

Topic: Polynomial Function

ZEROS OF POLYNOMIAL EQUATIONS

There are three types

- ✓ 1) Remainder Theorem
- ✓ 2) Factor theorem
- ✓ 3) Synthetic division

1) Remainder Theorem:

$$x - r = 0 \quad \boxed{x = r}$$

If r is any constant and if a polynomial $P(x)$ is divided by $(x - r)$, the remainder is $P(r)$.

ie $\boxed{P(r) = R}$ ✓

Example: 01 Find the remainder when $x^3 + 4x^2 - 2x + 5$ divided by

$(x-1)$.

Sol:-

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

$$P(1) = 1^3 + 4 \cdot 1^2 - 2(1) + 5$$

$$P(1) = 1 + 4 - 2 + 5$$

$$\boxed{P(1) = 8}$$

$$\boxed{R = 8}$$

✓
 $x-1=0$
 $\boxed{x=1}$

✓
 $x-1 = x-r$
 $-1 = -r$
 $\boxed{1 = r}$
 $x=r$
 $\boxed{x=1}$

Example: 02 Find the value of k , if the polynomial $x^3 + kx^2 - 7x + 6$

has a $\boxed{R = -4}$ when divided by $(x+2)$

Sol:-

$$\boxed{P(r) = R}$$

$$P(-2) = -4 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$4k + 12 = -4$$

$$4k = -4 - 12$$

$$4k = -16$$

$$k = \frac{-16}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k = -4}$$

$$x+2=0$$

$$\boxed{x = -2}$$

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

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

$$= -8 + 4k + 14 + 6$$

$$\boxed{P(-2) = 4k + 12}$$

Example 03: when $2x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 8$ divided by $(x+1)$

Sol:-

$$x+1=0$$

$$\boxed{x=-1}$$

$$P(x) = R$$

$$R = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 8$$

$$= 2(-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 - (-1) + 8 = -2 - 3 + 1 + 8$$

$$\boxed{R = 4}$$

2) Factor Theorem:

If r is a root of the equation $P(x) = 0$, i.e. if $\boxed{P(r) = 0}$, then $(x - r)$ is a factor of $P(x)$.

Conversely, if $(x - r)$ is a factor of $P(x)$, then r is a root of $\boxed{P(x) = 0}$ or $P(r) = 0$

Example:04

$$P(a) = 0$$

$$x = a$$

$$(x-a) \text{ is } P(x)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ (x-a) \\ P(a) = 0 \\ \text{root} \end{matrix}$$

Show that $(x-2)$ is a factor of $x^4 - 13x^2 + 36$

Sol:-

$$P(x) = x^4 - 13x^2 + 36$$

$$x-2=0$$

$$\boxed{x=2}$$

$$P(2) = 2^4 - 13 \cdot 2^2 + 36$$

$$= 16 - 52 + 36$$

$$= 52 - 52$$

$$\boxed{P(2) = 0}$$

$x=2$ is the root of the $P(x)$

Example: 05 Find factor of the polynomial, when $x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6$

Sol. $P(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6$

at $x=0$
 $P(0) = 0 + 0 + 0 - 6 = -6 \neq 0$

at $x=1$
 $P(1) = 1 + 4 + 1 - 6 = 6 - 6 = 0$
 $P(1) = 0$ ✓

at $x=-1$

at $x=-1$
 $P(-1) = -1 + 4 - 1 - 6 = -4 \neq 0$

at $x=2$
 $P(2) = 8 + 16 + 2 - 6 = 20 \neq 0$

at $x=-2$
 $P(-2) = -8 + 16 - 2 - 6 = -16 + 16 = 0$
 $P(-2) = 0$ ✓

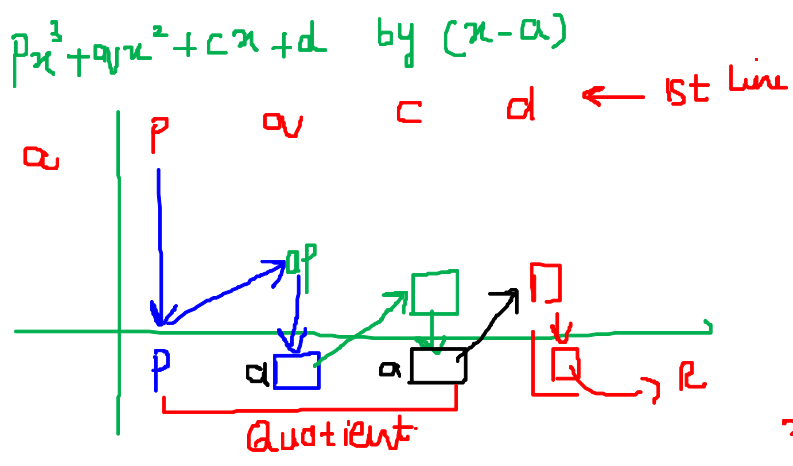
at $x=3$
 $P(3) = 27 + 36 + 3 - 6 = 60 \neq 0$

