

EXERCISE 2.1

Write the correct answer in each of the following:

1. Which one of the following is a polynomial?

(A) $\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2}$

(B) $\sqrt{2x} - 1$

(C) $x^2 + \frac{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\sqrt{x}}$

(D) $\frac{x-1}{x+1}$

Solution:

(C)

$$x^2 + \frac{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\sqrt{x}} = x^2 + 3x$$

Explanation:

(A)

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

The equation contains the term x^2 and $-2x^{-2}$.

Here, the exponent of x in second term = -2 , which is not a whole number.

Hence, the given algebraic expression is not a polynomial.

(B)

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

The equation contains the term $\sqrt{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$.

Here, the exponent of x in first term = $\frac{1}{2}$, which is not a whole number.

Hence, the given algebraic expression is not a polynomial.

(C)

$$x^2 + \frac{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\sqrt{x}} = x^2 + 3x$$

The equation contains the term x^2 and $3x$.

Here, the exponent of x in first term and second term = 2 and 1 respectively, which is a whole number.

Hence, the given algebraic expression is a polynomial.

(D)

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1}$$

The equation is a rational function.

Here, the given equation is not in the standard form of polynomial.

Hence, the given algebraic expression is not a polynomial.

Hence, option C is the correct answer

2. $\sqrt{2}$ is a polynomial of degree

- (A) 2
- (B) 0
- (C) 1
- (D) $\frac{1}{2}$

Solution:

(B) 0

Explanation:

$\sqrt{2}$ can be written as $\sqrt{2}x^0$

i.e., $\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}x^0$

Therefore, the degree of the polynomial = 0

Hence, option B is the correct answer

3. Degree of the polynomial $4x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^5 + 5x + 7$ is

- (A) 4
- (B) 5
- (C) 3
- (D) 7

Solution:

(A) 4

Explanation:

Degree of a polynomial = Highest power of the variable in a polynomial.

The highest power of variable x in the polynomial $4x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^5 + 5x + 7$ is 4.

Therefore, degree of the polynomial of $4x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^5 + 5x + 7 = 4$

Hence, option A is the correct answer

4. Degree of the zero polynomial is

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) Any natural number
- (D) Not defined

Solution:

(D) Not defined

Explanation:

Degree of a zero polynomial is not defined.

Hence, option D is the correct answer

5. If $p(x) = x^2 - 2\sqrt{2}x + 1$, then $p(2\sqrt{2})$ is equal to

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) $4\sqrt{2}$
- (D) $8\sqrt{2} + 1$

Solution:

(B) 1

Explanation:

According to the question,

$$p(x) = x^2 - 2\sqrt{2}x + 1$$

To get $p(2\sqrt{2})$,

We substitute $x = 2\sqrt{2}$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(2\sqrt{2}) &= (2\sqrt{2})^2 - (2\sqrt{2} \times (2\sqrt{2})) + 1 \\ &= (4 \times 2) - (4 \times 2) + 1 \\ &= 8 - 8 + 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, option B is the correct answer

6. The value of the polynomial $5x - 4x^2 + 3$, when $x = -1$ is

(A) -6

(B) 6

(C) 2

(D) -2

Solution:

(A) -6

Explanation:

According to the question,

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

To get $p(-1)$,

We substitute $x = -1$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(-1) &= 5(-1) - 4(-1)^2 + 3 \\ &= 5(-1) - 4(1) + 3 \\ &= -5 - 4 + 3 \\ &= -9 + 3 \\ &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, option A is the correct answer

7. If $p(x) = x + 3$, then $p(x) + p(-x)$ is equal to

(A) 3

(B) $2x$

(C) 0

(D) 6

Solution:

(D) 6

Explanation:

$$p(x) = x + 3$$

$$p(-x) = -x + 3$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) + p(-x) &= (x + 3) + (-x + 3) \\ &= x + 3 - x + 3 \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, option D is the correct answer

8. Zero of the zero polynomial is

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) Any real number
- (D) Not defined

Solution:

(C) Any real number

Explanation:

Zero polynomial is a constant polynomial whose coefficients are all equal to 0.

