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$$P(x) = x^4 + 7x^3 + 9x^2 - 27x + c$$

$$P'(x) = 4x^3 + 21x^2 + 18x - 27$$

$$P''(x) = 12x^2 + 42x + 18$$

$$= 6(2x+1)(x+3)$$

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$$P(x) = ax^{n+1} + bx^n + 1$$

$(x-1)^2$ is a factor

$$P'(x) = (n+1)ax^n + nbx^{n-1}$$

$$P'(1) = 0$$

$$P(1) = 0$$

$$a(n+1) + bn = 0$$

$$a + b + 1 = 0$$

$$(-b-1)(n+1) + bn = 0$$

$$a = -b-1$$

$$-bn - b - n - 1 + bn = 0$$

$$-b = n+1$$

$$\underline{b = -(n+1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= n \\ b &= -(n+1) \end{aligned}$$

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$$Ax^3 + Bx^2 + D = 0$$

$$P'(x) = 3Ax^2 + 2Bx$$

$$= x(3Ax + 2B)$$

$$\therefore \text{double root is } x = -\frac{2B}{3A}$$

$$A\left(-\frac{2B}{3A}\right)^3 + B\left(-\frac{2B}{3A}\right)^2 + D = 0$$

$$-8AB^3 + 4B^3 \times 3A + D \times 27A^3 = 0$$

$$-8AB^3 + 12AB^3 + 27A^3D = 0$$

$$4AB^3 + 27A^3D = 0$$

$$\underline{4B^3 + 27A^2D = 0}$$

$$15/ \quad P(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad , n \geq 2$$

$$P'(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

for a multiple root to exist

$$P(x) = P'(x)$$

$$\frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

but $x=0$ is not a root as $P(0) = 1 \neq 0$

\therefore no multiple roots

$$16a) \quad x^4 + mx^2 + n = 0, \quad m \neq 0$$

$$P'(x) = 4x^3 + 2mx$$
$$= 2x(2x^2 + m)$$

$$P''(x) = 12x^2 + 2m$$
$$= 2(6x^2 + m)$$

$$P''(x) = 0$$

$$x^2 = -\frac{m}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P'(x) &= 4x^3 + 2mx \\ &= 2x(2x^2 + m) \\ P'(x) &= 0 \\ x^2 &= -\frac{m}{2}\end{aligned}$$

for a root of
multiplicity > 2 to
exist

$$P'(x) = P''(x) = 0$$

$$\therefore -\frac{m}{2} = -\frac{m}{6}$$

but $m \neq 0$

\therefore root cannot have
multiplicity > 2

(b) (i) as $P(x)$ is an even function

if α is a double root so is $-\alpha$

(ii) double root so $P'(\alpha) = 0$

$$\alpha^2 = -\frac{m}{2}$$

$$m < 0$$

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$$P(\alpha) = 0$$

$$\alpha^4 + 3\alpha^2 + n = 0$$

$$\frac{3^2}{4} - \frac{3^2}{2} + n = 0$$

$$-\frac{3^2}{4} + n = 0$$

$$n = \frac{3^2}{4}$$

roots are $\alpha, -\alpha$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-3}{2}}, -\sqrt{\frac{-3}{2}}$$

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$$P(x) = x^3 + 3px^2 + 3qx + r$$

$$P'(x) = 3x^2 + 6px + 3q$$

$$\begin{aligned} P'(\alpha) &= 0 \\ 3\alpha^2 + 6p\alpha + 3q &= 0 \\ \alpha^2 + 2p\alpha + q &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha^3 + \beta = -r \quad 2\alpha + \beta = -3p$$

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{r}{3p + 2\alpha} \quad \beta = -3p - 2\alpha$$

$$\alpha^3 + 3p\alpha^2 + 3q\alpha + r = 0$$

$$\alpha^3 + 2p\alpha^2 + q\alpha = 0$$

$$p\alpha^2 + 2q\alpha + r = 0$$

$$p\alpha^2 + 2p^2\alpha + q = 0$$

$$2(p^2 - q)\alpha + pq - r = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{r - pq}{2(p^2 - q)}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{pq - r}{2(q - p^2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} px^2 + 2qx + r &= 0 \\ x^2 + 2px + q &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$p^2 x^2 + 2pqx + pr = 0$$

$$qx^2 + 2px + q = 0$$

$$(p^2 - q)x^2 + (pr - q^2) = 0$$

$$(p^2 - q)x^2 = q^2 - pr$$

$$x^2 = \frac{q^2 - pr}{p^2 - q} = \frac{(pq - r)^2}{4(q - p^2)^2}$$

$$\underline{4(p^2 - q) = (pq - r)^2}$$