

the Sines of the Radical Parts, and multiply those parts by 3, the results are also roots of the cubick Æquation first proposed.

EXAMPLE.

$$aaa - 21a - 20 = 0$$

The cube Roots of the Binomials are $+2\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{-\frac{3}{4}}$
 $+2\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{-\frac{3}{4}}$

Their sum is the Root sought $= +5$

And the other two Roots are $-\frac{5}{2} + \sqrt{2\frac{1}{4}}$
 $-\frac{5}{2} - \sqrt{2\frac{1}{4}}$

Also in this Æquation $a^3 - 60a - 2 = 0$

The Binomial Roots are $+4 + \sqrt{-4}$
 $+4 - \sqrt{-4}$

Hence the Root sought is $+8$
 And the other two roots are $-4 + \sqrt{+12}$
 $-4 - \sqrt{+12}$.

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