Zero of a polynomial is the value of the variable that makes the polynomial equal to zero.

Therefore, zero of the zero polynomial is any real number.

Hence, option C is the correct answer

9. Zero of the polynomial $p(x) = 2x + 5$ is

- (A) $-2/5$
- (B) $-5/2$
- (C) $2/5$
- (D) $5/2$

Solution:

(B) $-5/2$

Explanation:

Zero of the polynomial $\Rightarrow p(x) = 0$

$$p(x) = 0$$

$$2x + 5 = 0$$

$$2x = -5$$

$$x = -5/2$$

Hence, option B is the correct answer

10. One of the zeroes of the polynomial $2x^2 + 7x - 4$ is

- (A) 2
- (B) $1/2$
- (C) $-1/2$
- (D) -2

Solution:

(B) $1/2$

Explanation:

Zero of the polynomial $\Rightarrow p(x) = 0$

$$p(x) = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 7x - 4 = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 1x + 8x - 4 = 0$$

$$x(2x - 1) + 4(2x - 1) = 0$$

$$(x + 4)(2x - 1) = 0$$

Consider, $x + 4$

$$x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = -4$$

Consider, $2x - 1$

$$2x - 1 = 0$$

$$2x = 1$$

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

Hence, option B is the correct answer



Here, the power of $x = -1$, which is not a whole number, but a negative number.
Hence, $((x - 2)(x - 4))/x$ is not a polynomial

(vi)

$$\frac{1}{x + 1}$$

$$1/(x+1) = (x+1)^{-1}$$

Here, the power of x is not a whole number.

Hence, $1/(x+1)$ is not a polynomial

(vii)

$$\frac{1}{7}a^3 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}a^2 + 4a - 7$$

$$(1/7)a^3 - (2/\sqrt{3})a^2 + 4a - 7$$

Here, the power of a are 3, 2 and 1 respectively

3, 2 and 1 are all whole numbers.

Hence, $(1/7)a^3 - (2/\sqrt{3})a^2 + 4a - 7$ is a polynomial.

(viii)

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

$$1/2x = (x^{-1}/2)$$

Here, the power of $x = -1$, which is not a whole number, but a negative number.

Hence, $1/2x$ is not a polynomial

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1. Classify the following polynomials as polynomials in one variable, two variables etc.

(i) $x^2 + x + 1$

(ii) $y^3 - 5y$

(iii) $xy + yz + zx$

(iv) $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 1$

Solution:

(i) $x^2 + x + 1$

Here, the polynomial contains only one variable, i.e., x.

Hence, the given polynomial is a polynomial in **one** variable.

(ii) $y^3 - 5y$

Here, the polynomial contains only one variable, i.e., y.

Hence, the given polynomial is a polynomial in **one** variable.

(iii) $xy + yz + zx$

Here, the polynomial contains three variables, i.e., x, y and z.

Hence, the given polynomial is a polynomial in **three** variable.

(iv) $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 1$

Here, the polynomial contains two variables, i.e., x and y.

Hence, the given polynomial is a polynomial in **two** variable.

2. Determine the degree of each of the following polynomials:

(i) $2x - 1$

(ii) -10

(iii) $x^3 - 9x + 3x^5$

(iv) $y^3 (1 - y^4)$

Solution:

Degree of a polynomial in one variable = highest power of the variable in algebraic expression

(i) $2x - 1$

Power of x = 1

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 1

Hence, degree of the polynomial $2x - 1 = 1$

(ii) -10

There is no variable in the given term.

Let us assume that the variable in the given expression is x.

$-10 = -10x^0$

Power of x = 0

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 0

Hence, degree of the polynomial $-10 = 0$

(iii) $x^3 - 9x + 3x^5$

Powers of $x = 3, 1$ and 5 respectively.

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 5

Hence, degree of the polynomial $x^3 - 9x + 3x^5 = 5$

(iv) $y^3 (1 - y^4)$

The equation can be written as,

$$y^3 (1 - y^4) = y^3 - y^7$$

Powers of $y = 3$ and 7 respectively.

