

Day 10, Monday March 3rd

Coming up: Web Assign HW 7 due today

HW 8 due Wed

Written HW 2 was due 1pm today

Remember WebAssign HW due
every Monday & Wednesday
15% of entire final grade

- Quiz on Polynomial Functions
- Exam 2 on Wednesday 3/12
- NO index card

Group Practice: Do @ home as written HW2

1. Divide the polynomial $f(x) = (x^3 - 9x^2 + 26x - 24)$ by $d(x) = (x - 2)$.

(a) Does $x - 2$ divide evenly in $f(x)$? **yes**

(b) Calculate the value of $f(2)$.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 7x + 12 \\
 \hline
 x-2 \overline{) x^3 - 9x^2 + 26x - 24} \\
 \underline{x^3 - 2x^2} \\
 -7x^2 + 26x - 24 \\
 \underline{-7x^2 + 14x} \\
 12x - 24 \\
 \underline{12x - 24} \\
 0 \quad r=0
 \end{array}$$

$$f(2) = 2^3 - 9 \cdot 2^2 + 26 \cdot 2 - 24 = 8 - 36 + 52 - 24 = 0$$

2. Divide $f(x) = (x^4 - 5x^3 + 2x^2 + 8x - 6)$ by $d(x) = (x - 3)$

(a) Does $x - 3$ divide evenly in $f(x)$?

(b) Calculate the value of $f(3)$.

$$f(3) = -18$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 4 \\
 \hline
 x-3 \overline{) x^4 - 5x^3 + 2x^2 + 8x - 6} \\
 \underline{x^4 - 3x^3} \\
 -2x^3 + 2x^2 + 8x - 6 \\
 \underline{-2x^3 + 6x^2} \\
 -4x^2 + 8x - 6 \\
 \underline{-4x^2 + 12x} \\
 -4x - 6 \\
 \underline{-4x + 12} \\
 -18 \quad r
 \end{array}$$

$$x+2 \quad , f(-2) = ?$$

The Remainder and Factor Theorem

Remainder Theorem:

$$(x+a) = (x - (-a))$$

If a polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $x - a$, then the remainder is equal to $f(a)$.

Factor Theorem:

A polynomial $f(x)$ has a factor $(x - a)$ if and only if $f(a) = 0$.

divides
evenly

Recall: Polynomials:

- factored form $f(x) = (x+1)(x-2)(x+3)^2$
- $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4$, $(x-2)$ factor
long division
 $f(x) = (x-2)(x^2 - x - 2)$
 $= (x-2)(x-2)(x+1)$
- Next $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 8x + 3$

Day 10 Notes

2.3 Real Zeroes of Polynomial Functions
and 2.5 TFTA

The Rational Zero Test

What if we are not given any roots or zeros of the polynomial but we are still asked to factor it. For example, in Example 1 we were told to divide $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4$ by $x - 2$ and in doing that we were able to completely factor out $f(x)$. Next, we are interested in how to find potential zeros. This is the result of The Rational zero Test.

real numbers

rational numbers : $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{1}, \frac{1}{3}$
 $0.5, 0.\bar{3}$

irrational numbers : $\pi = 3.141\dots$, $e = 2.72$, $\sqrt{2} = 1.41\dots$
 $\sqrt{2} \nmid 1$

The Rational Zero Test

If the polynomial

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

has integer coefficients, then every rational zero of f has the form

Rational zero = $\frac{p}{q}$ → reduced form $\frac{\pm 2}{\pm 4} = \frac{\pm 1}{\pm 2}$

where p and q have no common factors other than 1, p is a factor of the constant term a_0 , and

q is a factor of the leading coefficient a_n .

Possible rational zeros = $\frac{\text{factors of constant term}}{\text{factors of leading coeff.}}$

Actual zeros : $-1, 2$
 $f(-1) = 0$ & $f(2) = 0$

$\frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4}{\pm 1} = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$

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

constant term is : 4

factors of 4 : $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$

leading coefficient : 1
factors : ± 1

Example 4: Find the rational zeros of

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

see previous page

2. $h(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 8x + 3$

→ leading coeff → const term

factors of const term: $\pm 1, \pm 3$

factors of leading coeff: $\pm 1, \pm 2$

possible rational zeros: $\frac{\pm 1, \pm 3}{\pm 1, \pm 2} = \pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 3, \pm \frac{3}{2}$

