

Viet formula. Resolution square trinomials to linear factors

Numbers x_1 and x_2 are solutions of square equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ if and only if

$$x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 \cdot x_2 = \frac{c}{a}$$

These two equality are called the Viet formula.

What they serve?

The basic application is to help us, when we have solutions x_1 and x_2 , to make square

equation: $x^2 - (x_1 + x_2)x + x_1 \cdot x_2 = 0$

or may be more precise:

$a[x^2 - (x_1 + x_2)x + x_1 \cdot x_2] = 0$, but usually, we take here $a = 1$, and the formula is:

Example 1: Write square equation whose solutions are:

a) $x_1 = 3, x_2 = -2$

b) One solution is $x_1 = 1 + 2i$

Solution:

a) $x_1 = 3, x_2 = -2$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 = 3 + (-2) = +1 \\ x_1 \cdot x_2 = 3 \cdot (-2) = -6 \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad a[x^2 - (x_1 + x_2)x + x_1 \cdot x_2] = 0$$

$$a \left[x^2 - \underbrace{(x_1 + x_2)}_1 x + \underbrace{x_1 \cdot x_2}_{-6} \right] = 0$$

$$a[x^2 - x - 6] = 0 \quad \text{as we usually take } a=1 \longrightarrow \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 6 = 0$$

b) One solution is $x_1 = 1 + 2i$

second solution must be: $x_2 = 1 - 2i$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1 + 2i + 1 - 2i = 2$$

$$x_1 \cdot x_2 = (1 + 2i) \cdot (1 - 2i) = 1^2 - (2i)^2 = 1 - 4i^2 =$$

(because $i^2 = -1$) $= 1 + 4 = 5$

$$x^2 - (x_1 + x_2)x + x_1 \cdot x_2 = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad x^2 - 2x + 5 = 0$$

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Example 2. In equation $mx^2 - (3m+1)x + m = 0$ determine the value of the real parameter m

so that is: $x_1 + x_2 = 5$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{l} a = m \\ b = -(3m+1) \\ c = m \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b}{a} \\ x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{-(3m+1)}{m} = \frac{3m+1}{m} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 = 5 &\Rightarrow \frac{3m+1}{m} = 5 \\ 3m+1 &= 5m \\ 3m-5m &= -1 \\ -2m &= -1 \\ m &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3. In equation $x^2 - 4x + 3(k-1) = 0$ determine the value of the real parameter k ,

so that is: $x_1 - 3x_2 = 0$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{l} a = 1 \\ b = -4 \\ c = 3(k-1) \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{-4}{1} = 4$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 = 4 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ we solve the system}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 = 4 \\ -x_1 + 3x_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$4x_2 = 4 \Rightarrow x_2 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = 3$$

$$\text{How is } x_1 \cdot x_2 = \frac{c}{a} \Rightarrow 3 \cdot 1 = \frac{3(k-1)}{1} \Rightarrow k-1=1 \Rightarrow \boxed{k=2}$$

Example 4. In equation $x^2 - (m+1)x + m = 0$ determine the value of the real parameter m

so that the solutions x_1 and x_2 meet equality $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 10$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{l} a = 1 \\ b = -(m+1) \\ c = m \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{-(m+1)}{1} = m+1 \\ x_1 x_2 = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{m}{1} = m \end{array}$$

This expression $x_1^2 + x_2^2$, often occurs in the tasks.

Move from well-known formula for the square stage: $(x_1 + x_2)^2 = x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2$



$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = (x_1 + x_2)^2 - 2x_1x_2$	REMEMBER!
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Let's go back to the task:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 10 &\Rightarrow (x_1 + x_2)^2 - 2x_1x_2 = 10 \\ (m+1)^2 - 2m &= 10 \\ m^2 + 2m + 1 - 2m &= 10 \\ m^2 &= 10 - 1 \\ m^2 &= 9 \\ m &= \pm\sqrt{9} \\ m_1 &= 3 \\ m_2 &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

Resolution square trinomials to linear factors

Square trinom by x is a form of expression: $ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a, b, c \rightarrow$ are numbers (coefficients) and $a \neq 0$.

