

6. Factorization of Polynomials

Exercise 6.1

1. Question

Which of the following expressions are polynomials in one variable and which are not? State reasons for your answer:

(i) $3x^2 - 4x + 15$

(ii) $y^2 + 2\sqrt{3}$

(iii) $3\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2}x$

(iv) $x - \frac{4}{x}$

(v) $x^{12} + y^3 + t^{50}$

Answer

(i) $3x^2 - 4x + 15$ is a polynomial of one variable x .

(ii) $y^2 + 2\sqrt{3}$ is a polynomial of one variable y .

(iii) $3\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2}x$ is not a polynomial as the exponent of $3\sqrt{x}$ is not a positive integer.

(iv) $x - \frac{4}{x}$ is not a polynomial as the exponent of $-\frac{4}{x}$ is not a positive integer.

(v) $x^{12} + y^3 + t^{50}$ is a polynomial of three variables x, y, t .

2. Question

Write the coefficient of x^2 in each of the following:

(i) $17 - 2x + 7x^2$

(ii) $9 - 12x + x^3$

(iii) $\frac{\pi}{6}x^2 - 3x + 4$

(iv) $\sqrt{3}x - 7$

Answer

Coefficient of x^2 in:

(i) $17 - 2x + 7x^2$ is 7

(ii) $9 - 12x + x^3$ is 0

(iii) $\frac{\pi}{6}x^2 - 3x + 4$ is $\frac{\pi}{6}$

(iv) $\sqrt{3}x - 7$ is 0

3. Question

Write the degrees of each of the following polynomials:

(i) $7x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 12$

(ii) $12 - x + 2x^3$

(iii) $5y - \sqrt{2}$

(iv) 7

(v) 0

Answer

Degree of polynomial in:

(i) $7x^3+4x^2-3x+12$ is 3

(ii) $12-x+2x^3$ is 3

(iii) $5y-\sqrt{2}$ is 1

(iv) 7 is 0

(v) 0 is undefined

4. Question

Classify the following polynomials as linear, quadratic, cubic and biquadratic polynomials:

(i) $x+x^2+7y^2$ (ii) $3x-2$

(iii) $2x+x^2$

(iv) $3y$ (v) t^2+1

(vi) $7t^4+4t^3+3t-2$

Answer

Given polynomial,

(i) $x+x^2+7y^2$ is quadratic as degree of polynomial is 2.

(ii) $3x-2$ is linear as degree of polynomial is 1.

(iii) $2x+x^2$ is quadratic as degree of polynomial is 2.

(iv) $3y$ is linear as degree of polynomial is 1.

(v) t^2+1 is quadratic as degree of polynomial is 2.

(vi) $7t^4+4t^3+3t-2$ is bi-quadratic as degree of polynomial is 4.

5. Question

Classify the following polynomials as polynomials in one-variable, two variable etc:

(i) $x^2-xy+7y^2$ (ii) $x^2-2tx+7y^2-x+t$

(iii) t^3-3t^2+4t-5 (iv) $xy+yz+zx$

Answer

(i) $x^2-xy+7y^2$ is a polynomial in two variable x, y .

(ii) $x^2-2tx+7y^2-x+t$ is a polynomial in two variable x, t .

(iii) t^3-3t^2+4t-5 is a polynomial in one variable t .

(iv) $xy+yz+zx$ is a polynomial in three variable x, y, t .

6. Question

Identify polynomials in the following:

(i) $f(x) = 4x^3-x^2-3x+7$

(ii) $g(x) = 2x^3-3x^2+\sqrt{x}-1$

$$(iii) p(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^2 - \frac{7}{4}x + 9$$

$$(iv) q(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + \frac{4}{x} + 2$$

$$(v) h(x) = x^4 - x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x - 1$$

$$(vi) f(x) = 2 + \frac{3}{x} + 4x$$

Answer

(i) $f(x) = 4x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 7$ is a polynomial.

(ii) $g(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + \sqrt{x} - 1$ is not a polynomial as exponent of x in $\sqrt{x}$ is not a positive integer.

(iii) $p(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^2 - \frac{7}{4}x + 9$ is a polynomial as all the exponents are positive integer.

(iv) $q(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + \frac{4}{x} + 2$ is not a polynomial as the exponent of x in $\frac{4}{x}$ is not a positive integer.

(v) $h(x) = x^4 - x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x - 1$ is not a polynomial as the exponent of x in $-x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ is not a positive integer.

(vi) $f(x) = 2 + \frac{3}{x} + 4x$ is not a polynomial as the exponent of x in $\frac{3}{x}$ is not a positive integer.

7. Question

Identify constant, linear, quadratic and cubic polynomials from the following polynomials:

$$(i) f(x) = 0 \quad (ii) g(x) = 2x^3 - 7x + 4$$

$$(iii) h(x) = -3x + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(iv) p(x) = 2x^2 - x + 4$$

$$(v) q(x) = 4x + 3 \quad (vi) r(x) = 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x - 7$$

Answer

Given polynomial,

(i) $f(x) = 0$ is a constant polynomial as 0 is constant.

(ii) $g(x) = 2x^3 - 7x + 4$ is a cubic polynomial as degree of the polynomial is 3.

(iii) $h(x) = -3x + \frac{1}{2}$ is a linear polynomial as the degree of polynomial is 1.

(iv) $p(x) = 2x^2 - x + 4$ is a quadratic polynomial as the degree of polynomial is 2.

(v) $q(x) = 4x + 3$ is a linear polynomial as the degree of polynomial is 1.

(vi) $r(x) = 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x - 7$ is a cubic polynomial as the degree of polynomial is 3.

8. Question

Give one example each of a binomial of degree 35, and of a monomial of degree 100

Answer

Example of a binomial with degree 35 is $7x^{35} - 5$.

Example of a monomial with degree 100 is $2t^{100}$.

Exercise 6.2

1. Question

If $f(x) = 2x^3 - 13x^2 + 17x + 12$, find

(i) $f(2)$ (ii) $f(-3)$ (iii) $f(0)$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 13x^2 + 17x + 12$$

$$(i) f(2) = 2(2)^3 - 13(2)^2 + 17(2) + 12$$

$$= (2 * 8) - (13 * 4) + (17 * 2) + 12$$

$$= 16 - 52 + 34 + 12$$

$$= 10$$

$$(ii) f(-3) = 2(-3)^3 - 13(-3)^2 + 17(-3) + 12$$

$$= (2 * -27) - (13 * 9) + (17 * -3) + 12$$

$$= -54 - 117 - 51 + 12$$

$$= -210$$

$$(iii) f(0) = 2(0)^3 - 13(0)^2 + 17(0) + 12$$

$$= 0 - 0 + 0 + 12$$

$$= 12$$

2. Question

Verify whether the indicated numbers are zeros of the polynomials corresponding to them in the following cases:

$$(i) f(x) = 3x + 1; x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$(ii) f(x) = x^2 - 1; x = 1, -1$$

$$(iii) g(x) = 3x^2 - 2; x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$(iv) p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6, x = 1, 2, 3$$

$$(v) f(x) = 5x - \pi, x = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$(vi) f(x) = x^2, x = 0$$

$$(vii) f(x) = 1x + m, x = -\frac{m}{1}$$

$$(viii) f(x) = 2x + 1, x = \frac{1}{2}$$

Answer

$$(i) f(x) = 3x + 1$$

$$\text{Put } x = -1/3$$

$$f(-1/3) = 3 * (-1/3) + 1$$

$$= -1 + 1$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $x = -1/3$ is a root of $f(x) = 3x + 1$

(ii) We have,

$$f(x) = x^2 - 1$$

Put $x = 1$ and $x = -1$

$$f(1) = (1)^2 - 1 \text{ and } f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 1$$

$$= 1 - 1 = 1 - 1$$

$$= 0 = 0$$

Therefore, $x = -1$ and $x = 1$ are the roots of $f(x) = x^2 - 1$

$$(iii) g(x) = 3x^2 - 2$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ and } x = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$g\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 3\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 - 2 \text{ and } g\left(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 3\left(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 - 2$$

$$= 3 * \frac{4}{3} - 2 = 3 * \frac{4}{3} - 2$$

$$= 2 \neq 0 = 2 \neq 0$$

Therefore, $x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ and $x = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3}}$ are not the roots of $g(x) = 3x^2 - 2$

$$(iv) p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$$

Put $x = 1$

$$p(1) = (1)^3 - 6(1)^2 + 11(1) - 6$$

$$= 1 - 6 + 11 - 6$$

$$= 0$$

Put $x = 2$

$$p(2) = (2)^3 - 6(2)^2 + 11(2) - 6$$

$$= 8 - 24 + 22 - 6$$

$$= 0$$

Put $x = 3$

$$p(3) = (3)^3 - 6(3)^2 + 11(3) - 6$$

$$= 27 - 54 + 33 - 6$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $x = 1, 2, 3$ are roots of $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$

$$(v) f(x) = 5x - \pi$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$f\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) = 5 * \frac{4}{5} - \pi$$

$$= 4 - \pi \neq 0$$

Therefore, $x = \frac{4}{5}$ is not a root of $f(x) = 5x - \pi$

$$(vi) f(x) = x^2$$

Put $x = 0$

$$f(0) = (0)^2$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $x = 0$ is not a root of $f(x) = x^2$

$$(vii) f(x) = lx + m$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{-m}{l}$$

$$f\left(\frac{-m}{l}\right) = l * \left(\frac{-m}{l}\right) + m$$

$$= -m + m$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $x = \frac{-m}{l}$ is a root of $f(x) = lx + m$

$$(viii) f(x) = 2x + 1$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 * \frac{1}{2} + 1$$

$$= 1 + 1$$

$$= 2 \neq 0$$

Therefore, $x = \frac{1}{2}$ is not a root of $f(x) = 2x + 1$

3. Question

If $x = 2$ is a root of the polynomial $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 7a$, find the value of a .

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 7a$$

$$\text{Put } x = 2$$

$$f(2) = 2(2)^2 - 3(2) + 7a$$

$$= 2 * 4 - 6 + 7a$$

$$= 8 - 6 + 7a$$

$$= 2 + 7a$$

Given, $x = 2$ is a root of $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 7a$

$$f(2) = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 2 + 7a = 0$$

$$7a = -2$$

$$a = \frac{-2}{7}$$

4. Question

If $x = -1/2$ is a zero of the polynomial $p(x) = 8x^3 - ax^2 - x + 2$, find the value of a .

