



Class Ex. #8 shows that if the sum of the coefficients of a polynomial function is equal to zero, then 1 is a zero of the function.

Complete Assignment Questions #6 - #20

# Assignment

1. Use the remainder theorem to find the remainder when each of the following polynomials divided by the binomial.

a)  $P(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 + 2x + 1$   
is divided by  $x + 5$

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

$$= -375 - 25 - 10 + 1$$

$$= -409$$

remainder = -409.

b)  $P(x) = x^4 + x^2 - 8x + 5$   
is divided by  $x - 4$

$$P(4) = (4)^4 + (4)^2 - 8(4) + 5$$

$$= 256 + 16 - 32 + 5$$

$$= 245$$

R = 245.

2. Find the values of  $p$  and  $q$  if  $x^3 + px + q$  yields remainders of  $-3$  and  $2$  when divided by  $x - 2$  and  $x + 1$  respectively.

①  $P(2) = -3$   
 $P(-1) = 2$

②  $-3 = 2^3 + p(2) + q$   
 $-3 = 8 + 2p + q$   
 $-11 = 2p + q$

③  ~~$P(2) = -3$~~   
 $2 = (-1)^3 + p(-1) + q$   
 $2 = -1 + (-1)p + q$   
 $3 = -p + q$

④

$$\begin{array}{r} 2p + q = -11 \\ \text{subtract. } -p + q = 3 \\ \hline 3p = -14 \\ p = \frac{-14}{3} \end{array}$$

⑤  $\frac{14}{3} + q = 3$   
 $q = \frac{-5}{3}$

⑥  $p = \frac{-14}{3}, q = \frac{-5}{3}$

3. When  $P(x) = x^4 + mx^3 - nx^2 + 28x - 24$  is divided by  $x - 3$ , the remainder is 6. If  $P(1) = -4$ , find the values of  $m$  and  $n$ .

①  $P(3) = 6$   
 $P(1) = -4$

②  $P(3) = 3^4 + m(3)^3 - n(3)^2 + 28(3) - 24 = 6$   
 $81 + 27 - 9n + 84 - 24 = 6$

$$-135 = 27m - 9n$$

$$3m - n = -15$$

③  $P(1) = (1)^4 + m(1)^3 - n(1)^2 + 28(1) - 24$   
 $-4 = 1 + m - n + 28 - 24$   
 $-m + n = 9$

④  $3m - n = -15$   
 $-m + n = 9$

add

$$\begin{array}{r} 3m - n = -15 \\ -m + n = 9 \\ \hline 2m = -6 \\ m = -3 \end{array}$$

⑤  $-m + n = 9$   
 $-(-3) + n = 9$   
 $n = 6$

$m = -3, n = 6$

4. When  $x^4 + ax^2 - 16$  is divided by  $x + 1$ , the remainder is  $-14$ .

What is the remainder when  $x^4 + ax^2 - 16$  is divided by  $x - 2$ ?

$$P(-1) = -14$$

$$P(-1) = (-1)^4 + a(-1)^2 - 16$$

$$-14 = 1 + a - 16$$

$$a = 1$$

$$P(x) = x^4 + ax^2 - 16$$

$$P(2) = 2^4 + 2^2 - 16$$

$$= 4$$

$$\boxed{R = 4}$$

5.  $P(x)$  is a polynomial which has a remainder of  $2$  when it is divided by  $x + 3$ . Find the remainder when the following polynomials are divided by  $x + 3$ .

$$P(2) = 2$$

(i)  $P(x) - 1$

(ii)  $P(x) + 2x + 6$

(iii)  $3P(x)$

$$= 2 - 1$$

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

$$= 2 + 0$$

$$= 3(2)$$

$$R = 1$$

$$R = 2$$

$$R = 6$$

6. If  $x - a$  is a factor of the polynomial  $P(x)$ , what is the remainder obtained when  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x - a$ ?

zero

7. Determine which of the following binomials are factors of  $P(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 4$ .

a)  $x - 1$

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

$$= 1 - 4 - 1 + 4$$

$$P(1) = 0$$

$x - 1$  is a factor.

b)  $x - 2$

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

$$= 8 - 16 - 2 + 4$$

$$= -6$$

$$P(2) \neq 0$$

not a factor.

c)  $x + 2$

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

$$= -8 - 16 + 2 + 4$$

$$= -18$$

$P(-2) \neq 0$  not a factor.

d)  $x - 4$

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

$$= 64 - 64 - 4 + 4$$

$$P(4) = 0$$

$x - 4$  is a factor.

