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PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

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Let P(x) be a non-constant polynomial with real coefficients such that all of its roots are real numbers. Suppose that there exists a polynomial Q(x) with real coefficients such that

$$(P(x))^2 = P(Q(x))$$

for all real numbers x. Determine the maximal possible number of distinct roots of P(x).