Answer

We have,

$$p(x) = 8x^3 - ax^2 - x + 2$$

$$\text{Put } x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$p\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 8\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - a\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2$$

$$= 8 \times \frac{-1}{8} - a \times \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + 2$$

$$= -1 - \frac{a}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + 2$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{a}{4}$$

Given that,

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ is a root of } p(x)$$

$$p\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{3}{2} - \frac{a}{4} = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{2} = \frac{a}{4}$$

$$2a = 12$$

$$a = 6$$

5. Question

If $x = 0$ and $x = -1$ are the roots of the polynomial $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + ax + b$, find the value of a and b .

Answer

we have,

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + ax + b$$

Put,

$$x = 0$$

$$f(0) = 2(0)^3 - 3(0)^2 + a(0) + b$$

$$= 0 - 0 + 0 + b$$

$$= b$$

$$x = -1$$

$$f(-1) = 2(-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 + a(-1) + b$$

$$= -2 - 3 - a + b$$

$$= -5 - a + b$$

Since, $x = 0$ and $x = -1$ are roots of $f(x)$

$$f(0) = 0 \text{ and } f(-1) = 0$$

$$b = 0 \text{ and } -5 - a + b = 0$$

$$= a - b = -5$$

$$= a - 0 = -5$$

$$= a = -5$$

Therefore, $a = -5$ and $b = 0$

6. Question

Find the integral roots of the polynomial $f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$.

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$$

Clearly, $f(x)$ is a polynomial with integer coefficient and the coefficient of the highest degree term i.e., the leading coefficient is 1.

Therefore, integer root of $f(x)$ are limited to the integer factors of 6, which are:

$$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$$

We observe that

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 + 6(-1)^2 + 11(-1) + 6$$

$$= -1 + 6 - 11 + 6$$

$$= 0$$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^3 + 6(-2)^2 + 11(-2) + 6$$

$$= -8 + 24 - 22 + 6$$

$$= 0$$

$$f(-3) = (-3)^3 + 6(-3)^2 + 11(-3) + 6$$

$$= -27 + 54 - 33 + 6$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, integral roots of $f(x)$ are -1, -2, -3.

7. Question

Find rational roots of the polynomial $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 7x - 6$.

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 7x - 6$$

Clearly, $f(x)$ is a cubic polynomial with integer coefficients. If $\frac{b}{c}$ is a rational root in lowest term, then the value of b are limited to the factors of 6 which are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$ and values of c are limited to the factors of 2 which are $\pm 1, \pm 2$.

Hence, the possible rational roots of $f(x)$ are:

$$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}$$

We observe that,

$$f(-1) = 2(-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 7(-1) - 6$$

$$= -2 + 1 + 7 - 6$$

$$= 0$$

$$f(2) = 2(2)^3 + (2)^2 - 7(2) - 6$$

$$= 16 + 4 - 14 - 6$$

$$= 0$$

$$f\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^2 - 7\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right) - 6$$

$$= \frac{-27}{4} + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{21}{2} - 6$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, -1, 2, $\frac{-3}{2}$ are the rational roots of $f(x)$.

Exercise 6.3

1. Question

In each of the following, using the remainder theorem, find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x)$:

$$f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 10, g(x) = x + 4$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 10 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 4$$

Therefore, by remainder theorem when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x) = x - (-4)$, the remainder is equal to $f(-4)$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 10$$

$$f(-4) = (-4)^3 + 4(-4)^2 - 3(-4) + 10$$

$$= -64 + 4 * 16 + 12 + 10$$

$$= 22$$

Hence, required remainder is 22.

2. Question

In each of the following, using the remainder theorem, find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x)$:

$$f(x) = 4x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 7, g(x) = x - 1$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 4x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 7 \text{ and } g(x) = x - 1$$

Therefore, by remainder theorem when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x) = x - 1$, the remainder is equal to $f(+1)$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = 4x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 7$$

$$f(1) = 4(1)^4 - 3(1)^3 - 2(1)^2 + 1 - 7$$

$$= 4 - 3 - 2 + 1 - 7$$

$$= -7$$

Hence, required remainder is -7.

3. Question

In each of the following, using the remainder theorem, find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x)$:

$$f(x) = 2x^4 - 6x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 2, g(x) = x + 2$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 2x^4 - 6x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 2 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 2$$

Therefore, by remainder theorem when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x) = x - (-2)$, the remainder is equal to $f(-2)$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = 2x^4 - 6x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 2$$

$$f(-2) = 2(-2)^4 - 6(-2)^3 + 2(-2)^2 - (-2) + 2$$

$$= 2 * 16 + 48 + 8 + 2 + 2$$

$$= 32 + 48 + 12$$

$$= 92$$

Hence, required remainder is 92.

4. Question

In each of the following, using the remainder theorem, find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x)$:

$$f(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 14x - 3, g(x) = 2x - 1$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 14x - 3 \text{ and } g(x) = 2x - 1$$

Therefore, by remainder theorem when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x) = 2(x - \frac{1}{2})$, the remainder is equal to $f(\frac{1}{2})$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 14x - 3$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 12\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 14\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 3$$

$$= (4 * \frac{1}{8}) - (12 * \frac{1}{4}) + 7 - 3$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - 3 + 7 - 3$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}$$

Hence, required remainder is $\frac{3}{2}$

5. Question

In each of the following, using the remainder theorem, find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x)$:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4, g(x) = 1 - 2x$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4 \text{ and } g(x) = 1 - 2x$$

Therefore, by remainder theorem when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x) = -2(x - \frac{1}{2})$, the remainder is equal to $f(\frac{1}{2})$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 4$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3}{2} + 1 - 4$$

$$= \frac{-35}{8}$$

Hence, required remainder is $\frac{-35}{8}$

6. Question

In each of the following, using the remainder theorem, find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x)$:

$$f(x) = x^4 - 3x^2 + 4, g(x) = x - 2$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = x^4 - 3x^2 + 4 \text{ and } g(x) = x - 2$$

Therefore, by remainder theorem when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x) = x - 2$, the remainder is equal to $f(2)$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = x^4 - 3x^2 + 4$$

$$f(2) = (2)^4 - 3(2)^2 + 4$$

$$= 16 - 12 + 4$$

$$= 8$$

Hence, required remainder is 8.

7. Question

In each of the following, using the remainder theorem, find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x)$:

$$f(x) = 9x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 5, g(x) = x - \frac{2}{3}$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 9x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 5 \text{ and } g(x) = x - \frac{2}{3}$$

Therefore, by remainder theorem when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x) = x - \frac{2}{3}$, the remainder is equal to $f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = 9x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 5$$

$$f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 9\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 - 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} - 5$$

$$= \left(9 * \frac{8}{27}\right) - \left(3 * \frac{4}{9}\right) + \frac{2}{3} - 5$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - 5$$

$$= 2 - 5 = -3$$

Hence, the required remainder is -3.

8. Question

In each of the following, using the remainder theorem, find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x)$:

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 2x^3 - \frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x}{9} + \frac{2}{27}, g(x) = x + \frac{2}{3}$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 2x^3 - \frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x}{9} + \frac{2}{27} \text{ and } g(x) = x + \frac{2}{3}$$

Therefore, by remainder theorem when $f(x)$ is divided by $g(x) = x - (-\frac{2}{3})$, the remainder is equal to $f(-\frac{2}{3})$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = 3x^4 + 2x^3 - \frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x}{9} + \frac{2}{27}$$

$$f(-\frac{2}{3}) = 3(-\frac{2}{3})^4 + 2(-\frac{2}{3})^3 - \frac{(-\frac{2}{3})^2}{3} - \frac{-\frac{2}{3}}{9} + \frac{2}{27}$$

$$= 3 * \frac{16}{81} + 2 * \frac{-8}{27} - \frac{4}{9*3} - \frac{-2}{3*9} + \frac{2}{27}$$

$$= \frac{16}{27} - \frac{16}{27} - \frac{4}{27} + \frac{2}{27} + \frac{2}{27}$$

$$= \frac{16-16-4+2+2}{27} = \frac{0}{27}$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, required remainder is 0.

9. Question

If the polynomials $2x^3 + ax^2 + 3x - 5$ and $x^3 + x^2 - 4x + a$ leave the same remainder when divided by $x - 2$, find the value of a .

Answer

Let, $p(x) = 2x^3 + ax^2 + 3x - 5$ and $q(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4x + a$ be the given polynomials.

The remainders when $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are divided by $(x - 2)$ and $p(2)$ and $q(2)$ respectively.

By the given condition, we have:

$$p(2) = q(2)$$

$$2(2)^3 + a(2)^2 + 3(2) - 5 = (2)^3 + (2)^2 - 4(2) + a$$

$$16 + 4a + 6 - 5 = 8 + 4 - 8 + a$$

$$3a + 13 = 0$$

$$3a = -13$$

$$a = \frac{-13}{3}$$

10. Question

If the polynomials $ax^3 + 3x^2 - 3x$ and $2x^3 - 5x + a$ when divided by $(x - 4)$ leave the remainder R_1 and R_2 respectively. Find the value of a in each of the following cases, if

$$(i) R_1 = R_2 \quad (ii) R_1 + R_2 = 0$$

$$(iii) 2R_1 - R_2 = 0.$$

Answer

Let, $p(x) = ax^3 + 3x^2 - 3x$ and $q(x) = 2x^3 - 5x + a$ be the given polynomials.