Highest power of the variable y in the given expression = 7

Hence, degree of the polynomial $y^3 (1 - y^4) = 7$

3. For the polynomial

$$\frac{x^3 + 2x + 1}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6, \text{ write}$$

(i) the degree of the polynomial

(ii) the coefficient of x^3

(iii) the coefficient of x^6

(iv) the constant term

Solution:

The given polynomial is

$$\frac{(x^3 + 2x + 1)}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6$$

(i) Powers of $x = 3, 1, 2$ and 6 respectively.

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 6

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 6

(ii) The given equation can be written as,

$$\frac{(x^3 + 2x + 1)}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6 = \frac{1}{5}x^3 + \frac{2}{5}x + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6$$

Hence, the coefficient of x^3 in the given polynomial is $1/5$.

(iii) The coefficient of x^6 in the given polynomial is -1

(iv) Since the given equation can be written as,

$$\frac{(x^3 + 2x + 1)}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6 = \frac{1}{5}x^3 + \frac{2}{5}x + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6$$

The constant term in the given polynomial is $1/5$ as it has no variable x associated with it.

4. Write the coefficient of x^2 in each of the following:

(i) $(\pi/6)x + x^2 - 1$

(ii) $3x - 5$

(iii) $(x - 1)(3x - 4)$

(iv) $(2x - 5)(2x^2 - 3x + 1)$

Solution:

(i) $(\pi/6)x + x^2 - 1$

$$(\pi/6)x + x^2 - 1 = (\pi/6)x + (1)x^2 - 1$$

The coefficient of x^2 in the polynomial $(\pi/6)x + x^2 - 1 = 1$.

(ii) $3x - 5$

$$3x - 5 = 0x^2 + 3x - 5$$

The coefficient of x^2 in the polynomial $3x - 5 = 0$, zero.

(iii) $(x - 1)(3x - 4)$

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

The coefficient of x^2 in the polynomial $3x^2 - 7x + 4 = 3$.

(iv) $(2x - 5)(2x^2 - 3x + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} (2x - 5)(2x^2 - 3x + 1) &= 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 10x^2 + 15x - 5 \\ &= 4x^3 - 16x^2 + 17x - 5 \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of x^2 in the polynomial $(2x - 5)(2x^2 - 3x + 1) = -16$

5. Classify the following as a constant, linear, quadratic and cubic polynomials:

(i) $2 - x^2 + x^3$

(ii) $3x^3$

(iii) $5t - \sqrt{7}$

(iv) $4 - 5y^2$

(v) 3

(vi) $2 + x$

(vii) $y^3 - y$

(viii) $1 + x + x^2$

(ix) t^2

(x) $\sqrt{2x} - 1$

Solution:

Constant polynomials: The polynomial of the degree zero.

Linear polynomials: The polynomial of degree one.

Quadratic polynomials: The polynomial of degree two.

Cubic polynomials: The polynomial of degree three.

(i) $2 - x^2 + x^3$

Powers of $x = 2$, and 3 respectively.

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 3

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 3

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 3 , it is a cubic polynomial.

(ii) $3x^3$

Power of $x = 3$.

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 3

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 3

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 3, it is a cubic polynomial.

(iii) $5t - \sqrt{7}$

Power of $t = 1$.

Highest power of the variable t in the given expression = 1

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 1

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 1, it is a linear polynomial.

(iv) $4 - 5y^2$

Power of $y = 2$.

Highest power of the variable y in the given expression = 2

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 2

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 2, it is a quadratic polynomial.

(v) 3

There is no variable in the given expression.

Let us assume that x is the variable in the given expression.

3 can be written as $3x^0$.

i.e., $3 = x^0$

Power of $x = 0$.

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 0

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 0

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 0, it is a constant polynomial.

(vi) $2 + x$

Power of $x = 1$.

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 1

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 1

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 1, it is a linear polynomial.

(vii) $y^3 - y$

Powers of $y = 3$ and 1, respectively.

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 3

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 3

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 3, it is a cubic polynomial.

(viii) $1 + x + x^2$

Powers of $x = 1$ and 2, respectively.

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 2

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 2

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 2, it is a quadratic polynomial.