8. Find the value of  $a$  so that  $x + 1$  is a factor of  $x^4 + 4x^3 + ax^2 + 4x + 1$ .

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

$$0 = 1 - 4 + a - 4 + 1$$

$$0 = a - 6$$

$$\boxed{6 = a}$$

9. When  $P(x) = 2x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 6$  is divided by  $x + 2$ , the remainder is  $-12$ . If  $x - 1$  is a factor of the polynomial, find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(-2) &= -12 \\
 -12 &= 2(-2)^3 + a(-2)^2 + b(-2) + 6 \\
 -12 &= -16 + 4a - 2b + 6 \\
 -2 &= 4a - 2b \\
 2a - b &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(1) &= 0 \\
 0 &= 2(1)^3 + a(1)^2 + b(1) + 6 \\
 0 &= 2 + a + b + 6 \\
 -8 &= a + b
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2a - b = -1 \\
 \text{add} \quad a + b = -8 \\
 \hline
 3a = -9 \\
 a = -3
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 a + b = -8 \\
 -3 + b = -8 \\
 b = -5
 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{a = -3, b = -5}$$

10. If  $P(x) = x^3 + kx^2 - x - 2$  and  $P(-2) = 0$ , determine the complete factoring of  $P(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(-2) &= (-2)^3 + k(-2)^2 - (-2) - 2 \\
 0 &= -8 + 4k + 2 - 2 \\
 8 &= 4k \\
 2 &= k
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 -2 & 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\
 & & -2 & 0 & 2 \\
 \hline
 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0
 \end{array}$$

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

$$\boxed{P(x) = (x+2)(x-1)(x+1)}$$

11. Show that  $-4$  is a zero of  $P(x) = 6x^3 + 25x^2 + 2x - 8$  and find the other zeros.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1} \quad P(-4) &= 0 \\
 0 &= 6(-4)^3 + 25(-4)^2 + 2(-4) - 8 \\
 0 &= -384 + 400 - 8 - 8 \\
 &= 0 \\
 -4 &\text{ is a zero}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 -4 & 6 & 25 & 2 & -8 \\
 & & -24 & -4 & 8 \\
 \hline
 & 6 & 1 & -2 & 0
 \end{array}$$

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

③  $6x^2 + x - 2$  ← factor to get zeros.

$$\begin{aligned}
 6x^2 - 3x + 4x - 2 \\
 3x(2x-1) + 2(2x-1) \\
 = (3x+2)(2x-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

other zeros are  $-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{2}$

12. Given that  $x^2 + 2x - 3$  is a factor of  $f(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 - 7x^2 + ax + b$ , find  $a$  and  $b$  and hence factor  $f(x)$  completely.

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

$f(1) = 0$

②  $f(-3) = 0$

$0 = (1)^4 + 2(1)^3 - 7(1)^2 + a(1) + b$

③  $0 = 1 + 2 - 7 + a + b$   
 $4 = a + b$

$0 = (-3)^4 + 2(-3)^3 - 7(-3)^2 + a(-3) + b$

④  $0 = 81 - 54 - 63 - 3a + b$   
 $3a - b = -36$

⑤  $3a - b = -36$   
 add  $a + b = 4$

$4a = -32$   
 $a = -8$

⑥  $a + b = 4$   
 $-8 + b = 4$   
 $b = 12$

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

⑦ 
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -3 & 1 & 2 & -7 & -8 & 12 \\ & & -3 & & 12 & -12 \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & -4 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$$