Now,

$$R_1 = \text{Remainder when } p(x) \text{ is divided by } (x - 4)$$

$$= p(4)$$

$$= a(4)^3 + 3(4)^2 - 3 \quad [\text{Therefore, } p(x) = ax^3 + 3x^2 - 3x]$$

$$= 64a + 48 - 3$$

$$R_1 = 64a + 45$$

And,

R_2 = Remainder when $q(x)$ is divided by $(x - 4)$

$$= q(4)$$

$$= 2(4)^3 - 5(4) + a \text{ [Therefore, } q(x) = 2x^3 - 5x + a]$$

$$= 128 - 20 + a$$

$$R_2 = 108 + a$$

(i) Given condition is,

$$R_1 = R_2$$

$$64a + 45 = 108 + a$$

$$63a - 63 = 0$$

$$63a = 63$$

$$a = 1$$

(ii) Given condition is $R_1 + R_2 = 0$

$$64a + 45 + 108 + a = 0$$

$$65a + 153 = 0$$

$$65a = -153$$

$$a = \frac{-153}{65}$$

(iii) Given condition is $2R_1 - R_2 = 0$

$$2(64a + 45) - (108 + a) = 0$$

$$128a + 90 - 108 - a$$

$$127a - 18 = 0$$

$$127a = 18$$

$$a = \frac{18}{127}$$

11. Question

If the polynomials $ax^3 + 3x^2 - 13$ and $2x^3 - 5x + a$ when divided by $(x - 2)$ leave the same remainder, find the value of a .

Answer

Let $p(x) = ax^3 + 3x^2 - 13$ and $q(x) = 2x^3 - 5x + a$ be the given polynomials.

The remainders when $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are divided by $(x - 2)$ are $p(2)$ and $q(2)$ respectively.

By the given condition, we have:

$$p(2) = q(2)$$

$$a(2)^3 + 3(2)^2 - 13 = 2(2)^3 - 5(2) + a$$

$$8a + 12 - 13 = 16 - 10 + a$$

$$7a - 1 = 6$$

$$7a = 7$$

$$a = \frac{7}{7}$$

$$= 1$$

12. Question

Find the remainder when x^3+3x^2+3x+1 is divided by

(i) $x+1$ (ii) $x-\frac{1}{2}$

(iii) x (iv) $x+\pi$

(v) $5+2x$

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^3+3x^2+3x+1$

(i) $x + 1$

Apply remainder theorem

$$\Rightarrow x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

Replace x by -1 we get

$$\Rightarrow x^3+3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 + 3(-1) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + 3 - 3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0$$

Hence, the required remainder is 0.

(ii) $x-\frac{1}{2}$

Apply remainder theorem

$$\Rightarrow x - 1/2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1/2$$

Replace x by $1/2$ we get

$$\Rightarrow x^3+3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (1/2)^3 + 3(1/2)^2 + 3(1/2) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/8 + 3/4 + 3/2 + 1$$

Add the fraction taking LCM of denominator we get

$$\Rightarrow (1 + 6 + 12 + 8)/8$$

$$\Rightarrow 27/8$$

Hence, the required remainder is $27/8$

(iii) $x = x - 0$

By remainder theorem required remainder is equal to $f(0)$

Now, $f(x) = x^3+3x^2+3x+1$

$$f(0) = (0)^3 + 3(0)^2 + 3(0) + 1$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 0 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

Hence, the required remainder is 1.

(iv) $x + \pi = x - (-\pi)$

By remainder theorem required remainder is equal to $f(-\pi)$

Now, $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$

$$f(-\pi) = (-\pi)^3 + 3(-\pi)^2 + 3(-\pi) + 1$$

$$= -\pi^3 + 3\pi^2 - 3\pi + 1$$

Hence, required remainder is $-\pi^3 + 3\pi^2 - 3\pi + 1$.

(v) $5 + 2x = 2 \left[x - \left(\frac{-5}{2} \right) \right]$

By remainder theorem required remainder is equal to $f\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)$

Now, $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$

$$f\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)^3 + 3\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$= \frac{-125}{8} + 3 * \frac{25}{4} + 3 * \frac{-5}{2} + 1$$

$$= \frac{-125}{8} + \frac{75}{4} - \frac{15}{2} + 1$$

$$= \frac{-27}{8}$$

Hence, the required remainder is $\frac{-27}{8}$.

Exercise 6.4

1. Question

In each of the following, use factor theorem to find whether polynomial $g(x)$ is a factor of polynomial $f(x)$ or, not:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6, g(x) = x - 3$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6 \text{ and } g(x) = x - 3$$

In order to find whether polynomials $g(x) = x - 3$ is a factor of $f(x)$, it is sufficient to show that $f(3) = 0$

Now,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$$

$$f(3) = 3^3 - 6(3)^2 + 11(3) - 6$$

$$= 27 - 54 + 33 - 6$$

$$= 60 - 60$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, $g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

2. Question

In each of the following, use factor theorem to find whether polynomial $g(x)$ is a factor of polynomial $f(x)$ or, not:

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 17x^3 + 9x^2 - 7x - 10, g(x) = x + 5$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 17x^3 + 9x^2 - 7x - 10 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 5$$

In order to find whether the polynomials $g(x) = x - (-5)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ or not, it is sufficient to show that $f(-5) = 0$

Now,

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 17x^3 + 9x^2 - 7x - 10$$

$$f(-5) = 3(-5)^4 + 17(-5)^3 + 9(-5)^2 - 7(-5) - 10$$

$$= 3 * 625 + 17 * (-125) + 9 * 25 + 35 - 10$$

$$= 1875 - 2125 + 225 + 35 - 10$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, $g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

3. Question

In each of the following, use factor theorem to find whether polynomial $g(x)$ is a factor of polynomial $f(x)$ or, not:

$$f(x) = x^5 + 3x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 15, g(x) = x + 3$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = x^5 + 3x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 15 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 3$$

In order to find whether $g(x) = x - (-3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ or not, it is sufficient to prove that $f(-3) = 0$

Now,

$$f(x) = x^5 + 3x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 15$$

$$f(-3) = (-3)^5 + 3(-3)^4 - (-3)^3 - 3(-3)^2 + 5(-3) + 15$$

$$= -243 + 243 - (-27) - 3(9) + 5(-3) + 15$$

$$= -243 + 243 + 27 - 27 - 15 + 15$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, $g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

4. Question

In each of the following, use factor theorem to find whether polynomial $g(x)$ is a factor of polynomial $f(x)$ or, not:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 19x + 84, g(x) = x - 7$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 19x + 84 \text{ and } g(x) = x - 7$$

In order to find whether $g(x) = x - 7$ is a factor of $f(x)$ or not, it is sufficient to show that $f(7) = 0$

Now,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 19x + 84$$

$$f(7) = (7)^3 - 6(7)^2 - 19(7) + 84$$

$$= 343 - 294 - 133 + 84$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, $g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

5. Question

In each of the following, use factor theorem to find whether polynomial $g(x)$ is a factor of polynomial $f(x)$ or, not:

$$f(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 - 20x + 12, g(x) = 3x - 2$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 - 20x + 12 \text{ and } g(x) = 3x - 2$$

In order to find whether $g(x) = 3x - 2$ is a factor of $f(x)$ or not, it is sufficient to show that $f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 0$

Now,

$$f(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 - 20x + 12$$

$$f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - 20\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 12$$

$$= \frac{12}{9} - \frac{40}{3} + 12$$

$$= \frac{120 - 120}{9}$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, $g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

6. Question

In each of the following, use factor theorem to find whether polynomial $g(x)$ is a factor of polynomial $f(x)$ or, not:

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + x + 12, g(x) = 3 - 2x$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + x + 12 \text{ and } g(x) = 3 - 2x$$

In order to find $g(x) = 3 - 2x = 2\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ or not, it is sufficient to prove that $f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0$

Now,

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + x + 12$$

$$f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 - 9\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{2} + 12$$

$$= \frac{27}{4} - \frac{81}{4} + \frac{3}{2} + 12$$

$$= \frac{81 - 81}{4}$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, $g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

7. Question

In each of the following, use factor theorem to find whether polynomial $g(x)$ is a factor of polynomial $f(x)$ or, not:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6, g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$$

Answer

We have,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6 \text{ and } g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$$

In order to find $g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x - 1)(x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ or not, it is sufficient to prove that $(x - 1)$ and $(x - 2)$ are factors of $f(x)$

i.e. We have to prove that $f(1) = 0$ and $f(2) = 0$

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - 6(1)^2 + 11(1) - 6$$

$$= 1 - 6 + 11 - 6$$

$$= 12 - 12$$

$$= 0$$

$$f(2) = (2)^3 - 6(2)^2 + 11(2) - 6$$

$$= 8 - 24 + 22 - 6$$

$$= 30 - 30$$

$$= 0$$

Since, $(x - 1)$ and $(x - 2)$ are factors of $f(x)$.

Therefore, $g(x) = (x - 1)(x - 2)$ are the factors of $f(x)$.

8. Question

Show that $(x-2)$, $(x+3)$ and $(x-4)$ are factors of $x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 24$.

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 24$ be the given polynomial.

In order to prove that $(x - 2)(x + 3)(x - 4)$ are the factors of $f(x)$, it is sufficient to show that $f(2) = 0$, $f(-3) = 0$ and $f(4) = 0$ respectively.

Now,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 24$$

$$f(2) = (2)^3 - 3(2)^2 - 10(2) + 24$$

$$= 8 - 12 - 20 + 24$$

$$= 0$$

$$f(-3) = (-3)^3 - 3(-3)^2 - 10(-3) + 24$$

$$= -27 - 27 + 30 + 24$$

$$= 0$$

$$f(4) = (4)^3 - 3(4)^2 - 10(4) + 24$$

$$= 64 - 48 - 40 + 24$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, $(x - 2)$, $(x + 3)$ and $(x - 4)$ are the factors of the given polynomial.

9. Question

Show that $(x+4)$, $(x-3)$ and $(x-7)$ are factors of $x^3 - 6x^2 - 19x + 84$.

Answer

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 19x + 84$ be the given polynomial.

In order to prove that $(x + 4)$, $(x - 3)$ and $(x - 7)$ are factors of $f(x)$, it is sufficient to prove that $f(-4) = 0$, $f(3) = 0$ and $f(7) = 0$ respectively.

Now,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 19x + 84$$

$$f(-4) = (-4)^3 - 6(-4)^2 - 19(-4) + 84$$

$$= -64 - 96 + 76 + 84$$

$$= 0$$

$$f(3) = (3)^3 - 6(3)^2 - 19(3) + 84$$

$$= 27 - 54 - 57 + 84$$

$$= 0$$

$$f(7) = (7)^3 - 6(7)^2 - 19(7) + 84$$

$$= 343 - 294 - 133 + 84$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, $(x - 4)$, $(x - 3)$ and $(x - 7)$ are the factors of the given polynomial $x^3 - 6x^2 - 19x + 84$.