(ix) t^2

Power of $t = 2$.

Highest power of the variable t in the given expression = 2

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 2

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 2, it is a quadratic polynomial.

(x) $\sqrt{2}x - 1$

Power of $x = 1$.

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 1

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 1

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 1, it is a linear polynomial.

6. Give an example of a polynomial, which is:

(i) monomial of degree 1

(ii) binomial of degree 20

(iii) trinomial of degree 2

Solution:

(i) Monomial = an algebraic expression that contains one term

An example of a polynomial, which is a monomial of degree 1 = $2t$

(ii) Binomial = an algebraic expression that contains two terms

An example of a polynomial, which is a binomial of degree 20 = $x^{20} + 5$

(iii) Trinomial = an algebraic expression that contains three terms

An example of a polynomial, which is a trinomial of degree 2 = $y^2 + 3y + 11$

7. Find the value of the polynomial $3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 5$, when $x = 3$ and also when $x = -3$.

Solution:

Given that,

$$p(x) = 3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 5$$

According to the question,

When $x = 3$,

$$p(x) = p(3)$$

$$p(x) = 3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 5$$

Substituting $x = 3$,

$$p(3) = 3(3)^3 - 4(3)^2 + 7(3) - 5$$

$$p(3) = 3(3)^3 - 4(3)^2 + 7(3) - 5$$

$$= 3(27) - 4(9) + 21 - 5$$

$$= 81 - 36 + 21 - 5$$

$$= 102 - 41$$

$$= 61$$

When $x = -3$,

$$p(x) = p(-3)$$

$$p(x) = 3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 5$$

Substituting $x = -3$,

$$p(-3) = 3(-3)^3 - 4(-3)^2 + 7(-3) - 5$$

$$p(-3) = 3(-3)^3 - 4(-3)^2 + 7(-3) - 5$$

$$= 3(-27) - 4(9) - 21 - 5$$

$$= -81 - 36 - 21 - 5$$

$$= -143$$

8. If $p(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$, evaluate: $p(2) - p(-1) + p(\frac{1}{2})$.

Given that,

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

According to the question,

When $x = 2$,

$$p(x) = p(2)$$

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

Substituting $x = 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(2) &= (2)^2 - 4(2) + 3 \\ &= 4 - 8 + 3 \\ &= -4 + 3 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

When $x = -1$,

$$p(x) = p(-1)$$

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

Substituting $x = -1$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(-1) &= (-1)^2 - 4(-1) + 3 \\ &= 1 + 4 + 3 \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

When $x = \frac{1}{2}$,

$$p(x) = p(\frac{1}{2})$$

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

Substituting $x = \frac{1}{2}$,

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} p(2) - p(-1) + p(\frac{1}{2}) &= -1 - 8 + (\frac{5}{4}) \\ &= -9 + (\frac{5}{4}) \\ &= \frac{-36 + 5}{4} \\ &= -\frac{31}{4} \end{aligned}$$

9. Find $p(0)$, $p(1)$, $p(-2)$ for the following polynomials:

(i) $(x) = 10x - 4x^2 - 3$

(ii) $(y) = (y + 2)(y - 2)$

Solution:

(i) According to the question,

$$p(x) = 10x - 4x^2 - 3$$

When $x = 0$,

$$p(x) = p(0)$$

Substituting $x = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(0) &= 10(0) - 4(0)^2 - 3 \\ &= 0 - 0 - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -3$$

When $x = 1$,

$$p(x) = p(1)$$

Substituting $x = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(1) &= 10(1) - 4(1)^2 - 3 \\ &= 10 - 4 - 3 \\ &= 6 - 3 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

When $x = -2$,

$$p(x) = p(-2)$$

Substituting $x = -2$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(-2) &= 10(-2) - 4(-2)^2 - 3 \\ &= -20 - 16 - 3 \\ &= -36 - 3 \\ &= -39 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) According to the question,

$$p(y) = (y + 2)(y - 2)$$

When $y = 0$,

$$p(y) = p(0)$$

Substituting $y = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(0) &= (0 + 2)(0 - 2) \\ &= (2)(-2) \\ &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

