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**Basic Concepts**

- Zeroes of a polynomial.  $k$  is said to be zero of a polynomial  $p(x)$  if  $p(k) = 0$

Q. Find the zeroes of  $p(x) = x^2 + 7x + 12$

**Sol.**  $p(x) = x^2 + 7x + 12$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = (x + 3)(x + 4)$$

$$\therefore p(x) = 0 \text{ if } x + 3 = 0 \text{ or } x + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -3 \text{ or } x = -4$$

$\therefore -3$  and  $-4$  are zeroes of the  $p(x)$ .

- (i) If  $\alpha, \beta$  are zeroes of  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , then Relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients of the Polynomial

$$\alpha + \beta \text{ (sum of zeroes)} = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{\text{-coefficient of } x}{\text{coefficient of square of } x}$$

$$\alpha \times \beta \text{ (product of zeroes)} = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\text{constant}}{\text{coefficient of square of } x}$$

1. Find the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial and verify the relationship between the zeroes and coefficient of polynomial  $p(x) = x^2 + 7x + 12$ .

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Relationship between the zeroes and the coefficients.

$$\alpha = -3, \beta = -4, a = 1, b = 7 \text{ and } c = 12$$

$$\alpha + \beta \text{ (sum of zeroes)} = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$-3 + (-4) = \frac{-7}{1}$$

$$-7 = -7$$

$$\alpha \times \beta \text{ (product of zeroes)} = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$-3 \times -4 = \frac{12}{1}$$

$$12 = 12 \text{ verified}$$

**Solve Ex. 2.2**