10. Question

For what value of a is $(x-5)$ a factor of $x^3 - 3x^2 + ax - 10$.

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + ax - 10$ be the given polynomial.

By factor theorem,

If $(x - 5)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(5) = 0$

Now,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + ax - 10$$

$$f(5) = (5)^3 - 3(5)^2 + a(5) - 10$$

$$0 = 125 - 75 + 5a - 10$$

$$0 = 5a + 40$$

$$a = -8$$

Hence, $(x - 5)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, if $a = -8$.

11. Question

Find the value of a such that $(x-4)$ is a factor of $5x^3 - 7x^2 - ax - 28$.

Answer

Let $f(x) = 5x^3 - 7x^2 - ax - 28$ be the given polynomial.

From factor theorem,

If $(x - 4)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(4) = 0$

$$f(4) = 0$$

$$0 = 5(4)^3 - 7(4)^2 - a(4) - 28$$

$$0 = 320 - 112 - 4a - 28$$

$$0 = 180 - 4a$$

$$4a = 180$$

$$a = 45$$

Hence, $(x - 4)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ when $a = 45$.

12. Question

Find the value of a , if $x+2$ is a factor of $4x^4+2x^3-3x^2+8x+5a$.

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = 4x^4 + 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 8x + 5a$$

$$f(-2) = 0$$

$$4(-2)^4 + 2(-2)^3 - 3(-2)^2 + 8(-2) + 5a = 0$$

$$64 - 16 - 12 - 16 + 5a = 0$$

$$5a = -20$$

$$a = -4$$

Hence, $(x + 2)$ is a factor $f(x)$ when $a = -4$.

13. Question

Find the value of k if $x-3$ is a factor of $k^2x^3 - kx^2 + 3kx - k$.

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = k^2x^3 - kx^2 + 3kx - k$$

By factor theorem,

If $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(3) = 0$

$$k^2(3)^3 - k(3)^2 + 3k(3) - k = 0$$

$$27k^2 - 9k + 9k - k = 0$$

$$k(27k - 1) = 0$$

$$k = 0 \text{ or } (27k - 1) = 0$$

$$k = 0 \text{ or } k = \frac{1}{27}$$

Hence, $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ when $k = 0$ or $k = \frac{1}{27}$.

14. Question

Find the value is of a and b , if x^2-4 is a factor of $ax^4+2x^3-3x^2+bx-4$.

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = ax^4 + 2x^3 - 3x^2 + bx - 4 \text{ and } g(x) = x^2 - 4$$

We have,

$$g(x) = x^2 - 4$$

$$= (x - 2)(x + 2)$$

Given,

$g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$(x - 2)$ and $(x + 2)$ are factors of $f(x)$.

From factor theorem if $(x - 2)$ and $(x + 2)$ are factors of $f(x)$ then $f(2) = 0$ and $f(-2) = 0$ respectively.

$$f(2) = 0$$

$$a * (-2)^4 + 2(2)^3 - 3(2)^2 + b(2) - 4 = 0$$

$$16a - 16 - 12 + 2b - 4 = 0$$

$$16a + 2b = 0$$

$$2(8a + b) = 0$$

$$8a + b = 0 \text{ (i)}$$

Similarly,

$$f(-2) = 0$$

$$a * (-2)^4 + 2(-2)^3 - 3(-2)^2 + b(-2) - 4 = 0$$

$$16a - 16 - 12 - 2b - 4 = 0$$

$$16a - 2b - 32 = 0$$

$$16a - 2b - 32 = 0$$

$$2(8a - b) = 32$$

$$8a - b = 16 \text{ (ii)}$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$8a + b + 8a - b = 16$$

$$16a = 16$$

$$a = 1$$

Put $a = 1$ in (i), we get

$$8 * 1 + b = 0$$

$$b = -8$$

Hence, $a = 1$ and $b = -8$.

15. Question

Find α and β if $x+1$ and $x+2$ are factors of $x^3+3x^2-2\alpha x+\beta$.

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^3+3x^2-2\alpha x+\beta$ be the given polynomial,

From factor theorem,

If $(x + 1)$ and $(x + 2)$ are factors of $f(x)$ then $f(-1) = 0$ and $f(-2) = 0$

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$$(-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 - 2\alpha(-1) + \beta = 0$$

$$-1 + 3 + 2\alpha + \beta = 0$$

$$2\alpha + \beta + 2 = 0 \text{ (i)}$$

Similarly,

$$f(-2) = 0$$

$$(-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 - 2\alpha(-2) + \beta = 0$$

$$-8 + 12 + 4\alpha + \beta = 0$$

$$4\alpha + \beta + 4 = 0 \text{ (ii)}$$

Subtract (i) from (ii), we get

$$4\alpha + \beta + 4 - (2\alpha + \beta + 2) = 0 - 0$$

$$4\alpha + \beta + 4 - 2\alpha - \beta - 2 = 0$$

$$2\alpha + 2 = 0$$

$$\alpha = -1$$

Put $\alpha = -1$ in (i), we get

$$2(-1) + \beta + 2 = 0$$

$$\beta = 0$$

Hence, $\alpha = -1$ and $\beta = 0$.

16. Question

Find the value of p and q so that $x^4 + px^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + q$ is divisible by $(x^2 - 1)$.

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^4 + px^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + q$ be the given polynomial.

And, let $g(x) = (x^2 - 1) = (x - 1)(x + 1)$

Clearly,

$(x - 1)$ and $(x + 1)$ are factors of $g(x)$

Given, $g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$(x - 1)$ and $(x + 1)$ are factors of $f(x)$

From factor theorem

If $(x - 1)$ and $(x + 1)$ are factors of $f(x)$ then $f(1) = 0$ and $f(-1) = 0$ respectively.

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$(1)^4 + p(1)^3 + 2(1)^2 - 3(1) + q = 0$$

$$1 + p + 2 - 3 + q = 0$$

$$p + q = 0 \text{ (i)}$$

Similarly,

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$$(-1)^4 + p(-1)^3 + 2(-1)^2 - 3(-1) + q = 0$$

$$1 - p + 2 + 3 + q = 0$$

$$q - p + 6 = 0 \text{ (ii)}$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$p + q + q - p + 6 = 0$$

$$2q + 6 = 0$$

$$2q = -6$$

$$q = -3$$

Putting value of q in (i), we get

$$p - 3 = 0$$

$$p = 3$$

Hence, $x^2 - 1$ is divisible by $f(x)$ when $p = 3$ and $q = -3$.

17. Question

Find the value of a and b , so that $(x+1)$ and $(x-1)$ are factors of $x^4 + ax^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + b$.

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^4 + ax^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + b$ be the given polynomial

From factor theorem

If $(x + 1)$ and $(x - 1)$ are factors of $f(x)$ then $f(-1) = 0$ and $f(1) = 0$ respectively.

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$$(-1)^4 + a(-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 + 2(-1) + b = 0$$

$$1 - a - 3 - 2 + b = 0$$

$$b - a - 4 = 0 \text{ (i)}$$

Similarly, $f(1) = 0$

$$(1)^4 + a(1)^3 - 3(1)^2 + 2(1) + b = 0$$

$$1 + a - 3 + 2 + b = 0$$

$$a + b = 0 \text{ (ii)}$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$2b - 4 = 0$$

$$2b = 4$$

$$b = 2$$

Putting the value of b in (i), we get

$$2 - a - 4 = 0$$

$$a = -2$$

Hence, $a = -2$ and $b = 2$.

18. Question

If $x^3 + ax^2 - bx + 10$ is divisible by $x^2 - 3x + 2$, find the values of a and b .

Answer

Let $f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 - bx + 10$ and $g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$ be the given polynomials.

We have $g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x - 2)(x - 1)$

Clearly, $(x - 1)$ and $(x - 2)$ are factors of $g(x)$

Given that $f(x)$ is divisible by $g(x)$

$g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$(x - 2)$ and $(x - 1)$ are factors of $f(x)$

From factor theorem,

If $(x - 1)$ and $(x - 2)$ are factors of $f(x)$ then $f(1) = 0$ and $f(2) = 0$ respectively.

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$(1)^3 + a(1)^2 - b(1) + 10 = 0$$

$$1 + a - b + 10 = 0$$

$$a - b + 11 = 0 \text{ (i)}$$

$$f(2) = 0$$

$$(2)^3 + a(2)^2 - b(2) + 10 = 0$$

$$8 + 4a - 2b + 10 = 0$$

$$4a - 2b + 18 = 0$$

$$2(2a - b + 9) = 0$$

$$2a - b + 9 = 0 \text{ (ii)}$$

Subtract (i) from (ii), we get

$$2a - b + 9 - (a - b + 11) = 0$$

$$2a - b + 9 - a + b - 11 = 0$$

$$a - 2 = 0$$

$$a = 2$$

Putting value of a in (i), we get

$$2 - b + 11 = 0$$

$$b = 13$$

Hence, $a = 2$ and $b = 13$

19. Question

If both $x+1$ and $x-1$ are factors of ax^3+x^2-2x+b , find the value of a and b .

Answer

Let, $f(x) = ax^3+x^2-2x+b$ be the given polynomial.

Given $(x+1)$ and $(x-1)$ are factors of $f(x)$.

From factor theorem,

If $(x+1)$ and $(x-1)$ are factors of $f(x)$ then $f(-1) = 0$ and $f(1) = 0$ respectively.

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$$a(-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 2(-1) + b = 0$$

$$-a + 1 + 2 + b = 0$$

$$-a + 3 + b = 0$$

$$b - a + 3 = 0 \text{ (i)}$$

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$a(1)^3 + (1)^2 - 2(1) + b = 0$$

$$a + 1 - 2 + b = 0$$

$$a + b - 1 = 0$$

$$b + a - 1 = 0 \text{ (ii)}$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$b - a + 3 + b + a - 1 = 0$$

$$2b + 2 = 0$$

$$2b = -2$$

$$b = -1$$

Putting value of b in (i), we get

$$-1 - a + 3 = 0$$

$$-a + 2 = 0$$

$$a = 2$$

Hence, the value of $a = 2$ and $b = -1$.

20. Question

What must be added to $x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x + 19$ so that the result is exactly divisible by $x^2 + x - 6$?