When $y = 1$,

$$p(y) = p(1)$$

Substituting $y = 1$,

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

When $y = -2$,

$$p(y) = p(-2)$$

Substituting $y = -2$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(-2) &= (-2 + 2)(-2 - 2) \\ &= (0)(-4) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

10. Verify whether the following are true or false:

(i) -3 is a zero of $x - 3$

(ii) $-1/3$ is a zero of $3x + 1$

(iii) $-4/5$ is a zero of $4 - 5y$

(iv) 0 and 2 are the zeroes of $t^2 - 2t$

(v) -3 is a zero of $y^2 + y - 6$

Solution:

(i) -3 is a zero of $x - 3$

False

Zero of $x - 3$ is given by,

$$x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

(ii) $-1/3$ is a zero of $3x + 1$

True

Zero of $3x + 1$ is given by,

$$3x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1/3$$

(iii) $-4/5$ is a zero of $4 - 5y$

False

Zero of $4 - 5y$ is given by,

$$4 - 5y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -5y = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4/5$$

(iv) 0 and 2 are the zeroes of $t^2 - 2t$

True

Zeros of $t^2 - 2t$ is given by,

$$t^2 - 2t = t(t - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 0 \text{ or } 2$$

(v) -3 is a zero of $y^2 + y - 6$

True

Zero of $y^2 + y - 6$ is given by,

$$y^2 + y - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 3y - 2y - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(y + 3) - 2(y + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 2)(y + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2 \text{ or } -3$$

11. Find the zeroes of the polynomial in each of the following:

(i) $p(x) = x - 4$

(ii) $g(x) = 3 - 6x$

(iii) $q(x) = 2x - 7$

(iv) $h(y) = 2y$

Solution:

(i) $p(x) = x - 4$

Zero of the polynomial $p(x) \Rightarrow p(x) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}P(x) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x - 4 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 4\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the zero of the polynomial is 4.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(ii) } g(x) &= 3 - 6x \\ \text{Zero of the polynomial } g(x) &\Rightarrow g(x) = 0 \\ g(x) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3 - 6x &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 3/6 = 1/2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the zero of the polynomial is $1/2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(iii) } q(x) &= 2x - 7 \\ \text{Zero of the polynomial } q(x) &\Rightarrow q(x) = 0 \\ q(x) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2x - 7 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 7/2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the zero of the polynomial is $7/2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(iv) } h(y) &= 2y \\ \text{Zero of the polynomial } h(y) &\Rightarrow h(y) = 0 \\ h(y) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the zero of the polynomial is 0

12. Find the zeroes of the polynomial:

$$p(x) = (x - 2)^2 - (x + 2)^2$$

Solution:

$$p(x) = (x - 2)^2 - (x + 2)^2$$

We know that,

$$\text{Zero of the polynomial } p(x) = 0$$

Hence, we get,

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2)^2 - (x + 2)^2 = 0$$

Expanding using the identity, $a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2 + x + 2)(x - 2 - x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x(-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -8x = 0$$

Therefore, the zero of the polynomial = 0

13. By actual division, find the quotient and the remainder when the first polynomial is divided by the second polynomial: $x^4 + 1$; $x - 1$

Solution:

Performing the long division method, we get,

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x-1 \overline{) x^4 + 1} \quad (x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \\
 \underline{x^4 - x^3} \\
 x^3 + 1 \\
 \underline{x^3 - x^2} \\
 x^2 + 1 \\
 \underline{x^2 - x} \\
 x + 1 \\
 \underline{x - 1} \\
 2
 \end{array}$$

Hence, from the above long division method, we get,
 Quotient = $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$
 Remainder = 2.