If x_1 and x_2 are solutions of square equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then:

$$\boxed{ax^2 + bx + c = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}$$

Example 1. Square trinom apart on the facts: a) $x^2 + 5x + 6$
 b) $x^2 + 2x + 2$

Solution:

a) $x^2 + 5x + 6$

First we solve quadratic equation: $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 a = 1 & D = b^2 - 4ac & x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{D}}{2a} = \frac{5 \pm 1}{2} \\
 b = -5 & D = 25 - 24 & x_1 = 3 \\
 c = 6 & D = 1 & x_2 = 2
 \end{array}$$

$$a(x - x_1)(x - x_2) = 1(x - 3)(x - 2) = (x - 3)(x - 2)$$

So: $x^2 + 5x + 6 = (x - 3)(x - 2)$

b) $x^2 + 2x + 2$

$$x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 1, b = 2, c = 2 \quad D = 4 - 8 = -4$$

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2} = \frac{2(-1 \pm i)}{2}$$

$$x_1 = -1 + i$$

$$x_2 = -1 - i$$

$$a(x - x_1)(x - x_2) = 1(x + 1 - i)(x + 1 + i)$$

So : $x^2 + 2x + 2 = (x + 1 - i)(x + 1 + i)$

Example 2: Trim fraction: $\frac{3x^2 + 2x - 8}{12x^2 - 7x - 12}$

Solution:

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$$3x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$a = 3 \quad D = b^2 - 4ac \quad x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{D}}{2a}$$

$$b = 2 \quad D = 4 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 8 \quad x_{1,2} = \frac{-2 \pm 10}{6}$$

$$c = -8 \quad D = 4 + 36 \quad x_1 = \frac{-2 + 10}{6} = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$D = 100$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-2 - 10}{6} = -2$$

$$3x^2 + 2x - 8 = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2) = 3\left(x - \frac{4}{3}\right)(x + 2)$$

II

$$12x^2 - 7x - 12 = 0$$

$$a = 12 \quad D = b^2 - 4ac \quad x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{D}}{2a}$$

$$b = -7 \quad D = 4 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot (-12) \quad x_{1,2} = \frac{-7 \pm 25}{24}$$

$$c = -12 \quad D = 49 + 576 \quad x_1 = \frac{7 + 25}{24} = \frac{32}{24} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$D = 625$$

$$x_2 = \frac{7 - 25}{24} = \frac{18}{24} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$12x^2 - 7x - 12 = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2) = 12\left(x - \frac{4}{3}\right)\left(x + \frac{3}{4}\right)$$

Let's go back now in the fraction:

$$\frac{3x^2 + 2x - 8}{12x^2 - 7x - 12} = \frac{3\left(x - \frac{4}{3}\right)(x + 2)}{12\left(x - \frac{4}{3}\right)\left(x + \frac{3}{4}\right)} = \frac{x + 2}{4\left(x + \frac{3}{4}\right)}$$

Of course, with the conditions: $x - \frac{4}{3} \neq 0$ and $x + \frac{3}{4} \neq 0$
 $x \neq \frac{4}{3}$ and $x \neq -\frac{3}{4}$

Example 3. Trim fraction: $\frac{x^3 + 1}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$

Solution:

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$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} a = 1 & D = b^2 - 4ac & x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{D}}{2a} \\ b = -2 & D = 4 + 12 & x_{1,2} = \frac{2 \pm 4}{2} \\ c = -3 & D = 16 & x_1 = 3 \\ & & x_2 = -1 \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = a(x + x_1)(x + x_2) = 1(x - 3)(x - (-1)) = (x - 3)(x + 1)$$

II

for $x^3 + 1 \rightarrow$ we have formula: $A^3 + B^3 = (A + B)(A^2 - AB + B^2)$

So : $x^3 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$

Let's go back to the fraction:

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

of course with the condition : $\begin{array}{l} x - 3 \neq 0 \\ x \neq 3 \end{array}$ and $\begin{array}{l} x + 1 \neq 0 \\ x \neq -1 \end{array}$