Answer

Let $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x + 19$ and $q(x) = x^2 + x - 6$

By division algorithm, when $p(x)$ is divided by $q(x)$, the remainder is a linear expression in x .

So, let $r(x) = ax + b$ is added to $p(x)$ so that $p(x) + r(x)$ is divisible by $q(x)$.

Let,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= p(x) + r(x) \\ &= x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x + 19 + ax + b \\ &= x^3 - 3x^2 + x(a - 12) + b + 19 \end{aligned}$$

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} q(x) &= x^2 + x - 6 \\ &= (x + 3)(x - 2) \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $q(x)$ is divisible by $(x - 2)$ and $(x + 3)$ i.e. $(x - 2)$ and $(x + 3)$ are factors of $q(x)$

We have,

$f(x)$ is divisible by $q(x)$

$(x - 2)$ and $(x + 3)$ are factors of $f(x)$

From factor theorem,

If $(x - 2)$ and $(x + 3)$ are factors of $f(x)$ then $f(2) = 0$ and $f(-3) = 0$ respectively.

$$f(2) = 0$$

$$(2)^3 - 3(2)^2 + 2(a - 12) + b + 19 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 - 12 + 2a - 24 + b + 19 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + b - 9 = 0 \quad (i)$$

Similarly,

$$f(-3) = 0$$

$$(-3)^3 - 3(-3)^2 + (-3)(a - 12) + b + 19 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -27 - 27 - 3a + 36 + b + 19 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b - 3a + 1 = 0 \quad (ii)$$

Subtract (i) from (ii), we get

$$b - 3a + 1 - (2a + b - 9) = 0 - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b - 3a + 1 - 2a - b + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -5a + 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5a = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2$$

Put $a = 2$ in (ii), we get

$$b - 3 \times 2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b - 6 + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 5$$

Therefore, $r(x) = ax + b$

$$= 2x + 5$$

Hence, $x^3 - 3x - 12x + 19$ is divisible by $x^2 + x - 6$ when $2x + 5$ is added to it.

21. Question

What must be subtracted from $x^3 - 6x^2 - 15x + 80$, so that the result is exactly divisible by $x^2 + x - 12$?

Answer

Let $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 15x + 80$ and $q(x) = x^2 + x - 12$

By division algorithm, when $p(x)$ is divided by $q(x)$, the remainder is a linear expression in x .

So, let $r(x) = ax + b$ is subtracted to $p(x)$ so that $p(x) + r(x)$ is divisible by $q(x)$.

Let, $f(x) = p(x) - r(x)$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 15x + 80 - (ax + b)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - (a + 15)x + (80 - b)$$

We have,

$$q(x) = x^2 + x - 12$$

$$\Rightarrow q(x) = (x + 4)(x - 3)$$

Clearly, $q(x)$ is divisible by $(x + 4)$ and $(x - 3)$ i.e. $(x + 4)$ and $(x - 3)$ are factors of $q(x)$

Therefore, $f(x)$ will be divisible by $q(x)$, if $(x + 4)$ and $(x - 3)$ are factors of $f(x)$.

i.e. $f(-4) = 0$ and $f(3) = 0$

$$f(3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3)^3 - 6(3)^2 - 3(a + 15) + 80 - b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 27 - 54 - 3a - 45 + 80 - b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 - 3a - b = 0 \quad (i)$$

$$f(-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-4)^3 - 6(-4)^2 - (-4)(a + 15) + 80 - b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -64 - 96 + 4a + 60 + 80 - b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a - b - 20 = 0 \quad (ii)$$

Subtract (i) from (ii), we get

$$\Rightarrow 4a - b - 20 - (8 - 3a - b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a - b - 20 - 8 + 3a + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7a = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4$$

Put value of a in (ii), we get

$$\Rightarrow b = -4$$

Putting the value of a and b in $r(x) = ax + b$, we get

$$r(x) = 4x - 4$$

Hence, $p(x)$ is divisible by $q(x)$, if $r(x) = 4x - 4$ is subtracted from it.

22. Question

What must be added to $3x^3 + x^2 - 22x + 9$ so that the result is exactly divisible by $3x^2 + 7x - 6$?

Answer

Let $p(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 - 22x + 9$ and $q(x) = 3x^2 + 7x - 6$.

By division algorithm,

When $p(x)$ is divided by $q(x)$, the remainder is a linear expression in x .

So, let $r(x) = ax + b$ is added to $p(x)$ so that $p(x) + r(x)$ is divisible by $q(x)$.

Let, $f(x) = p(x) + r(x)$

$$= 3x^3 + x^2 - 22x + 9 + (ax + b)$$

$$= 3x^3 + x^2 + x(a - 22) + b + 9$$

We have,

$$q(x) = 3x^2 + 7x - 6$$

$$q(x) = 3x(x + 3) - 2(x + 3)$$

$$q(x) = (3x - 2)(x + 3)$$

Clearly, $q(x)$ is divisible by $(3x - 2)$ and $(x + 3)$. i.e. $(3x - 2)$ and $(x + 3)$ are factors of $q(x)$,

Therefore, $f(x)$ will be divisible by $q(x)$, if $(3x - 2)$ and $(x + 3)$ are factors of $f(x)$.

i.e. $f(2/3) = 0$ and $f(-3) = 0$ [$\because 3x - 2 = 0, x = 2/3$ and $x + 3 = 0, x = -3$]

$$f(2/3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{3}(a - 2x) + b + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12}{9} + \frac{2}{3a} - \frac{44}{3} + b + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12+6a-132+9b+81}{9} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6a + 9b - 39 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(2a + 3b - 13) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 3b - 13 = 0 \quad (i)$$

Similarly,

$$f(-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(-3)^3 + (-3)^2 + (-3)(a - 2x) + b + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -81 + 9 - 3a + 66 + b + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b - 3a + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(b - 3a + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3b - 9a + 9 = 0 \quad (\text{ii})$$

Subtract (i) from (ii), we get

$$3b - 9a + 9 - (2a + 3b - 13) = 0$$

$$3b - 9a + 9 - 2a - 3b + 13 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -11a + 22 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2$$

Putting value of a in (i), we get

$$\Rightarrow b = 3$$

Putting the values of a and b in $r(x) = ax + b$, we get

$$r(x) = 2x + 3$$

Hence, $p(x)$ is divisible by $q(x)$ if $r(x) = 2x + 3$ is divisible by it.

23. Question

If $x-2$ is a factor of each of the following two polynomials, find the values of a in each case.

(i) $x^3 - 2ax^2 + ax - 1$

(ii) $x^5 - 3x^4 - ax^3 + 3ax^2 + 2ax + 4$

Answer

(i) Let, $f(x) = x^3 - 2ax^2 + ax - 1$ be the given polynomial

From factor theorem,

If $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(2) = 0$ [Therefore, $x - 2 = 0$, $x = 2$]

$$f(2) = 0$$

$$(2)^3 - 2a(2)^2 + a(2) - 1 = 0$$

$$8 - 8a + 2a - 1 = 0$$

$$7 - 6a = 0$$

$$6a = 7$$

$$a = \frac{7}{6}$$

Hence, $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ when $a = \frac{7}{6}$.

(ii) Let $f(x) = x^5 - 3x^4 - ax^3 + 3ax^2 + 2ax + 4$ be the given polynomial

From factor theorem,

If $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(2) = 0$ [Therefore, $x - 2 = 0$, $x = 2$]

$$f(2) = 0$$

$$(2)^5 - 3(2)^4 - a(2)^3 + 3a(2)^2 + 2a(2) + 4 = 0$$

$$32 - 48 - 8a + 12a + 4a + 4 = 0$$

$$-12 + 8a = 0$$

$$8a = 12$$

$$a = \frac{3}{2}$$

Hence, $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ when $a = \frac{3}{2}$.

24. Question

In each of the following two polynomials, find the value of a , if $x-a$ is a factor:

(i) $x^6 - ax^5 + x^4 - ax^3 + 3x - a + 2$.

(ii) $x^5 - a^2x^3 + 2x + a + 1$.

Answer

(i) Let $f(x) = x^6 - ax^5 + x^4 - ax^3 + 3x - a + 2$ be the given polynomial

From factor theorem,

If $(x - a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(a) = 0$ [Therefore, $x - a = 0$, $x = a$]

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$(a)^6 - a(a)^5 + (a)^4 - a(a)^3 + 3(a) - a + 2 = 0$$

$$a^6 - a^6 + a^4 - a^4 + 3a - a + 2 = 0$$

$$2a + 2 = 0$$

$$a = -1$$

Hence, $(x - a)$ is a factor $f(x)$ when $a = -1$.

(ii) Let, $f(x) = x^5 - a^2x^3 + 2x + a + 1$ be the given polynomial

From factor theorem,

If $(x - a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(a) = 0$ [Therefore, $x - a = 0$, $x = a$]

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$(a)^5 - a^2(a)^3 + 2(a) + a + 1 = 0$$

$$a^5 - a^5 + 2a + a + 1 = 0$$

$$3a + 1 = 0$$

$$3a = -1$$

$$a = \frac{-1}{3}$$

Hence, $(x - a)$ is a factor $f(x)$ when $a = \frac{-1}{3}$.

25. Question

In each of the following two polynomials, find the value of a , if $x+a$ is a factor:

(i) $x^3 + ax^2 - 2x + a + 4$

(ii) $x^4 - a^2x^2 + 3x - a$

Answer

(i) Let, $f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 - 2x + a + 4$ be the given polynomial

From factor theorem,

If $(x + a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(-a) = 0$ [Therefore, $x + a = 0$, $x = -a$]

$$f(-a) = 0$$

$$(-a)^3 + a(-a)^2 - 2(-a) + a + 4 = 0$$

$$-a^3 + a^3 + 2a + a + 4 = 0$$

$$3a + 4 = 0$$

$$3a = -4$$

$$a = \frac{-4}{3}$$

Hence, $(x + a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ when $a = \frac{-4}{3}$.

(ii) Let, $f(x) = x^4 - a^2x^2 + 3x - a$ be the given polynomial

From factor theorem,

If $(x + a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(-a) = 0$ [Therefore, $x + a = 0$, $x = -a$]

$$f(-a) = 0$$

$$(-a)^4 - a^2(-a)^2 + 3(-a) - a = 0$$

$$a^4 - a^4 - 3a - a = 0$$

$$-4a = 0$$

$$a = 0$$

Hence, $(x + a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ when $a = 0$.