14. By Remainder Theorem find the remainder, when $p(x)$ is divided by $g(x)$, where

- (i) $p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 1$, $g(x) = x + 1$
- (ii) $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 50$, $g(x) = x - 3$
- (iii) $p(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 14x - 3$, $g(x) = 2x - 1$
- (iv) $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4$, $g(x) = 1 - 3/2 x$

Solution:

(i) Given $p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 1$ and $g(x) = x + 1$
 Here zero of $g(x) = -1$
 By using the remainder theorem
 $P(x)$ divided by $g(x) = p(-1)$
 $P(-1) = (-1)^3 - 2(-1)^2 - 4(-1) - 1 = 0$
 Therefore, the remainder = 0

(ii) given $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 50$, $g(x) = x - 3$
 Here zero of $g(x) = 3$
 By using the remainder theorem $p(x)$ divided by $g(x) = p(3)$
 $p(3) = 3^3 - 3 \times (3)^2 + 4 \times 3 + 50 = 62$
 Therefore, the remainder = 62

(iii) $p(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 14x - 3$, $g(x) = 2x - 1$
 Here zero of $g(x) = 1/2$
 By using the remainder theorem $p(x)$ divided by $g(x) = p(1/2)$
 $P(1/2) = 4(1/2)^3 - 12(1/2)^2 + 14(1/2) - 3$
 $= 4/8 - 12/4 + 14/2 - 3$
 $= 1/2 + 1$
 $= 3/2$

Therefore, the remainder = $3/2$

(iv) $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4$, $g(x) = 1 - 3/2 x$

Here zero of $g(x) = 2/3$

By using the remainder theorem $p(x)$ divided by $g(x) = p(2/3)$

$$p(2/3) = (2/3)^3 - 6(2/3)^2 + 2(2/3) - 4$$

$$= -136/27$$

Therefore, the remainder = $-136/27$

15. Check whether $p(x)$ is a multiple of $g(x)$ or not:

(i) $p(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x - 3$, $g(x) = x - 2$

(ii) $p(x) = 2x^3 - 11x^2 - 4x + 5$, $g(x) = 2x + 1$

Solution:

(i)

According to the question,

$$g(x) = x - 2,$$

Then, zero of $g(x)$,

$$g(x) = 0$$

$$x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

Therefore, zero of $g(x) = 2$

So, substituting the value of x in $p(x)$, we get,

$$p(2) = (2)^3 - 5(2)^2 + 4(2) - 3$$

$$= 8 - 20 + 8 - 3$$

$$= -7 \neq 0$$

Hence, $p(x)$ is not the multiple of $g(x)$ since the remainder $\neq 0$.

(ii)

According to the question,

$$g(x) = 2x + 1$$

Then, zero of $g(x)$,

$$g(x) = 0$$

$$2x + 1 = 0$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$x = -1/2$$

Therefore, zero of $g(x) = -1/2$

So, substituting the value of x in $p(x)$, we get,

$$p(-1/2) = 2 \times (-1/2)^3 - 11 \times (-1/2)^2 - 4 \times (-1/2) + 5$$

$$= -1/4 - 11/4 + 7$$

$$= 16/4$$

$$= 4 \neq 0$$

Hence, $p(x)$ is not the multiple of $g(x)$ since the remainder $\neq 0$.

16. Show that:

(i) $x + 3$ is a factor of $69 + 11x - x^2 + x^3$.

(ii) $2x - 3$ is a factor of $x + 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12$

Solution:

(i) According to the question,

Let $p(x) = 69 + 11x - x^2 + x^3$ and $g(x) = x + 3$

$$g(x) = x + 3$$

zero of $g(x) \Rightarrow g(x) = 0$

$$x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = -3$$

Therefore, zero of $g(x) = -3$

So, substituting the value of x in $p(x)$, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} p(-3) &= 69 + 11(-3) - (-3)^2 + (-3)^3 \\ &= 69 - 69 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since, the remainder = zero,

We can say that,

$g(x) = x + 3$ is factor of $p(x) = 69 + 11x - x^2 + x^3$

(ii) According to the question,

Let $p(x) = x + 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12$ and $g(x) = 2x - 3$

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

zero of $g(x) \Rightarrow g(x) = 0$

$$2x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = 3/2$$

Therefore, zero of $g(x) = 3/2$

So, substituting the value of x in $p(x)$, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} P(3/2) &= 3/2 + 2(3/2)^3 - 9(3/2)^2 + 12 \\ &= (81 - 81) / 4 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since, the remainder = zero,

We can say that,

$g(x) = 2x - 3$ is factor of $p(x) = x + 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12$

17. Determine which of the following polynomials has $x - 2$ a factor:

(i) $3x^2 + 6x - 24$.

