

Q1. 【SMO Junior 2017 R1 Q26】

If every root of the polynomial  $x^2 + 4x - 5$  is also a root of the polynomial  $2x^3 + 9x^2 + bx + c$ , find the value of  $b^2 + c^2$ .

Q2(a). 【SMO Junior 2010 R1 Q22】

Given that  $169(157 - 77x)^2 + 100(201 - 100x)^2 = 26(77x - 157)(1000x - 2010)$ , find the value of  $x$ .

Q2(b). 【SMO Junior 2006 R1 Q25】

What is the product of the real roots of the equation

$$\frac{x^2 + 90x + 2027}{3} = \sqrt{x^2 + 90x + 2055} ?$$

Q3. 【SMO Junior 2021 R1 Q20】

20. What is the number of positive integers  $c$  such that the equation

$$x^2 - 2021x + 100c = 0$$

has real roots?

Q4. 【SMO Junior 2007 R1 Q28】

Find the value of  $a$  such that the two equations  $x^2 + ax + 1 = 0$  and  $x^2 - x - a = 0$  have one common real root.

Q5(a). 【SMO Junior 2022 R1 Q10】

10. If  $a$  and  $b$  are distinct solutions to the equation

$$x^2 + 10x + 20 = 0,$$

what is the value of  $a^4 + b^4$ ?

Q5(b). 【SMO Junior 2008 R1 Q30】

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the roots of  $x^2 + 2000x + 1 = 0$  and let  $c$  and  $d$  be the roots of

$x^2 - 2008x + 1 = 0$ . Find the value of  $(a+c)(b+c)(a-d)(b-d)$ .

Q6. 【SMO Junior 2009 R1 Q30】

Find the value of the smallest positive integer  $m$  such that the equation

$$x^2 + 2(m+5)x + (100m+9) = 0$$

has only integer solutions.

Q7. 【SMO Junior 2016 R1 Q31】

If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $\sqrt{3-2\sqrt{2}}$  is one of the roots of the equation  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$ , find the value of  $a - b$ .

### Practice:

1. 【SMO Junior 2016 R1 Q8】

Two real numbers  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy the following equations respectively.

$$2015u^2 + 2016u + 1 = 0$$

$$v^2 + 2016v + 2015 = 0$$

If  $uv \neq 1$ , find the value of  $\frac{u}{v}$ .

2. 【SMO Junior 2005 R1 Q26】

Find the sum of all possible values of  $a$  such that the following equation has real root in  $x$ :

$$(x-a)^2 + (x^2 - 3x + 2)^2 = 0.$$

3. 【SMO Junior 2008 R1 Q28】

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of  $x^2 - 4x + c = 0$ , where  $c$  is a real number. If  $-\alpha$  is a root of  $x^2 + 4x - c = 0$ , find the value of  $\alpha\beta$ .

4. 【SMO Junior 2012 R1 Q1】

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 + 2bx + b = 1$ . Find the smallest possible value of  $(\alpha - \beta)^2$ .

5. 【SMO Junior 2013 R1 Q16】

16. Suppose that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the two roots of the equation  $(x-2)^2 = 3(x+5)$ . What is

the value of the expression  $x_1x_2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2$ ?

6. 【SMO Junior 2021 R1 Q15】

How many integers  $k$  are there such that the quadratic equation

$$kx^2 + 20x + 20 - k = 0$$

has only integer solutions?