⑧ 
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & -1 & -4 & 4 \\ & & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 \end{array}$$

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

13. Find the remainder when

- a)  $2x^4 + x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 4$  is divided by  $2x - 1$     b)  $3t^3 - 2t + 2$  is divided by  $3t + 1$

$P(\frac{1}{2}) = 2(\frac{1}{2})^4 + (\frac{1}{2})^3 - 3(\frac{1}{2})^2 + 3(\frac{1}{2}) - 4$   
 $= \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2} - 4$

$R = -3$

$P(-\frac{1}{3}) = 3(-\frac{1}{3})^3 - 2(-\frac{1}{3}) + 2$   
 $= -\frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{3} + 2$

$R = \frac{23}{9}$

14. For  $P(x) = x^2 - x + 1$ , find  $a$  if  $P(a) = 3$ .

$3 = a^2 - a + 1$

$0 = a^2 - a - 2$   
 $= (a-2)(a+1)$   
 $a = 2 \text{ or } -1$

$a = -1, 2$

Multiple Choice

15. When a polynomial  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x - 2$ , the remainder is 3. If the polynomial  $A(x) = 2P(x)$  is divided by  $x - 2$ , the remainder will be

- A. 1.5  
 B. 2  
 C. 3  
 D. 6

$2(3) = 6$

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16. If a polynomial  $P(x)$  has  $P(0) = 8$ , <sup>when  $x=0$</sup>  then which of the following statements **must** be true

- (A) The constant term in  $P(x)$  is 8.      B. The constant term in  $P(x)$  is  $-8$ .  
 C. A factor of  $P(x)$  is  $x + 8$ .      D. A factor of  $P(x)$  is  $x - 8$ .

17. If a polynomial  $P(x)$  has  $P(8) = 0$ , <sup>( $x-8$ )</sup> then which of the following statements **must** be true

- A. The constant term in  $P(x)$  is 8.      B. The constant term in  $P(x)$  is  $-8$ .  
 C. A factor of  $P(x)$  is  $x + 8$ .      (D) A factor of  $P(x)$  is  $x - 8$ .

18. When a polynomial  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x + 5$ , the remainder is  $-2$ .  
 Which of the following statements is true?

$P(-5) = -2$

- A.  $P(-2) = -5$       B.  $P(-2) = 5$       C.  $P(5) = -2$       (D)  $P(-5) = -2$

Numerical Response

19. The polynomial  $P(x) = 2x^3 - ax^2 - 11x + 2a$  has a remainder of 126 when divided by  $x - 5$ . The value of  $a$ , to the nearest tenth, is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Record your answer in the numerical response box from left to right.)

3	.	0	
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$P(5) = 2(5^3) - a(5)^2 - 11(5) + 2a$

$126 = 250 - 25a - 55 + 2a$

$23a = 69$

$a = 3$

20. When  $x^3 - 4x^2 + 3$  and  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 8x + 19$  are each divided by  $x - a$ , the remainders are equal. To the nearest tenth, the value of  $a$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Record your answer in the numerical response box from left to right.)

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$a^3 - 4a^2 + 3 = a^3 - 3a^2 - 8a + 19$

$0 = a^2 - 8a + 16$

$0 = (a-4)(a-4)$

$a = 4$

Answer Key

1. a)  $-409$       b)  $245$       2.  $p = -\frac{14}{3}, q = -\frac{5}{3}$       3.  $m = -3, n = 6$

4.  $4$       5. (i)  $1$       (ii)  $2$       (iii)  $6$       6.  $0$       7.  $a$  and  $d$

8.  $a = 6$       9.  $a = -3, b = -5$       10.  $(x+2)(x+1)(x-1)$

11.  $-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{2}$       12.  $a = -8, b = 12$        $(x+3)(x-1)(x+2)(x-2)$

13. a)  $-3$       b)  $\frac{23}{9}$       14.  $a = -1$  or  $a = 2$       15.  $D$       16.  $A$

17.  $D$       18.  $D$       19. 

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