(ii) $4x^2 + x - 2$.

Solution:

(i) According to the question,

Let $p(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 24$ and $g(x) = x - 2$

$$g(x) = x - 2$$

zero of $g(x) \Rightarrow g(x) = 0$

$$x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

Therefore, zero of $g(x) = 2$

So, substituting the value of x in $p(x)$, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} p(2) &= 3(2)^2 + 6(2) - 24 \\ &= 12 + 12 - 24 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since, the remainder = zero,

We can say that,

$g(x) = x - 2$ is factor of $p(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 24$

(ii) According to the question,

Let $p(x) = 4x^2 + x - 2$ and $g(x) = x - 2$

$g(x) = x - 2$

zero of $g(x) \Rightarrow g(x) = 0$

$x - 2 = 0$

$x = 2$

Therefore, zero of $g(x) = 2$

So, substituting the value of x in $p(x)$, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} p(2) &= 4(2)^2 + 2 - 2 \\ &= 16 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since, the remainder = zero,

We can say that,

$g(x) = x - 2$ is factor of $p(x) = 4x^2 + x - 2$

18. Show that $p - 1$ is a factor of $p^{10} - 1$ and also of $p^{11} - 1$.

Solution:

According to the question,

Let $h(p) = p^{10} - 1$, and $g(p) = p - 1$

zero of $g(p) \Rightarrow g(p) = 0$

$p - 1 = 0$

$p = 1$

Therefore, zero of $g(x) = 1$

We know that,

According to factor theorem if $g(p)$ is a factor of $h(p)$, then $h(1)$ should be zero

So,

$$h(1) = (1)^{10} - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow g(p)$ is a factor of $h(p)$.

Now, we have $h(p) = p^{11} - 1$, $g(p) = p - 1$

Putting $g(p) = 0 \Rightarrow p - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow p = 1$

According to factor theorem if $g(p)$ is a factor of $h(p)$,

Then $h(1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (1)^{11} - 1 = 0$$

Therefore, $g(p) = p - 1$ is the factor of $h(p) = p^{10} - 1$

19. For what value of m is $x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$ divisible by $x + 2$?

Solution:

According to the question,

Let $p(x) = x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$, and $g(x) = x + 2$

$g(x) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x + 2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = -2$

Therefore, zero of $g(x) = -2$

We know that,

According to factor theorem,

if $p(x)$ is divisible by $g(x)$, then the remainder $p(-2)$ should be zero.

So, substituting the value of x in $p(x)$, we get,

$$p(-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2)^3 - 2m(-2)^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 - 8 - 8m + 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8m = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1$$

20. If $x + 2a$ is a factor of $x^5 - 4a^2x^3 + 2x + 2a + 3$, find a .

Solution:

According to the question,

Let $p(x) = x^5 - 4a^2x^3 + 2x + 2a + 3$ and $g(x) = x + 2a$

$$g(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2a$$

Therefore, zero of $g(x) = -2a$

We know that,

According to the factor theorem,

If $g(x)$ is a factor of $p(x)$, then $p(-2a) = 0$

So, substituting the value of x in $p(x)$, we get,

$$p(-2a) = (-2a)^5 - 4a^2(-2a)^3 + 2(-2a) + 2a + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -32a^5 + 32a^5 - 2a + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2a = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3/2$$

EXERCISE 2.4

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1. If the polynomials $az^3 + 4z^2 + 3z - 4$ and $z^3 - 4z + a$ leave the same remainder when divided by $z - 3$, find the value of a .