Exercise 6.5

1. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$$

Answer

Let $f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$ be the given polynomial.

The constant term in $f(x)$ is 6 and factors of 6 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$ and ± 6

Putting $x = -1$ in $f(x)$ we have,

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 + 6(-1)^2 + 11(-1) + 6$$

$$= -1 + 6 - 11 + 6$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $(x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Similarly, $(x + 2)$ and $(x + 3)$ are factors of $f(x)$.

Since, $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree 3. So, it cannot have more than three linear factors.

Therefore, $f(x) = k(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$

$$x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6 = k(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$$

Putting $x = 0$, on both sides we get,

$$0 + 0 + 0 + 6 = k(0 + 1)(0 + 2)(0 + 3)$$

$$6 = 6k$$

$$k = 1$$

Putting $k = 1$ in $f(x) = k(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$, we get

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

Hence,

$$x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6 = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$$

2. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2$$

The constant term in $f(x)$ is equal to -2 and factors of -2 are $\pm 1, \pm 2$.

Putting $x = 1$ in $f(x)$, we have

$$f(1) = (1)^3 + 2(1)^2 - 1 - 2$$

$$= 1 + 2 - 1 - 2$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $(x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

Similarly, $(x + 1)$ and $(x + 2)$ are the factors of $f(x)$.

Since, $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree 3. So, it cannot have more than three linear factors.

Therefore, $f(x) = k(x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)$

$$x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2 = k(x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)$$

Putting $x = 0$ on both sides, we get

$$0 + 0 - 0 - 2 = k(0 - 1)(0 + 1)(0 + 2)$$

$$-2 = -2k$$

$$k = 1$$

Putting $k = 1$ in $f(x) = k(x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)$, we get

$$f(x) = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)$$

Hence,

$$x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2 = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)$$

3. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x + 10$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x + 10$$

The constant term in $f(x)$ is equal to 10 and factors of 10 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5$ and ± 10

Putting $x = -1$ in $f(x)$, we have

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 - 6(-1)^2 + 3(-1) + 10$$

$$= -1 - 6 - 3 + 10$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $(x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

Similarly, $(x - 2)$ and $(x - 5)$ are the factors of $f(x)$.

Since, $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree 3. So, it cannot have more than three linear factors.

Therefore, $f(x) = k(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$

$$x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x + 10 = k(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$$

Putting $x = 0$ on both sides, we get

$$0 + 0 - 0 + 10 = k(0 + 1)(0 - 2)(0 - 5)$$

$$10 = 10k$$

$$k = 1$$

Putting $k = 1$ in $f(x) = k(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$, we get

$$f(x) = (x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$$

Hence,

$$x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x + 10 = (x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$$

4. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^4 - 7x^3 + 9x^2 + 7x - 10$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = x^4 - 7x^3 + 9x^2 + 7x - 10$$

The constant term in $f(x)$ is equal to -10 and factors of -10 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5$ and ± 10

Putting $x = 1$ in $f(x)$, we have

$$f(1) = (1)^4 - 7(1)^3 + 9(1)^2 + 7(1) - 10$$

$$= 1 - 7 + 9 + 7 - 10$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $(x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

Similarly, $(x + 1)$, $(x - 2)$ and $(x - 5)$ are the factors of $f(x)$.

Since, $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree 4. So, it cannot have more than four linear factors.

Therefore, $f(x) = k(x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$

$$x^4 - 7x^3 + 9x^2 + 7x - 10 = k(x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$$

Putting $x = 0$ on both sides, we get

$$0 + 0 - 0 - 10 = k(0 - 1)(0 + 1)(0 - 2)(0 - 5)$$

$$-10 = -10k$$

$$k = 1$$

Putting $k = 1$ in $f(x) = k(x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$, we get

$$f(x) = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$$

Hence,

$$x^4 - 7x^3 + 9x^2 + 7x - 10 = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 5)$$

5. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^4 - 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 8x + 12$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 8x + 12$$

The constant term in $f(x)$ is equal to +12 and factors of +12 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6$ and ± 12

Putting $x = -1$ in $f(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= (-1)^4 - 2(-1)^3 - 7(-1)^2 + 8(-1) + 12 \\ &= 1 + 2 - 7 - 8 + 12 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $(x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

Similarly, $(x + 2)$, $(x - 2)$ and $(x - 3)$ are the factors of $f(x)$.

Since, $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree 4. So, it cannot have more than four linear factors.

Therefore, $f(x) = k(x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 2)(x - 3)$

$$x^4 - 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 8x + 12 = k(x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 2)(x - 3)$$

Putting $x = 0$ on both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 - 0 - 0 + 0 + 12 &= k(0 + 1)(0 + 2)(0 - 2)(0 - 3) \\ 12 &= 12k \end{aligned}$$

$$k = 1$$

Putting $k = 1$ in $f(x) = k(x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 2)(x - 3)$, we get

$$f(x) = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 2)(x - 3)$$

Hence,

$$x^4 - 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 8x + 12 = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 2)(x - 3)$$

6. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^4 + 10x^3 + 35x^2 + 50x + 24$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = x^4 + 10x^3 + 35x^2 + 50x + 24$$

The constant term in $f(x)$ is equal to +24 and factors of +24 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 12$ and ± 24

Putting $x = -1$ in $f(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= (-1)^4 + 10(-1)^3 + 35(-1)^2 + 50(-1) + 24 \\ &= 1 - 10 + 35 - 50 + 24 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $(x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

Similarly, $(x + 2)$, $(x + 3)$ and $(x + 4)$ are the factors of $f(x)$.

Since, $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree 4. So, it cannot have more than four linear factors.

Therefore, $f(x) = k(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)(x + 4)$

$$x^4+10x^3+35x^2+50x+24 = k (x + 1) (x + 2) (x + 3) (x + 4)$$

Putting $x = 0$ on both sides, we get

$$0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 24 = k (0 + 1) (0 + 2) (0 + 3) (0 + 4)$$

$$24 = 24k$$

$$k = 1$$

Putting $k = 1$ in $f(x) = k(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)(x + 4)$, we get

$$f(x) = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)(x + 4)$$

Hence,

$$x^4+10x^3+35x^2+50x+24 = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)(x + 4)$$

7. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$2x^4-7x^3-13x^2+63x-45$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = 2x^4-7x^3-13x^2+63x-45$$

The factors of the constant term - 45 are $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 9, \pm 15$ and ± 45

The factor of the coefficient of x^4 is 2. Hence, possible rational roots of $f(x)$ are:

$$\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 9, \pm 15, \pm 45, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{5}{2}, \pm \frac{9}{2}, \pm \frac{15}{2}, \pm \frac{45}{2}$$

We have,

$$f(1) = 2(1)^4 - 7(1)^3 - 13(1)^2 + 63(1) - 45$$

$$= 2 - 7 - 13 + 63 - 45$$

$$= 0$$

And,

$$f(3) = 2(3)^4 - 7(3)^3 - 13(3)^2 + 63(3) - 45$$

$$= 162 - 189 - 117 + 189 - 45$$

$$= 0$$

So, $(x - 1)$ and $(x + 3)$ are the factors of $f(x)$

$(x - 1)(x + 3)$ is also a factor of $f(x)$

Let us now divide

$$f(x) = 2x^4-7x^3-13x^2+63x-45 \text{ by } (x^2 - 4x + 3) \text{ to get the other factors of } f(x)$$

Using long division method, we get

$$2x^4-7x^3-13x^2+63x-45 = (x^2 - 4x + 3)(2x^2 + x - 15)$$

$$2x^4-7x^3-13x^2+63x-45 = (x - 1)(x - 3)(2x^2 + x - 15)$$

Now,

$$2x^2 + x - 15 = 2x^2 + 6x - 5x - 15$$

$$= 2x(x + 3) - 5(x + 3)$$

$$= (2x - 5)(x + 3)$$

Hence, $2x^4 - 7x^3 - 13x^2 + 63x - 45 = (x - 1)(x - 3)(x + 3)(2x - 5)$

8. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$3x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1$$

Answer

Let, $f(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1$

The factors of the constant term ± 1 is ± 1 .

The factor of the coefficient of x^3 is 3. Hence, possible rational roots of $f(x)$ are:

$$\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{3}$$

We have,

$$f(1) = 3(1)^3 - (1)^2 - 3(1) + 1$$

$$= 3 - 1 - 3 + 1$$

$$= 0$$

So, $(x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Let us now divide

$$f(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1 \text{ by } (x - 1) \text{ to get the other factors of } f(x)$$

Using long division method, we get

$$3x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1 = (x - 1)(3x^2 + 2x - 1)$$

Now,

$$3x^2 + 2x - 1 = 3x^2 + 3x - x - 1$$

$$= 3x(x + 1) - 1(x + 1)$$

$$= (3x - 1)(x + 1)$$

$$\text{Hence, } 3x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)(3x - 1)$$

9. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^3 - 23x^2 + 142x - 120$$

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^3 - 23x^2 + 142x - 120$

The factors of the constant term - 120 are

$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 5, \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 10, \pm 12, \pm 15, \pm 20, \pm 24, \pm 30, \pm 40, \pm 60$ and ± 120

Putting $x = 1$, we have

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - 23(1)^2 + 142(1) - 120$$

$$= 1 - 23 + 142 - 120$$

$$= 0$$

So, $(x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Let us now divide

$f(x) = x^3 - 23x^2 + 142x - 120$ by $(x - 1)$ to get the other factors of $f(x)$

Using long division method, we get

$$x^3 - 23x^2 + 142x - 120 = (x - 1)(x^2 - 22x + 120)$$

$$x^2 - 22x + 120 = x^2 - 10x - 12x + 120$$

$$= x(x - 10) - 12(x - 10)$$

$$\text{Hence, } x^3 - 23x^2 + 142x - 120 = (x - 1)(x - 10)(x - 12)$$

10. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$y^3 - 7y + 6$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(y) = y^3 - 7y + 6$$

The constant term in $f(y)$ is equal to $+6$ and factors of $+6$ are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$ and ± 6

Putting $y = 1$ in $f(y)$, we have

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - 7(1) + 6$$

$$= 1 - 7 + 6$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $(y - 1)$ is a factor of $f(y)$.

