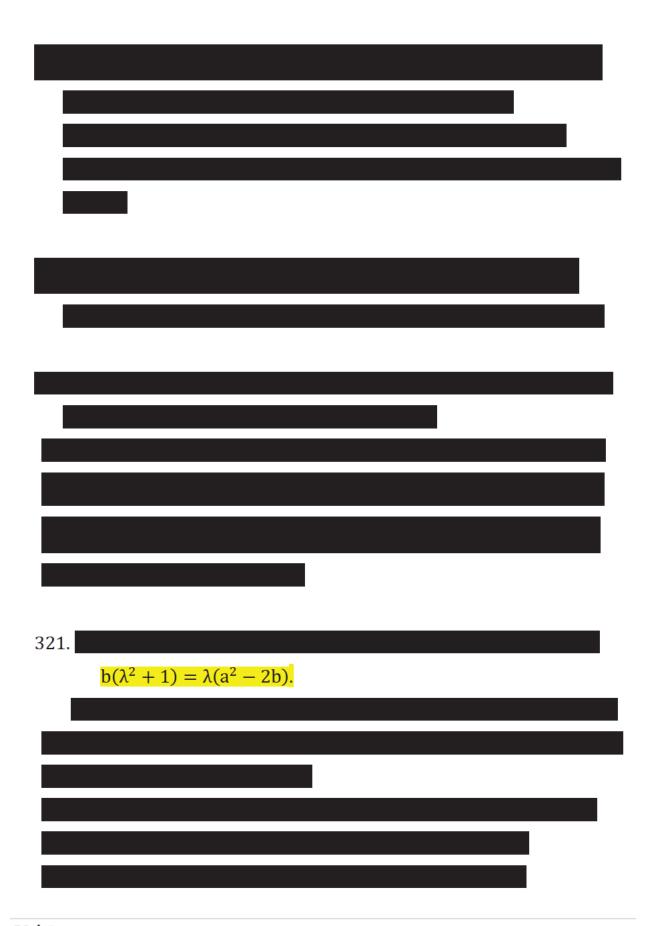


(iii) Find the value of a and value range of a that makes the roots real and distinct in the equation $f(x) = (x^2 + 2)(a - 1) = 0$ .
Find a when roots are real coincident.
303.
If the function equals to two x values with difference of 4 between then, find two values of k. When $k = \frac{1}{2}$ , find two values of x and verify that their difference is 4
304. (i) $\alpha$ , $\beta$ are roots of the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ . Find
the equation whose roots are $\alpha-1$ , $\beta-1$ . Get the requirement for both $\alpha$ and $\beta$ to be higher than 1.













329. 
$$\alpha$$
,  $\beta$  are roots of  $ax^2 + ax + c = 0$ . If  $\beta = \alpha^2$  show that  $ca^2 + a(c-3) + c^2 = 0$ .  
Show that  $(4c - 6a + 9a^2)x^2 - (2 - 4c + 3a)x + c = 0$  is the

equation whose roots are  $\frac{\alpha}{2\beta+3\alpha}$  and  $\frac{\beta}{2\alpha+3\beta}$ .

If  $0 , show that the function <math>\frac{x-p}{x^2-2x+p}$  can take all real

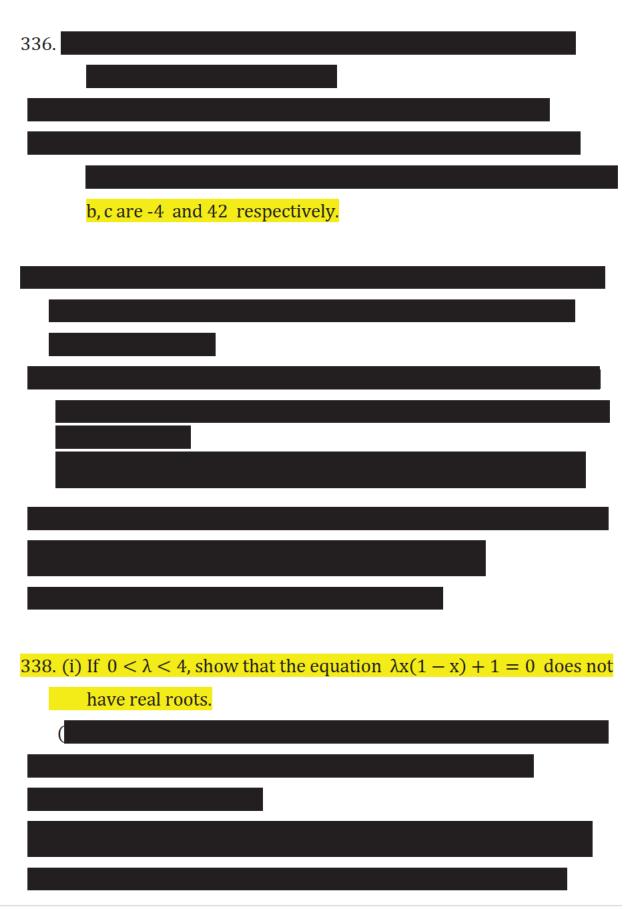
values for all real values of x.

