

Exercise 4.2

1) Find the roots of the following quadratic equations by factorisation:

(i) $x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$

Solⁿ: $\Rightarrow x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 2x - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x-5) + 2(x-5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-5)(x+2)$$

$$\text{If } x-5=0 \quad | \quad \text{If } x+2=0$$

$$x=5$$

$$x=-2$$

(ii) $2x^2 + x - 6 = 0$

Solⁿ: $2x^2 + x - 6 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 4x - 3x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x(x+2) - 3(x+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+2)(2x-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } x+2=0 \quad | \quad \text{If } 2x-3=0$$

$$x=-2$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

(iii) $\sqrt{2}x^2 + 7x + 5\sqrt{2} = 0$

Solⁿ: $-\sqrt{2}x^2 + 7x + 5\sqrt{2} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2}x^2 + 5x + 2x + 5\sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2}x^2 + 2x + 5x + 5\sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2}x(x+\sqrt{2}) + 5(x+\sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{2}x+5) = 0$$

$$\text{If } x+\sqrt{2}=0 \quad | \quad \text{If } \sqrt{2}x+5=0$$

$$x = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

(iv) $2x^2 - x + \frac{1}{8} = 0$ (Multiply both sides with 8)

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 8x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 - 4x - 4x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x(4x-1) - 1(4x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4x-1)(4x-1) = 0$$

$$\text{If } 4x-1=0$$

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$$x = \frac{1}{4}$$

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$$(*) \quad 100n^2 - 20n + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 100n^2 - 10n - 10n + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 10n(10n-1) - 1(10n-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (10n-1)(10n-1) = 0$$

$$\text{If } 10n-1 = 0$$

$$n = \frac{1}{10}$$

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