Similarly, $(y - 2)$ and $(y + 3)$ are the factors of $f(y)$.

Since, $f(y)$ is a polynomial of degree 3. So, it cannot have more than three linear factors.

Therefore, $f(y) = k(y - 1)(y - 2)(y + 3)$

$$y^3 - 7y + 6 = k(y - 1)(y - 2)(y + 3)$$

Putting $x = 0$ on both sides, we get

$$0 - 0 + 6 = k(0 - 1)(0 - 2)(0 + 3)$$

$$6 = 6k$$

$$k = 1$$

Putting $k = 1$ in $f(y) = k(y - 1)(y - 2)(y + 3)$, we get

$$f(y) = (y - 1)(y - 2)(y + 3)$$

Hence,

$$y^3 - 7y + 6 = (y - 1)(y - 2)(y + 3)$$

11. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^3 - 10x^2 - 53x - 42$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 - 53x - 42$$

The factors of the constant term -42 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 7, \pm 14, \pm 21$ and ± 42

Putting $x = -1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}f(-1) &= (-1)^3 - 10(-1)^2 - 53(-1) - 42 \\&= -1 - 10 + 53 - 42 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

So, $(x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Let us now divide

$f(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 - 53x - 42$ by $(x + 1)$ to get the other factors of $f(x)$

Using long division method, we get

$$x^3 - 10x^2 - 53x - 42 = (x + 1)(x^2 - 11x - 42)$$

$$x^2 - 11x - 42 = x^2 - 14x + 3x - 42$$

$$= x(x - 14) + 3(x - 14)$$

$$= (x - 14)(x + 3)$$

$$\text{Hence, } x^3 - 10x^2 - 53x - 42 = (x + 1)(x - 14)(x + 3)$$

12. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$y^3 - 2y^2 - 29y - 42$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(y) = y^3 - 2y^2 - 29y - 42$$

The factors of the constant term -42 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 7, \pm 14, \pm 21$ and ± 42

Putting $y = -2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}f(-2) &= (-2)^3 - 2(-2)^2 - 29(-2) - 42 \\&= -8 - 8 + 58 - 42 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

So, $(y + 2)$ is a factor of $f(y)$

Let us now divide

$f(y) = y^3 - 2y^2 - 29y - 42$ by $(y + 2)$ to get the other factors of $f(x)$

Using long division method, we get

$$y^3 - 2y^2 - 29y - 42 = (y + 2)(y^2 - 4y - 21)$$

$$y^2 - 4y - 21 = y^2 - 7y + 3y - 21$$

$$= y(y - 7) + 3(y - 7)$$

$$= (y - 7)(y + 3)$$

$$\text{Hence, } y^3 - 2y^2 - 29y - 42 = (y + 2)(y - 7)(y + 3)$$

13. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$2y^3 - 5y^2 - 19y + 42$$

Answer

Let, $f(y) = 2y^3 - 5y^2 - 19y + 42$

The factors of the constant term + 42 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 7, \pm 14, \pm 21$ and ± 42

Putting $y = 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= 2(2)^3 - 5(2)^2 - 19(2) + 42 \\ &= 16 - 20 - 38 + 42 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, $(y - 2)$ is a factor of $f(y)$

Let us now divide

$f(y) = 2y^3 - 5y^2 - 19y + 42$ by $(y - 2)$ to get the other factors of $f(x)$

Using long division method, we get

$$2y^3 - 5y^2 - 19y + 42 = (y - 2)(2y^2 - y - 21)$$

$$2y^2 - y - 21 = (y + 3)(2y - 7)$$

$$\text{Hence, } 2y^3 - 5y^2 - 19y + 42 = (y - 2)(2y - 7)(y + 3)$$

14. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20$$

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20$

The factors of the constant term + 20 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 5, \pm 10$ and ± 20

Putting $x = -1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= (-1)^3 + 13(-1)^2 + 32(-1) + 20 \\ &= -1 + 13 - 32 + 20 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, $(x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Let us now divide

$f(x) = x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20$ by $(x + 1)$ to get the other factors of $f(x)$

Using long division method, we get

$$x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20 = (x + 1)(x^2 + 12x + 20)$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 20 = x^2 + 10x + 2x + 20$$

$$= x(x + 10) + 2(x + 10)$$

$$= (x + 10)(x + 2)$$

$$\text{Hence, } x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20 = (x + 1)(x + 10)(x + 2)$$

15. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5$$

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5$

The factors of the constant term - 5 are $\pm 1, \pm 5$

Putting $x = -1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= (-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 - 9(-1) - 5 \\ &= -1 - 3 + 9 - 5 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, $(x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Let us now divide

$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5$ by $(x + 1)$ to get the other factors of $f(x)$

Using long division method, we get

$$x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5 = (x + 1)(x^2 - 4x - 5)$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 5 = x^2 - 5x + x - 5$$

$$= x(x - 5) + 1(x - 5)$$

$$= (x + 1)(x - 5)$$

$$\text{Hence, } x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20 = (x + 1)(x + 1)(x - 5)$$

$$= (x + 1)^2(x - 5)$$

16. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$2y^3 + y^2 - 2y - 1$$

Answer

Let, $f(y) = 2y^3 + y^2 - 2y - 1$

The factors of the constant term - 1 are ± 1

The factor of the coefficient of y^3 is 2. Hence, possible rational roots are $\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}$

We have

$$f(1) = 2(1)^3 + (1)^2 - 2(1) - 1$$

$$= 2 + 1 - 2 - 1$$

$$= 0$$

So, $(y - 1)$ is a factor of $f(y)$

Let us now divide

$f(y) = 2y^3 + y^2 - 2y - 1$ by $(y - 1)$ to get the other factors of $f(x)$

Using long division method, we get

$$2y^3 + y^2 - 2y - 1 = (y - 1)(2y^2 + 3y + 1)$$

$$2y^2 + 3y + 1 = 2y^2 + 2y + y + 1$$

$$= 2y(y + 1) + 1(y + 1)$$

$$= (2y + 1)(y + 1)$$

$$\text{Hence, } 2y^3 + y^2 - 2y - 1 = (y - 1)(2y + 1)(y + 1)$$

17. Question

Using factor theorem, factorize each of the following polynomial:

$$x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$$

Answer

$$\text{Let, } f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$$

The factors of the constant term +2 are $\pm 1, \pm 2$

Putting $x = 1$, we have

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - 2(1)^2 - (1) + 2$$

$$= 1 - 2 - 1 + 2$$

$$= 0$$

So, $(x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Let us now divide

$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$ by $(x - 1)$ to get the other factors of $f(x)$

Using long division method, we get

$$x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2 = (x - 1)(x^2 - x - 2)$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = x^2 - 2x + x - 2$$

$$= x(x - 2) + 1(x - 2)$$

$$= (x + 1)(x - 2)$$

$$\text{Hence, } x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2 = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 2)$$

$$= (x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 2)$$

18. Question

Factorize each of the following polynomials:

(i) $x^3 + 13x^2 + 31x - 45$ given that $x + 9$ is a factor

(ii) $4x^3 + 20x^2 + 33x + 18$ given that $2x + 3$ is a factor.

Answer

$$(i) \text{ Let, } f(x) = x^3 + 13x^2 + 31x - 45$$

Given that $(x + 9)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Let us divide $f(x)$ by $(x + 9)$ to get the other factors

By using long division method, we have

$$f(x) = x^3 + 13x^2 + 31x - 45$$

$$= (x + 9)(x^2 + 4x - 5)$$

Now,

$$x^2 + 4x - 5 = x^2 + 5x - x - 5$$

$$= x(x + 5) - 1(x + 5)$$

$$= (x - 1)(x + 5)$$

$$f(x) = (x + 9)(x + 5)(x - 1)$$

Therefore, $x^3+13x^2+31x-45 = (x + 9) (x + 5) (x - 1)$

(ii) Let, $f(x) = 4x^3+20x^2+33x+18$

Given that $(2x + 3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Let us divide $f(x)$ by $(2x + 3)$ to get the other factors

By long division method, we have

$$4x^3+20x^2+33x+18 = (2x + 3) (2x^2 + 7x + 6)$$

$$2x^2 + 7x + 6 = 2x^2 + 4x + 3x + 6$$

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

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

$$4x^3+20x^2+33x+18 = (2x + 3)(2x + 3)(x + 2)$$

$$= (2x + 3)^2(x + 2)$$

Hence,

$$4x^3+20x^2+33x+18 = (2x + 3)^2(x + 2)$$

CCE - Formative Assessment

1. Question

Define zero or root of a polynomial.

Answer

The zeros are the roots, or where the polynomial crosses the axis. A polynomial will have 2 roots that mean it has 2 zeros. To find the roots you can graph and look where it crosses the axis, or you can use the quadratic equation. This is also known as the solution.

2. Question

If $x = \frac{1}{2}$ is a zero of the polynomial $f(x) = 8x^3+ax^2-4x+2$, find the value of a .

Answer

$$\text{If } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + a\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2$$

$$0 = 1 + \frac{a}{4} - 2 + 2$$

$$a = -4$$

3. Question

Write the remainder when the polynomial $f(x) = x^3+x^2-3x+2$ is divided by $x+1$.

Answer

$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 2$$

Given,

$f(x)$ divided by $(x+1)$, so remainder is equal to $f(-1)$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 3(-1) + 2$$

$$= -1 + 1 + 3 + 2$$

$$= 5$$

Thus, remainder is 5.

4. Question

Find the remainder when x^3+4x^2+4x-3 is divided by x .

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x - 3$

Given $f(x)$ is divided by x so remainder is equal to $f(0)$

$$f(0) = 0^3 + 4(0)^2 + 4(0) - 3$$

$$= 0 - 3$$

$$= -3$$

Thus, remainder is -3

5. Question

If $x+1$ is a factor of x^3+a , then write the value of a .

