

5. If α and β are the roots of the equation $x^2 + px + 2 = 0$ and $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$ are the roots of the equation $2x^2 + 2qx + 1 = 0$, then

$(\alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha})(\beta - \frac{1}{\beta})(\alpha + \frac{1}{\beta})(\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha})$ is equal to: [Main Sep. 03, 2020 (I)]

(a) $\frac{9}{4}(9 + p^2)$ (b) $\frac{9}{4}(9 - p^2)$

(c) $\frac{9}{4}(9 + q^2)$ (d) $\frac{9}{4}(9 - q^2)$

Solution: (d).

$$\alpha \cdot \beta = 2 \text{ and } \alpha + \beta = -p \text{ also } \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = -2 \Rightarrow p = 2q$$

$$\text{Now } (\alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha})(\beta - \frac{1}{\beta})(\alpha + \frac{1}{\beta})(\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha})$$

$$= \left[\alpha\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right] \left[\alpha\beta + \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} + 2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left[\frac{5}{2} - \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{2} \right] = \frac{9}{4} [5 - (p^2 - 4)]$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} (9 - p^2)$$

$$[\because \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta]$$