

③ To find the zeros
 $x^3 - 6x^2 - x + 30 = 0$
 $(x+2)(x^2 - 8x + 15) = 0$
 Either $x+2=0$ or $x^2 - 8x + 15 = 0$
 $x = -2$ $(x-3)(x-5) = 0$
 $x = 3$; $x = 5$

Ex: $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x - 16$

- Verify that $x-2$ is a factor of $f(x)$
- Find the other factor
- Find all zeros of $f(x)$

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① $(x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x - 16) \div (x-2)$

	1	4	-4	-16	
2		2	12	16	
	1	6	8	0	Remainder

② Quotient: $x^2 + 6x + 8$
 $(x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x - 16) = (x^2 + 6x + 8)(x-2)$

③ $x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x - 16 = 0$
 $(x-2)(x^2 + 6x + 8) = 0$
 $x-2=0$ or $x^2 + 6x + 8 = 0$
 $x = 2$ $(x+4)(x+2) = 0$
 $x = -4$; $x = -2$

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Rational Zero Theorem (list all the possibilities for rational zeros of a polynomial function)

The Rational zero Theorem

If a polynomial $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ has integer coefficients, then every rational zero of $f(x)$ has the form $\frac{p}{q}$ where p is a factor of the constant term a_0 and q is a factor of the leading coefficient a_n .

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Ex: list all the possibilities for rational zeros of $f(x) = 2x^4 - 5x^3 + x^2 - 4$.

Any rational zero of f has the form $\frac{\pm 4}{\pm 2}$; $\frac{\pm 1}{\pm 1}$

$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1; \pm 2; \pm 4}{\pm 2; \pm 1}$; $\frac{\pm 1}{\pm 1} \cdot \frac{\pm 1}{\pm 2}; \frac{\pm 2}{\pm 2} \cdot \frac{\pm 2}{\pm 1}$
 $1, -1; \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}; 2, -2; 4, -4$

Factors of -4 : $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$
 Factors of 2 : $\pm 2, \pm 1$

Ex: Use the Rational Zero Theorem to find rational zeros of $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 1$.

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list the possibilities of rational zeros.

$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1}{\pm 1; \pm 2}$; $\frac{\pm 1}{\pm 1}; \frac{\pm 1}{\pm 2}$
 $\frac{1}{1}, -1; \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$

p : factor of 1 Factors 1: ± 1
 q : factor of 2. Factors of 2: $\pm 1, \pm 2$

$f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 1$
 $f(1) = 2 + 1 - 4 + 1 = 0 \rightarrow 1$ is the only rational zero of $f(x)$
 $f(-1) = -2 + 1 + 4 + 1 = 4$
 $f(\frac{1}{2}) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{4} - 2 + 1 = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $f(-\frac{1}{2}) = 2(-\frac{1}{8}) + \frac{1}{4} - 2 + 1 = -\frac{3}{4}$

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Since 1 is a zero, by the Factor Theorem, $x-1$ is a factor of f .

$(2x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 1) \div (x-1)$

	2	1	-4	1
1		2	3	-1
	2	3	-1	0

Quotient: $2x^2 + 3x - 1$
 $(2x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 1) = (x-1)(2x^2 + 3x - 1) = 0$
 $2x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$
 $x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(2)(-1)}}{4} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$

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Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

If $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n , then
 f has exactly n complex zeros (counting multiplicities)
 In other words, f can be factored into linear factors

$$f(x) = a(x - c_1)(x - c_2) \dots (x - c_n)$$
 $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ • complex zeros.

Complex conjugate theorem

If $a + bi$ is a zero of $f(x)$, then $a - bi$ is also a zero of f .

E.g. $2 + i$ is a zero of f
 $2 - i$ will also be a zero

$3 + 5i$ is zero ; $3 - 5i$ will also be a zero
 $7i$ is zero, $-7i$ _____

E.g. Find a poly. given that it has zeros
 $-3, 2, i$; $-i$
 $(x + 3)(x - 2)(x - i)(x + i)$

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