at $x=-3$
 $P(-3) = -27 + 36 - 3 - 6 = -36 + 36 = 0$
 $P(-3) = 0$ ✓

$P(1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x=1$
 $(x-1) = 0$
 $P(-2) = 0$
 $x=-2$
 $(x+2) = 0$
 $P(-3) = 0$
 $x=-3$
 $(x+3) = 0$
 Hence
 $(x-1)(x+2)$
 $(x+3)$ is
 factor of
 $P(x)$

3) Synthetic Division:

Synthetic division is a simplified method of dividing a polynomial $P(x)$ by $(x-r)$ where r is any assigned number. By this method the values of the coefficients of the quotient and the value of the remainder can readily be determined.



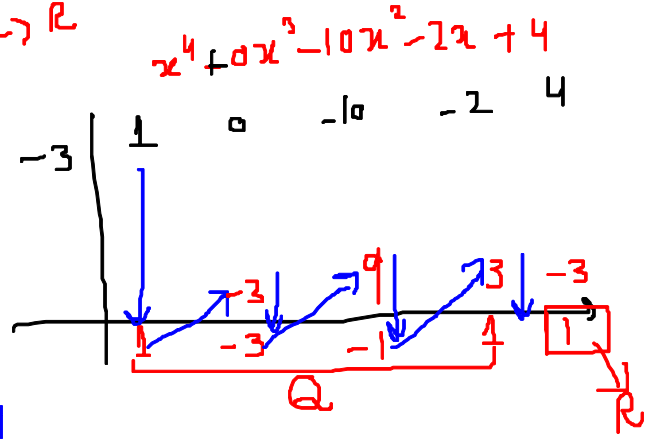
$x^3 + 1 = 0$
 $x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 1 = 0$

Ex: $x^4 - 10x^2 - 2x + 4 \div$ by $(x+3)$

$(x-r) = (x-(-3))$
 $x = -3$
 $a = -3$

$P(-3) = -3^4 - 10(-3)^2 + 6 + 4$
 $= 0$

$(-3)(-3) = 9$
 $(-1)(-3) = 3$



Remainder = 1

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

Exp:- If $(x-2)$ & $(x+2)$ are factors of $x^4 - 13x^2 + 36$;

Sol:-

$p(x) = x^4 + 0x^3 - 13x^2 + 0x + 36$

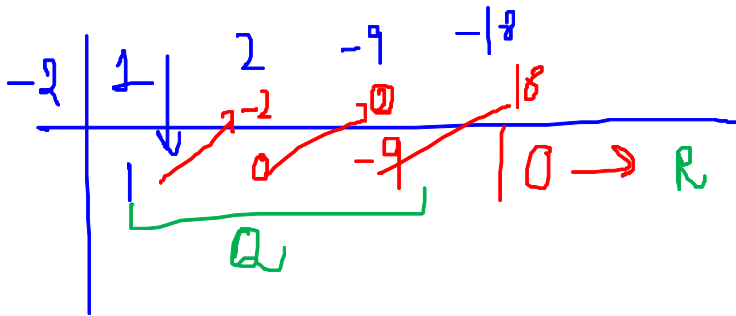
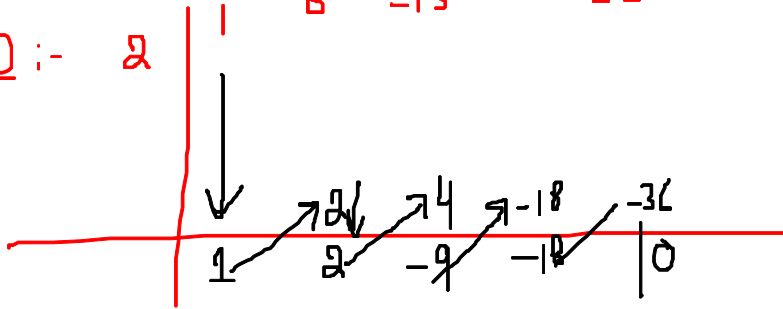
$x-2=0$

$x=2$

$x+2=0$

$x=-2$

S-D :- 2



∴ Quotient = $x^2 + 0x - 9$
 $= x^2 - 9$
 $= (x+3)(x-3)$

R = 0