When  $p = \frac{3}{4}$ , explain your answers using a graph

330.

(ii) Get the statements for the sum and product of roots of the quadratic equation in terms of its coefficients . If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of  $x^2 + px + 1 = 0$ , find the quadratic equation whose roots are  $\alpha + \lambda$  and  $\beta + \lambda$ .  $\lambda$  is a constant. Further, if  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$  are roots of  $x^2 + qx + 1 = 0$ , prove that  $(\alpha + \gamma)(\beta + \gamma)(\alpha - \delta)(\beta - \delta) = q^2 - p^2$ .

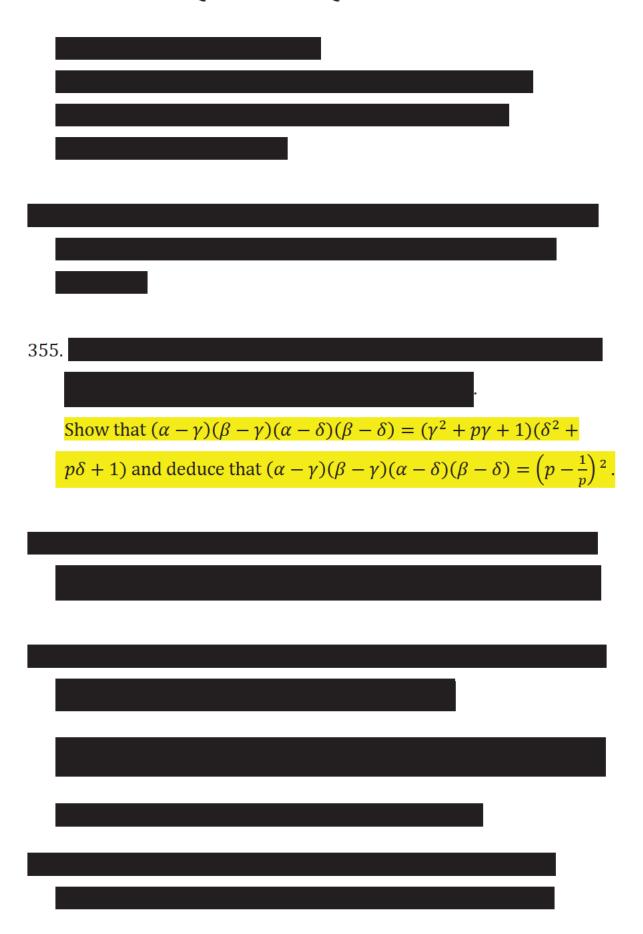








350. If $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 + 9x^2 - 10x + 7$ , then show that the constants
$p, q, r$ can be found such that $f(x) = (x^2 + px + q)^2(x^2 + px + q) + r$ . Show that $f(x)$ is positive for all real values of $x$ .
q)   1. Show that j (x) to positive for all real values of x