From graph zeros (xint): $-3, \frac{1}{2}, 1$

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

$\hookrightarrow 2x-1=0$
 $x=\frac{1}{2}$

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

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

const: -2

term

leading coeff: 1

possible rat zeros = $\frac{\pm 1, \pm 2}{\pm 1} = \pm 1, \pm 2$

$$f(-1) = -1-2 = -3 \neq 0$$

$$f(1) = 1^3-2 = -1 \neq 0$$

$$f(2) = 2^3-2 = 6 \neq 0$$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^3-2 = -10 \neq 0$$

Actual zeroes: is an irrational zero $\sqrt[3]{2}$

$$x^3-2=0$$

$$x^3=2 \Rightarrow x=\sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$f(x) = (x-\sqrt[3]{2})(\text{second degree})$$

A degree 3 can have at most 3 real roots
x intercepts

2.5 The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

An n th degree polynomial can have at most n real roots.

In the complex number system, every n th degree polynomial has exactly n zeros.

Recall Complex Numbers

$$\sqrt{-1} = i \text{ or } i^2 = -1$$

$$\sqrt{-15} = \sqrt{(-1)(15)} = \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{15} = i \sqrt{15}$$

$$\sqrt{-9} = \sqrt{(-1)9} = \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{9} = i3 = 3i$$

A complex number is a number of the form $a + bi$, where a and b are constants (real numbers)

a is called the real part

b is called the imaginary part.

EX $2 + 3i$ $a=2, b=3,$

$2-3i$ is called the conjugate of $2+3i$

EX $\sqrt{5}i = i\sqrt{5}; a=0, b=\sqrt{5}$
pure imaginary

$a+bi$ and $a-bi$
are conjugates

EX -17 $a=-17, b=0$

Note: -17 is a **both** a complex number **and** a real number.

Note Every real number is a complex number, but not every complex number is a real number.

Types of Zeros of a polynomial function f

• Real $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rational: } \underline{-3}, \frac{1}{2}, 2, \dots \end{array} \right.$ ex: $f(x) = (x+3)(x-\frac{1}{2})$

$\downarrow$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{irrational: } \sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}, \pi \end{array} \right.$ ex: $f(x) = (x-\pi)$
 $\downarrow$ are x-intercepts

• Complex zeros are not x intercepts

They come in pairs:

If $1+2i$ is a zero, then $1-2i$ is also a zero.

If $x = 1+2i$ is a zero

$$\text{then } (x - (1+2i))$$

$x = 1-2i$ is a zero

$$(x - (1-2i))$$

$$x^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -4$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{-4}$$

$$x = \pm 2i$$

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

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

$$= x^2 - x + x2i - x + 1 - 2i + -x2i + 2(-4i^2)$$

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

$$-4(-1)$$

Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Every polynomial function with degree $n \geq 1$ can be factored into n linear factors of the following form:

$$f(x) = a(x - r_1) \cdot (x - r_2) \cdot (x - r_3) \cdot \dots \cdot (x - r_n)$$

where $r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_n$ are complex numbers and $a \neq 0$.

Example 5: Completely factor the polynomial over the complex numbers.

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

$$f(x) = (x - 1)(x^2 + 4)(x - \sqrt{3})(x + \sqrt{3})$$

factored completely over real number

$$f(x) = (x - 1)(x - \sqrt{3})(x + \sqrt{3})(x - 2i)(x + 2i)$$

factored completely over the complex number

$$x^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 3$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

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

$$x^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -4$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{-4}$$

$$x = \pm 2i$$

$$x^2 + 4 = (x - 2i)(x + 2i)$$

Example 6: List all possible rational zeros. Find all zeros and completely factor f over the complex numbers.

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

constant term: -9 w/ factors: $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 9$

lead coeff 2 w/ factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2$

$$\text{possible rational zeros are} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 9}{\pm 1, \pm 2} = \pm 1, \pm 1/2, \pm 3, \pm 3/2, \pm 9, \pm 9/2$$

Graph: 2 x intercept $x = -1, x = 1/2$
 $\downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow$
 $(x + 1) \quad (x - 1/2) \quad \text{or } (2x - 1)$

To get the 2 remaining complex zeros we divide $f(x)$ by $(x + 1)(2x - 1) = 2x^2 + x - 1$

$$2x^2 - x - 1 \overline{) \begin{array}{c} x^2 + 9 \\ 2x^4 + x^3 + 17x^2 + 9x - 9 \end{array}}$$

$$2x^4 + x^3 + 17x^2 + 9x - 9 = (x+1)(2x-1)(x^2+9) \\ = (x+1)(2x-1)(x-3i)(x+3i)$$

$$x^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -9$$

$$x = \pm 3i$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 5 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)5}}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm 4i}{2} = 1 \pm 2i$$