

Polynomials

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i) Let $p(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

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

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

$$= 0$$

∴ by factor theorem

$(x+1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

ii) Let $p(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

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

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

$$= 1 \neq 0$$

Since remainder $\neq 0$

∴ $(x+1)$ is not a factor of $p(x)$.

iii) Let $p(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 1$

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

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

$$= 1 \neq 0$$

Since remainder $\neq 0$

∴ $(x+1)$ is not a factor of $p(x)$.

iv) Let $p(x) = x^3 - x^2 - (2 + \sqrt{2})x + \sqrt{2}$

$$p(-1) = (-1)^3 - (-1)^2 - (2 + \sqrt{2})(-1) + \sqrt{2}$$

$$= -1 - 1 + 2 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}$$

$$= -2 + 2$$

$$= 0$$

∴ by factor theorem

$(x+1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

20) $p(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1$, $g(x) = x + 1$

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

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

$$= 3 - 3$$

$$= 0$$

Since remainder = 0

$\therefore g(x)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

21) $p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$, $g(x) = x + 2$

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

$$= -8 + 12 - 6 + 1$$

$$= 13 - 14$$

$$= -1 \neq 0$$

Since remainder $\neq 0$

$\therefore g(x)$ is not a factor of $p(x)$.

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

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

$$= 27 - 36 + 9$$

$$= 36 - 36$$

$$= 0$$

Since remainder = 0

$\therefore g(x)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

30) $p(x) = x^2 + x + k$

Since $(x-1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$

\therefore by factor theorem

$$p(1) = 0$$

or $1^2 + 1 + k = 0$

or $1 + 1 + k = 0$

or $k + 2 = 0$

or $k = -2$

(ii) $p(x) = 2x^2 + kx + \sqrt{2}$

$(x-1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$

\therefore by factor theorem

$p(1) = 0$

or $2(1)^2 + k(1) + \sqrt{2} = 0$

or $2 + k + \sqrt{2} = 0$

or $k = -(2 + \sqrt{2})$

(iii) $p(x) = kx^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1$

$(x-1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$

\therefore by factor theorem

$p(1) = 0$

or $k(1)^2 - \sqrt{2}(1) + 1 = 0$

or $k - \sqrt{2} + 1 = 0$

or $k = \sqrt{2} - 1$

(iv) $p(x) = kx^2 - 3x + k$

$(x-1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$

\therefore by factor theorem

$p(1) = 0$

or $k(1)^2 - 3(1) + k = 0$

or $k - 3 + k = 0$

or $2k = 3$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 40 \quad & 12x^2 - 7x + 1 \\
 & = 12x^2 - 4x - 3x + 1 \\
 & = 4x(3x-1) - 1(3x-1) \\
 & = (3x-1)(4x-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad & 2x^2 + 7x + 3 \\
 & = 2x^2 + 6x + x + 3 \\
 & = 2x(x+3) + 1(x+3) \\
 & = (x+3)(2x+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iii)} \quad & 6x^2 + 5x - 6 \\
 & = 6x^2 + 9x - 4x - 6 \\
 & = 3x(2x+3) - 2(2x+3) \\
 & = (2x+3)(3x-2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iv)} \quad & 3x^2 - x - 4 \\
 & = 3x^2 + 3x - 4x - 4 \\
 & = 3x(x+1) - 4(x+1) \\
 & = (x+1)(3x-4)
 \end{aligned}$$

50 Let $p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$

Factors of 2 are $\pm 1, \pm 2$

Put $x = 1$

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

\therefore by factor theorem

$(x-1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - x - 2 \\
 x-1 \overline{) x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2} \\
 \underline{x^3 - x^2} \\
 -x^2 - x + 2 \\
 \underline{-x^2 + x} \\
 -2x + 2 \\
 \underline{-2x + 2} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore p(x) &= (x-1)(x^2 - x - 2) \\
 &= (x-1)(x^2 - 2x + x - 2) \\
 &= (x-1)[x(x-2) + 1(x-2)] \\
 &= (x-1)(x-2)(x+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned}
 &x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2 \\
 &= x^2(x-2) - 1(x-2) \\
 &= (x-2)(x^2 - 1^2) \\
 &= (x-2)(x+1)(x-1) \quad [\because a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)]
 \end{aligned}$$

① Let $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5$

Factors of 5 are $\pm 1, \pm 5$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(1) &= 1^3 - 3(1)^2 - 9(1) - 5 \\
 &= 1 - 3 - 9 - 5 \\
 &= 1 - 17 \\
 &= -16 \neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(-1) &= (-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 - 9(-1) - 5 \\
 &= -1 - 3 + 9 - 5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 9 - 9$$

$$= 0$$

\therefore by factor theorem

$(x+1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 4x - 5 \\ (x+1) \overline{) x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ -4x^2 - 9x - 5 \\ \underline{-4x^2 - 4x} \\ -5x - 5 \\ \underline{-5x - 5} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore p(x) &= (x+1)(x^2 - 4x - 5) \\ &= (x+1)(x^2 - 5x + x - 5) \\ &= (x+1)[x(x-5) + 1(x-5)] \\ &= (x+1)(x-5)(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Let $p(x) = x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20$

Factors of 20 are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm 20$

$$\begin{aligned} p(1) &= 1^3 + 13(1)^2 + 32(1) + 20 \\ &= 1 + 13 + 32 + 20 \\ &= 66 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(-1) &= (-1)^3 + 13(-1)^2 + 32(-1) + 20 \\ &= -1 + 13 - 32 + 20 \\ &= 33 - 33 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

∴ by factor theorem

$(x+1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 12x + 20 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ 12x^2 + 32x + 20 \\ \underline{12x^2 + 12x} \\ 20x + 20 \\ \underline{20x + 20} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore p(x) &= (x+1)(x^2 + 12x + 20) \\ &= (x+1)(x^2 + 10x + 2x + 20) \\ &= (x+1)[x(x+10) + 2(x+10)] \\ &= (x+1)(x+10)(x+2) \end{aligned}$$

④ let $p(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1$

Factors of 1 are ± 1

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

∴ by factor theorem

$(x-1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x^2 + 3x + 1 \\
 x-1 \overline{) 2x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1} \\
 \underline{2x^3 - 2x^2} \\
 3x^2 - 2x - 1 \\
 \underline{3x^2 - 3x} \\
 x - 1 \\
 \underline{x - 1} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore p(x) &= (x-1)(2x^2 + 3x + 1) \\
 &= (x-1)(2x^2 + 2x + x + 1) \\
 &= (x-1)[2x(x+1) + 1(x+1)] \\
 &= (x-1)(x+1)(2x+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1 \\
 &= x^2(2x+1) - 1(2x+1) \\
 &= (2x+1)(x^2 - 1) \\
 &= (2x+1)(x+1)(x-1)
 \end{aligned}$$