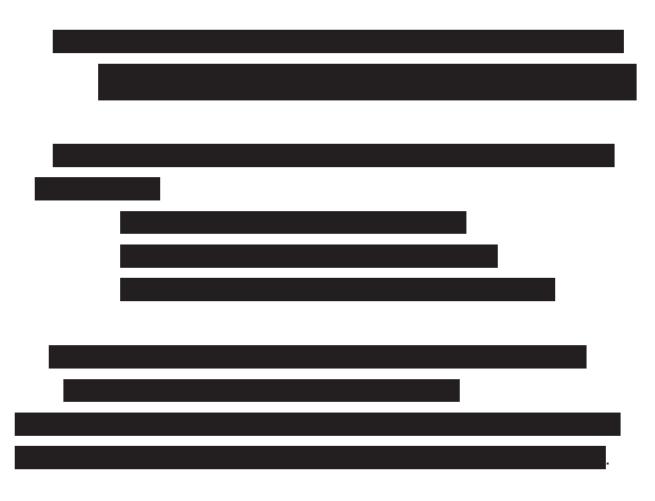




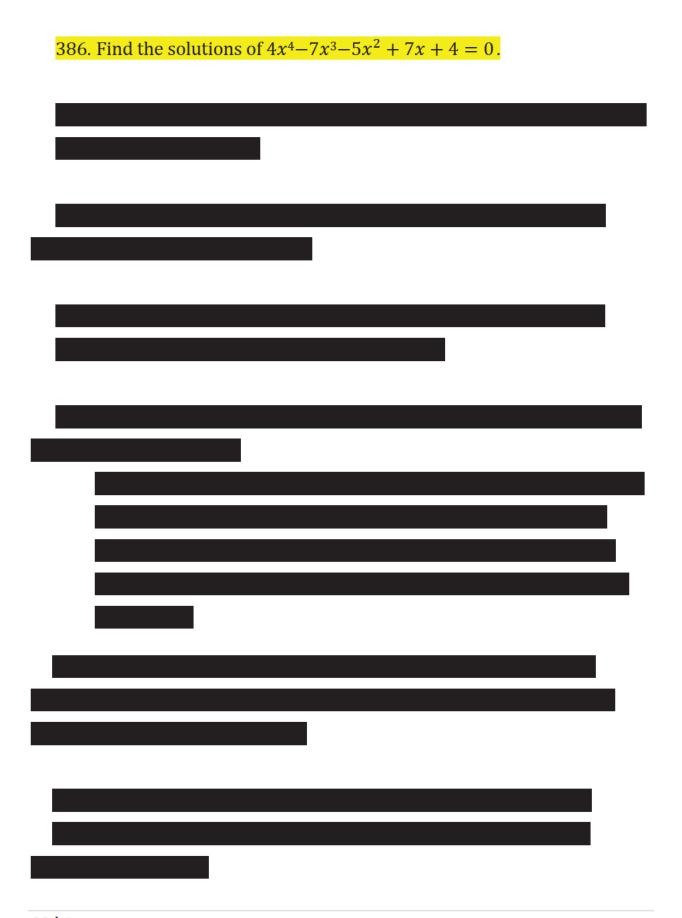




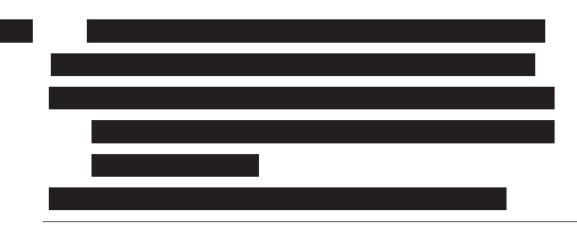
379. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  and if  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  are the roots of  $a'x^2 + b'x + c' = 0$ , prove that the equation with the roots  $\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} + \frac{\beta}{\delta}$ ,  $\frac{\alpha}{\delta} + \frac{\beta}{\gamma}$  is  $a^2c'^2x^2 - abb'c'x + a'b^2c' + ab'^2c - 4aa'cc' = 0$ .



384. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of  $f_1(x)=0$  and  $\alpha'$  and  $\beta'$  are the roots of  $f_2(x)=0$ , show that  $f_1(\alpha')f_1(\beta')=f_2(\beta)=(q-q')^2+(p-p')(pq'-p'q)$ .







Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + 1 = 0$  and 397. let  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 + \frac{1}{n}x + 1 = 0$ .

Show that

$$(\alpha - \gamma)(\beta - \gamma)(\alpha - \delta)(\beta - \delta) = (\gamma^2 + p\gamma + 1)(\delta^2 +$$

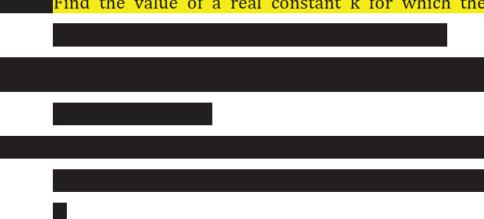
 $p\delta + 1$ ) and deduce that

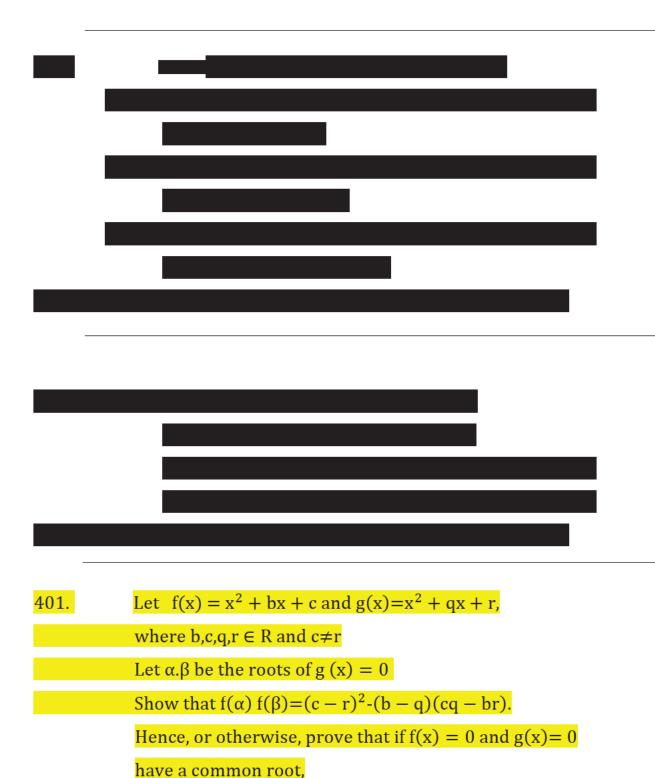
$$(\alpha - \gamma)(\beta - \gamma)(\alpha - \delta)(\beta - \delta) = \left(p - \frac{1}{p}\right)^2$$