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^3 + a$

$(x+1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, so $f(-1) = 0$

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$$(-1)^3 + a = 0$$

$$-1 + a = 0$$

$$a = 1$$

6. Question

If $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - ax - b$ when divided by $x-1$, the remainder is 6, then find the value of $a + b$

Answer

$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - ax - b$$

Given $f(x)$ is divided by $(x-1)$, then remainder is 6

$$f(1) = 6$$

$$1^4 - 2(1)^3 - 3(1)^2 - a(1) - b = 6$$

$$1 - 2 + 3 - a - b = 6$$

$$-a - b = 4$$

$$a + b = -4$$

1. Question

If $x-2$ is factor of $x^2-3ax-2a$, then $a =$

A. 2

B. -2

C. 1

D. -1

Answer

Let $f(x) = x^2 - 3ax - 2a$

Since, $x-2$ is a factor of $f(x)$ so,

$$f(2) = 0$$

$$2^2 + 3a(2) - 2a = 0$$

$$4 + 6a - 2a = 0$$

$$a = -1$$

2. Question

If $x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + k$ is exactly divisible by $x+2$, then $k =$

A. -6

B. -7

C. -8

D. -10

Answer

Since, $x+2$ is exactly divisible by $f(x)$

Means $x+2$ is a factor of $f(x)$, so

$$f(-2) = 0$$

$$(-2)^3 + 6(-2)^2 + 4(-2) + k = 0$$

$$-16 + 24 + k = 0$$

$$k = -8$$

3. Question

If $x-a$ is a factor of $x^3 - 3x^2a + 2a^2x + b$, then the value of b is

A. 0

B. 2

C. 1

D. 3

Answer

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2a + 2a^2x + b$

Since, $x - a$ is a factor of $f(x)$

So, $f(a) = 0$

$$a^3 - 3a^2(a) + 2a^2(a) + b = 0$$

$$a^3 - 3a^3 + 2a^3 + b = 0$$

$$b = 0$$

4. Question

If $x^{140} + 2x^{151} + k$ is divisible by $x+1$, then the value of k is

A. 1

B. -3

C. 2

D. -2

Answer

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^{140} + 2x^{151} + k$$

Since, $x+1$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$$\text{So, } f(-1) = 0$$

$$(-1)^{140} + 2(-1)^{151} + k = 0$$

$$1 - 2 + k = 0$$

$$k = 1$$

5. Question

If $x+2$ and $x-1$ are the factors of x^3+10x^2+mx+n , then the value of m and n are respectively

A. 5 and -3

B. 17 and -8

C. 7 and -18

D. 23 and -19

Answer

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 + 10x^2 + mx + n$$

Since, $(x+2)$ and $(x-1)$ are factors of $f(x)$

$$\text{So, } f(-2) = 0$$

$$(-2)^3 + 10(-2)^2 + m(-2) + n$$

$$32 - 2m + n = 0 \quad (\text{i})$$

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$(1)^3 + 10(1)^2 + m(1) + n = 0$$

$$11 + m + n = 0 \quad (\text{ii})$$

$$(2) - (1)$$

$$3m - 21 = 0$$

$$m = 7 \quad (\text{iii})$$

Using (iii) and (ii), we get

$$11 + 7 + n = 0$$

$$n = -18$$

6. Question

Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial such that $f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$, then a factor of $f(x)$ is

A. $2x-1$

B. $2x+1$

C. $x-1$

D. $x+1$

Answer

Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial and $f\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = 0$

$x + \frac{1}{2} = 2x + 1$ is a factor of $f(x)$

7. Question

When $x^3 - 2x^2 + ax = b$ is divided by $x^2 - 2x - 3$, the remainder is $x - 6$. The value of a and b respectively

- A. -2, -6
- B. 2 and -6
- C. -2 and 6
- D. 2 and 6

Answer

Let $p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + ax - b$

$q(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$

$r(x) = x - 6$

Therefore,

$f(x) = p(x) - r(x)$

$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + ax - b - x + 6$

$= x^3 - 2x^2 + (a - 1)x - (b - 6)$

$q(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$

$= (x + 1)(x - 3)$

Thus,

$(x + 1)$ and $(x - 3)$ are factor of $f(x)$

$a + b = 4$

$f(3) = 0$

$3^3 - 2(3)^2 + (a-1)3 - b + 6 = 0$

$12 + 3a - b = 0$

$a = -2, b = 6$

8. Question

One factor of $x^4 + x^2 - 20$ is $x^2 + 5$. The other factor is

- A. $x^2 - 4$
- B. $x - 4$
- C. $x^2 - 5$
- D. $x + 2$

Answer

$f(x) = x^4 + x^2 - 20$

$(x^2 + 5)(x^2 - 4)$

Therefore, $(x^2 + 5)$ and $(x^2 - 4)$ are the factors of $f(x)$

9. Question

If $(x-1)$ is a factor of polynomial $f(x)$ but not of $g(x)$, then it must be a factor of

- A. $f(x) g(x)$
- B. $-f(x)+g(x)$
- C. $f(x)-g(x)$
- D. $\{f(x)+g(x)\}g(x)$

Answer

Given,

$(x-1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ but not of $g(x)$.

Therefore, $x-1$ is also a factor of $f(x) g(x)$.

10. Question

$(x+1)$ is a factor of x^n+1 only if

- A. n is an odd integer
- B. n is an even integer
- C. n is a negative integer
- D. n is a positive integer

Answer

Let $f(x) = x^n + 1$

Since, $x+1$ is a factor of $f(x)$, so

$$f(-1) = 0$$

Thus, n is an odd integer.

11. Question

If $x+2$ is a factor of $x^2+mx+14$, then $m =$

- A. 7
- B. 2
- C. 9
- D. 14

Answer

$$f(x) = x^2 + mx + 14$$

Since, $(x+2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, so

$$f(-2) = 0$$

$$(-2)^2 + m(-2) + 14 = 0$$

$$18 - 2m = 0$$

$$m = 9$$

12. Question

If $x-3$ is a factor of $x^2-ax-15$, then $a =$

- A. -2
- B. 5

C. -5

D. 3

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^2 - ax - 15$

Since, $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, so

$$f(3) = 0$$

$$3^2 - a(3) - 15 = 0$$

$$9 - 3a - 15 = 0$$

$$a = -2$$

13. Question

If $x^2 + x + 1$ is a factor of the polynomial $3x^3 + 8x^2 + 8x + 3 + 5k$, then the value of k is

A. 0

B. $\frac{2}{5}$

C. $\frac{5}{2}$

D. -1

Answer

Let, $p(x) = 3x^3 + 8x^2 + 8x + 3 + 5k$

$$g(x) = x^2 + x + 1$$

Given $g(x)$ is a factor of $p(x)$ so remainder will be 0

$$\text{Remainder} = -2 + 5k$$

$$\text{Therefore, } -2 + 5k = 0$$

$$k = \frac{2}{5}$$

14. Question

If $(3x-1)^7 = a_7x^7 + a_6x^6 + a_5x^5 + \dots + a_1x + a_0$, then $a_7 + a_6 + a_5 + \dots + a_1 + a_0 =$

A. 0

B. 1

C. 128

D. 64

Answer

We have,

$$(3x - 1)^7 = a_7x^7 + a_6x^6 + a_5x^5 + \dots + a_1x + a_0$$

Putting $x = 1$, we get

$$(3 * 1 - 1)^7 = a_7 + a_6 + a_5 + a_4 + a_3 + a_2 + a_1 + a_0$$

$$(2)^7 = a_7 + a_6 + a_5 + a_4 + a_3 + a_2 + a_1 + a_0$$

$$a_7 + a_6 + a_5 + \dots + a_1 + a_0 = 128$$

15. Question

If $x^{51} + 51$ is divide by $x+1$, the remainder is

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 49
- D. 50

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^{51} + 51$

Since, $x + 1$ is divided by $f(x)$ so,

$$f(-1) = (-1)^{51} + 51$$

$$= -1 + 51$$

$$= 50$$

Thus, remainder is 50

16. Question

If $x+1$ is a factor if the polynomial $2x^2+kx$, then $k =$

- A. -2
- B. -3
- C. 4
- D. 2

Answer

Let, $f(x) = 2x^2 + kx$

Since, $x + 1$ is divided by $f(x)$ so,

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$$2(-1) + k(-1) = 0$$

$$k = 2$$

17. Question

If $x + a$ is a factor of $x^4 - a^2x^2 + 3x - 6a$, then $a =$

- A. 0
- B. -1
- C. 1
- D. 2

Answer

Let, $f(x) = x^4 - a^2x^2 + 3x - 6a$

Since, $x + a$ is divided by $f(x)$ so,

$$f(-a) = 0$$

$$(-a)^4 - a^2(-a)^2 + 3(-a) - 6a = 0$$

$$-9a = 0$$

$$a = 0$$

18. Question

The value of k for which $x-1$ is a factor of $4x^3+3x^2-4x+k$, is

- A. 3
- B. 1
- C. -2
- D. -3

Answer

Since, $x-1$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Therefore,

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$4(1)^3 + 3(1)^2 - 4(1) + k = 0$$

$$4 + 3 - 4 + k = 0$$

$$k = -3$$

19. Question

If both $x-2$ and $x - \frac{1}{2}$ are factors of px^2+5x+r , then

- A. $p = r$
- B. $p + r = 0$
- C. $2p + r = 0$
- D. $p + 2r = 0$

Answer

Let $f(x) = px^2 + 5x + r$

Since, $x-2$ and $x-1/2$ are factors of $f(x)$

$$f(2) = 0$$

$$4p + 10 + r = 0 \text{ (i)}$$

$$f(1/2) = 0$$

$$p + 10 + 4r = 0 \text{ (ii)}$$

(i) * (ii), we get,

$$4p + 40 + 16r = 0 \text{ (iii)}$$

Subtracting (i) and (iii)

$$-30 - 15r = 0$$

$$r = -2$$

Putting value of r in (i),

$$4p + 10 - 2 = 0$$

$$p = -2$$

Therefore, $p = r$

20. Question

If x^2-1 is a factor of $ax^4+bx^3+cx^2+dx+e$, then

A. $a + c + e = b + d$

B. $a + b + e = c + d$

C. $a + b + c = d + e$

D. $b + c + d = a + e$

Answer

Let $f(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$

Since, $x^2 - 1$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Therefore,

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$$a(-1) + b(-1)^3 + c(-1)^2 + d(-1) + e = 0$$

$$a + c + e = b + d$$