

THEORY OF EQUATIONS

Form an equation of lowest degree with Rational Coeff. if one of its roots is $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}$.

Sol.


Let $f(x) = 0$ is Required eq.

Now Given Root of $f(x)$ is $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}$

In an eq. with Rational Coeff.
irrational roots occur in conjugate
pairs.

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5}$ are
roots of $f(x)$

$\Rightarrow (x - (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}), (x - (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5})),$
 $(x - (-\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5})) (x - (-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5}))$ are
factor of $f(x)$


$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow f(x) &= (x - (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5})) (x - (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5})) \\ &\quad (x - (-\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5})) (x - (-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5})) \\ &= [(x - \sqrt{2}) - \sqrt{5}] [(x - \sqrt{2}) + \sqrt{5}] \\ &\quad [(x + \sqrt{2}) - \sqrt{5}] [(x + \sqrt{2}) + \sqrt{5}] \\ &= [(x - \sqrt{2})^2 - 5] [(x + \sqrt{2})^2 - 5]\end{aligned}$$

$$= (x^2 + 2 - 2\sqrt{2}x - 5)$$

$$(x^2 + 2 + 2\sqrt{2}x - 5)$$

$$= (x^2 - 3) - 2\sqrt{2}x \quad ((x^2 - 3) + 2\sqrt{2}x)$$

$$= (x^2 - 3)^2 - (2\sqrt{2}x)^2$$

$$= x^4 + 9 - 6x^2 - 8x^2$$

$$= x^4 - 14x^2 + 9 = 0 \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans.}}}$$