(2001)

398. Let 
$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 9$$
;  $x \in R$ 

- (i) If  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are the roots of f(x) = 0, obtain the quadratic equation whose roots are  $\alpha^2$ -1 and  $\beta^2$ -1
  - Find the value of a real constant k for which the





then b-q, c-r and cq-br are in Geometric Progression.

If  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$  are the roots of f(x) = 0, show that the quadratic

equation whose roots

are 
$$\beta$$
.  $\gamma$  is  $x^2 - \frac{(c+r)(q-b)}{(c-r)} x + \frac{cr(q-b)^2}{(c-r)^2} = 0$ 

(2005)



405.

whose roots are  $\alpha^3~\beta^2$  and  $\alpha^2~\beta^3$  Hence, find the quadratic

(2009)

406. (a)  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the quadratic equation  $f(x) \equiv x^2 + px + q = 0$ , where p and q are real and  $2p^2 + q \neq 0$ . If y(p-x) = p + x, substituting for x in f(x) = 0 or otherwise, show that  $g(y) \equiv (2p^2 + q)y^2 + 2(q - p^2)y + q = 0$ , where  $y \neq -1$ . Hence, find the roots of the equation g(y) = 0 in terms of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  Express  $\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\beta + \alpha}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\beta}{2\alpha + \beta}\right)^2$  in terms of p and q.





equation, and let  $\lambda = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  Show that  $ac(\lambda + 1)^2 = b^2\lambda$ .

(2014)

(2015)

414. (i) Let  $f(x) \equiv 2x^4 + \gamma x^3 + \delta x + 1$ , where  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  are real

constants. Given that 
$$f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$
 and  $f(-2) = 2l$ , find the

two real linear factors of f(x)

(ii) Find the two linear expressions P(x) and Q(x)

satisfying the equation

$$(x^2 + x + 1)P(x) + (x^2 - 1)Q(x) = 3x$$
, for all real :

(2015)

416. Let a, b, c 
$$\in$$
 R such that  $a \ne 0$ . and  $a + b + c \ne 0$ . and let  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ . Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  be the roots of  $f(x) = 0$ .

Show that  $(\alpha - 1)(\beta - 1) = \frac{1}{a}(a + b + c)$  and that the quadratic

equation with  $\frac{1}{\alpha-1}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta-1}$  as the roots is given by g(x)=0,

where 
$$g(x) = (a + b + c)x^2 + (2a + b)x + a$$
.

Now, let a > 0 and a + b + c > 0.

Show that the minimum value  $m_1$  of f(x) is given by  $m_1 = -\frac{\Delta}{4a}$ ,

where  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ .

Let  $m_2$  be the minimum value of g(x). Deduce that

$$(a + b + c)m_2 = am_1$$

Hence, show that  $f(x) \ge 0$  for all  $x \in R$  if and only if  $g(x) \ge 0$ 

0 for all  $x \in R$ .

(2016)

417. Let 
$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 2ax + b$$
, where  $\alpha, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

It is given that the equation f(x) = 0 has two real distinct

roots. Show that

 $a^2 > 3b$ . Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of f(x) = 0.

Write down  $\alpha + \beta$  in terms of a

and  $\alpha\beta$  in terms of b.

Show that 
$$|\alpha - \beta| = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{a^2 - 3b}$$

Show further that the quadratic equation with  $|\alpha + \beta|$ 

and  $|\alpha - \beta|$  as its roots is given by

$$9x^{2} - 6(|\alpha| + \sqrt{(a^{2} - 3b)} x + 4\sqrt{a^{4} - 3a^{2}b} = 0$$

(2017)



420. Let a, b, c ∈ R Write down the discriminant of the equation

 $3x^2 - 2(a + b)x + ab = 0$  in terms of a and b and Hence, show that the roots of this equation are real.

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be these roots. Write down  $\alpha + \beta$  and  $\alpha\beta$  in terms of a and b.

Now, let  $\beta = \alpha + 2$ . Show that  $a^2 - ab + b^2 = 9$  and deduce that  $|a| \le \sqrt{12}$ ,

and find b in terms of a.

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