Solution:

Zero of the polynomial,

$$g_1(z) = 0$$

$$z - 3 = 0$$

$$z = 3$$

Therefore, zero of $g(z) = -2a$

$$\text{Let } p(z) = az^3 + 4z^2 + 3z - 4$$

So, substituting the value of $z = 3$ in $p(z)$, we get,

$$p(3) = a(3)^3 + 4(3)^2 + 3(3) - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow p(3) = 27a + 36 + 9 - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow p(3) = 27a + 41$$

$$\text{Let } h(z) = z^3 - 4z + a$$

So, substituting the value of $z = 3$ in $h(z)$, we get,

$$h(3) = (3)^3 - 4(3) + a$$

$$\Rightarrow h(3) = 27 - 12 + a$$

$$\Rightarrow h(3) = 15 + a$$

According to the question,

We know that,

The two polynomials, $p(z)$ and $h(z)$, leaves same remainder when divided by $z - 3$

$$\text{So, } h(3) = p(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 15 + a = 27a + 41$$

$$\Rightarrow 15 - 41 = 27a - a$$

$$\Rightarrow -26 = 26a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1$$

2. The polynomial $p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - ax + 3a - 7$ when divided by $x + 1$ leaves the remainder 19. Find the values of a . Also find the remainder when $p(x)$ is divided by $x + 2$.

Solution:

$$p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - ax + 3a - 7.$$

$$\text{Divisor} = x + 1$$

$$x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = -1$$

So, substituting the value of $x = -1$ in $p(x)$, we get,

$$p(-1) = (-1)^4 - 2(-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 - a(-1) + 3a - 7.$$

$$19 = 1 + 2 + 3 + a + 3a - 7$$

$$19 = 6 - 7 + 4a$$

$$4a - 1 = 19$$

$$4a = 20$$

$$a = 5$$

Since, $a = 5$.

We get the polynomial,

$$p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - (5)x + 3(5) - 7$$

$$p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x + 15 - 7$$

$$p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x + 8$$

As per the question,

When the polynomial obtained is divided by $(x + 2)$,

We get,

$$x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

So, substituting the value of $x = -2$ in $p(x)$, we get,

$$p(-2) = (-2)^4 - 2(-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 - 5(-2) + 8$$

$$\Rightarrow p(-2) = 16 + 16 + 12 + 10 + 8$$

$$\Rightarrow p(-2) = 62$$

Therefore, the remainder = 62.

3. If both $x - 2$ and $x - \frac{1}{2}$ are factors of $px^2 + 5x + r$, show that $p = r$.

Solution:

Given, $f(x) = px^2 + 5x + r$ and factors are $x - 2$, $x - \frac{1}{2}$

$$g_1(x) = 0,$$

$$x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

Substituting $x = 2$ in place of equation, we get

$$f(x) = px^2 + 5x + r$$

$$f(2) = p(2)^2 + 5(2) + r = 0$$

$$= 4p + 10 + r = 0 \quad \dots \text{eq.(i)}$$

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

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

Substituting $x = \frac{1}{2}$ in place of equation, we get,

$$f(x) = px^2 + 5x + r$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + r = 0$$

$$= p/4 + 5/2 + r = 0$$

$$= p + 10 + 4r = 0 \quad \dots \text{eq(ii)}$$

On solving eq(i) and eq(ii),

We get,

$$4p + r = -10 \quad \text{and} \quad p + 4r = -10$$

Since the RHS of both the equations are same,

We get,

$$4p + r = p + 4r$$

$$3p = 3r$$

$$p = r.$$

Hence Proved.

4. Without actual division, prove that $2x^4 - 5x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 2$ is divisible by $x^2 - 3x + 2$.

[Hint: Factorise $x^2 - 3x + 2$]

Solution:

$$x^2 - 3x + 2$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 1x + 2$$

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

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

Therefore, $(x-2)(x-1)$ are the factors.

Considering $(x-2)$,

$$x-2=0$$

$$x=2$$

Then, $p(x)$ becomes,

$$p(x)=2$$

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

$$p(2)=2(2)^4-5(2)^3+2(2)^2-2+2$$

$$=32-40+8$$

$$= -40+40=0$$

Therefore, $(x-2)$ is a factor.

Considering $(x-1)$,

$$x-1=0$$

$$x=1$$

Then, $p(x)$ becomes,

$$p(x)=1$$

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

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

$$=2-5+2-1+2$$

$$=6-6$$

$$=0$$

Therefore, $(x-1)$ is a factor.