

Evaluation of the roots Cubic equation

Transformation of the Cubic

Let us consider the eqⁿ $ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 3cx + d = 0$

Let us put $x = t + h$,

∴ The eqⁿ reduces to

$$a(t+h)^3 + 3b(t+h)^2 + 3c(t+h) + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(t^3 + 3t^2h + 3th^2 + h^3) + 3b(t^2 + 2th + h^2) + 3ct + 3ch + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow at^3 + t^2(3ah + 3b) + t(3ah^2 + 6bh + 3c) + ah^3 + 3bh^2 + 3ch + d = 0$$

Let us choose h in such a way that

$$ah + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h = -\frac{b}{a}$$

Hence the eqⁿ reduces to

$$at^3 + t(3a \cdot \frac{b^2}{a^2} - 6b \cdot \frac{b}{a} + 3c) + a \cdot \frac{b^3}{a^3} + 3b \cdot \frac{b^2}{a^2} - 3c \cdot \frac{b}{a} + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow at^3 + t(3 \frac{b^2}{a} - 6 \frac{b^2}{a} + 3c) - \frac{b^3}{a^2} + \frac{3b^3}{a^2} - 3 \frac{bc}{a} + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow at^3 + t(3c - 3 \frac{b^2}{a}) + 2 \frac{b^3}{a^2} - 3 \frac{bc}{a} + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^3 + 3Ht + G = 0 \quad \text{where}$$

$$\longrightarrow \textcircled{A} \quad H = \frac{c - \frac{b^2}{a}}{a}$$

$$G = \frac{2 \frac{b^3}{a^2} - \frac{3bc}{a} + d}{a} = \frac{2ab^3 - 3abc + da^2}{a^3}$$

$$G = \frac{2b^3}{a^2} - \frac{3bc}{a} + d$$

$$= \frac{2abd - 3abc + 2b^3}{a^3}$$

Cardan's Method of solving

Let $p^{\frac{1}{3}} + q^{\frac{1}{3}}$ be the roots of \textcircled{A} .

$$\text{i.e. } t = p^{\frac{1}{3}} + q^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow t^3 = p + q + 3p^{\frac{1}{3}}q^{\frac{1}{3}}t$$

$$\Rightarrow t^3 - 3p^{\frac{1}{3}}q^{\frac{1}{3}}t - (p+q) = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{B}$$

Comparing \textcircled{A} and \textcircled{B} , $p^{\frac{1}{3}}q^{\frac{1}{3}} = -H$, $p+q = -G$.

Hence p and q are the roots of the eqⁿ.

$$z^2 + Gz - H^3 = 0$$

which gives $p = \frac{1}{2}(-G + \sqrt{G^2 + 4H^3})$

and $q = \frac{1}{2}(-G - \sqrt{G^2 + 4H^3})$

As cube root of p has three values, we get the value of x on substitution of these.

Ex 1. Solve $x^3 - 21x - 344 = 0$ → (1)

Soln: Let $x = p^{1/3} + q^{1/3}$

⇒ $x^3 = p + q + 3p^{1/3}q^{1/3}x$

⇒ $x^3 - 3p^{1/3}q^{1/3}x - (p+q) = 0$ → (2)

Since (1) and (2) are identical

$-3p^{1/3}q^{1/3} = -21$ and $p+q = 344$ → (3)

⇒ $p^{1/3}q^{1/3} = 7$

⇒ $pq = 343$

∴ $(p-q)^2 = (p+q)^2 - 4pq$

$= (344)^2 - 4 \cdot 343$

$= 118336 - 1372$

$= 116964$

⇒ $p-q = 342$ → (4)

(3) + (4) ⇒ $2p = 286$ ⇒ $p = 143$

(3) - (4) ⇒ $2q = 2$ ⇒ $q = 1$

∴ $x = p^{1/3} + q^{1/3}$

$= (143)^{1/3} + 1^{1/3}$

$= 7 + 1 = 8$

Hence the eqn can be written as

$x^3 - 21x - 344 = 0$

⇒ $x^3 - 8x^2 + 8x^2 - 64x + 43x - 344 = 0$

⇒ $x^2(x-8) + 8x(x-8) + 43(x-8) = 0$

⇒ $(x-8)(x^2 + 8x + 43) = 0$

Either $x-8=0$ or $x^2 + 8x + 43 = 0$

⇒ $x = 8$

$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 172}}{2}$

(1) ⇒ $x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{-108}}{2}$

$= \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{-108}}{2}$

$= \frac{-8 \pm 6\sqrt{3}i}{2}$

$= -4 \pm 3\sqrt{3}i$

$$\begin{array}{r} 344 \\ 2 \overline{) 2752} \\ \underline{1376} \\ 1376 \\ \underline{1376} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

(814 + 344) / 2 = 579

Ex 2 Solve the eqⁿ by Cardano's method (1) (2-9)

$$x^3 - 30x + 133 = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

Sgn: Let $x = p^{\frac{1}{3}} + q^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = p + q + 3p^{\frac{1}{3}}q^{\frac{1}{3}}x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 3p^{\frac{1}{3}}q^{\frac{1}{3}}x - (p+q) = 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

Since (1) and (2) are identical

$$\therefore 3p^{\frac{1}{3}}q^{\frac{1}{3}} = 30 \quad \Rightarrow p+q = -133 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow p^{\frac{1}{3}}q^{\frac{1}{3}} = 10$$

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$$\therefore (p-q)^2 = (p+q)^2 - 4pq$$

$$= (-133)^2 - 4 \cdot 1000$$

$$= 17689 - 4000$$

$$= 13689$$

$$\therefore p-q = 117 \rightarrow (4)$$

$$(3) + (4) \Rightarrow 2p = -16 \Rightarrow p = -8$$

$$(3) - (4) \Rightarrow 2q = -250$$

$$\Rightarrow q = -125$$

$$\therefore x = (-8)^{\frac{1}{3}} + (-125)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= -2 - 5 = -7$$

Hence the eqⁿ can be written as

$$x^3 - 30x + 133 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + 7x^2 - 7x^2 - 49x + 19x + 133 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(x+7) - 7x(x+7) + 19(x+7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+7)(x^2 - 7x + 19) = 0$$

Either $x+7 = 0$

or

$$x^2 - 7x + 19 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 76}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{-27}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{7 \pm 3\sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

The roots are $-7, \frac{7 \pm 3\sqrt{3}i}{2}$