

5.6 The Remainder and Factor Theorems  
Honors Algebra 2

1. If  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 2x^3 + 5x + 2$ , find  $f(4)$

a. Synthetic Substitution

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr}
 4 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\
 & & 12 & 40 & 160 & 660 \\
 \hline
 & 3 & 10 & 40 & 165 & 662
 \end{array}$$

$f(4) = 662$

b. Direct Substitution

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(4) &= 3(4)^4 - 2(4)^3 + 5(4) + 2 \\
 &= 3(256) - 2(64) + 20 + 2 \\
 &= 768 - 128 + 20 + 2 \\
 &= 662
 \end{aligned}$$

2. If  $g(x) = 4x^5 + 2x^3 + x^2 - 1$ , find  $g(-1)$

a. Synthetic Substitution

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr}
 -1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\
 & & -4 & 4 & -6 & 5 & -5 \\
 \hline
 & 4 & -4 & 6 & -5 & 5 & -6
 \end{array}$$

$g(-1) = -6$

b. Direct Substitution

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(-1) &= 4(-1)^5 + 2(-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 1 \\
 &= -4 - 2 + 1 - 1 \\
 &= -6
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Determine whether  $x - 5$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 7x + 15$ . Then find the remaining factors of the polynomial.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 5 & 1 & -7 & 7 & 15 \\
 & & 5 & -10 & -15 \\
 \hline
 & 1 & -2 & -3 & 0
 \end{array}$$

$x - 5$  is a factor

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3 - 7x^2 + 7x + 15 &= (x - 5)(x^2 - 2x - 3) \\
 &= (x - 5)(x - 3)(x + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Show that  $x - 2$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 4x + 12$ . Then find the remaining factors of the polynomial.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 2 & 1 & -7 & 4 & 12 \\
 & & 2 & -10 & -12 \\
 \hline
 & 1 & -5 & -6 & 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3 - 7x^2 + 4x + 12 &= (x - 2)(x^2 - 5x - 6) \\
 &= \boxed{(x - 2)(x - 6)(x + 1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

\* All zeros

$$x = 2, 6, -1$$

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5. Given that  $x + 2$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 3x + 2$ , find the remaining factors of the polynomial.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ & & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

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

zeros:  $x = -2, 1$  ← double zero

- and  $x = -1$  is a zero  
6. Give that  $x - 1$  is a factor of  $x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x - 3$ , find the remaining factors of the polynomial.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & -2 & -3 \\ & & 1 & 3 & 5 & 3 \\ \hline & 1 & 3 & 5 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x - 3 = (x-1)(x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 3)$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 3 \\ & & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$= \boxed{(x-1)(x+1)(x^2 + 2x + 3)}$$

↑  
prime

**Review**

Find each of the following:

- a. Maxima

$$(-2, 3) \text{ \& } (3, 3)$$

- b. Minima

$$(0, -2) \text{ \& } (3.5, -0.5)$$

- c. Zeros

$$(-3.75, 0) \quad (-1, 0) \quad (1.5, 0) \quad (3.25, 0)$$

- d. Smallest possible degree of the function  $(3.75, 0)$

$$x^5$$

- e. Sign of the leading coefficient

pos

- f. Domain

$$(-\infty, \infty)$$

- g. Range

$$(-\infty, \infty)$$

