

1. Find without division, the remainder in each of the following:

(i) $5x^2 - 9x + 4$ is divided by $(x - 2)$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $5x^2 - 9x + 4$ is divided by $(x - 2)$

Let us assume $x - 2 = 0$, $x = 2$

Now, substitute the value of x in given expression,

$$\begin{aligned} &= 5 \times (2)^2 - (9 \times 2) + 4 \\ &= (5 \times 4) - 18 + 4 \\ &= 20 - 18 + 4 \\ &= 24 - 18 \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the remainder of the given expression is 6.

(ii) $5x^3 - 7x^2 + 3$ is divided by $(x - 1)$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $5x^3 - 7x^2 + 3$ is divided by $(x - 1)$

Let us assume $x - 1 = 0$, $x = 1$

Now, substitute the value of x in given expression,

$$\begin{aligned} &= 5 \times (1)^2 - 7 \times (1)^2 + 3 \\ &= (5 \times 1) - (7 \times 1) + 3 \\ &= 5 - 7 + 3 \\ &= 8 - 7 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the remainder of the given expression 1.

(iii) $8x^2 - 2x + 1$ is divided by $(2x + 1)$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $8x^2 - 2x + 1$ is divided by $(2x + 1)$

Let us assume $2x + 1 = 0$, $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

Now, substitute the value of x in given expression,

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

Therefore, the remainder of the given expression 4.

(iv) $x^3 + 8x^2 + 7x - 11$ is divided by $(x + 4)$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $x^3 + 8x^2 + 7x - 11$ is divided by $(x + 4)$

Let us assume $x + 4 = 0$, $x = -4$

Now, substitute the value of x in given expression,

$$\begin{aligned} &= (-4)^3 + 8(-4)^2 + 7(-4) - 11 \\ &= -64 + 8(-16) - 28 - 11 \\ &= -64 + 128 - 28 - 11 \\ &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the remainder of the given expression 25.

(v) $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 4$ is divided by $(2x - 3)$ **Solution:-**

From the question it is given that, $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 4$ is divided by $(x + 4)$

Let us assume $2x - 3 = 0$, $x = 3/2$

Now, substitute the value of x in given expression,

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2(3/2)^3 - 3(3/2)^2 + 6(3/2) - 4 \\ &= (2 \times 27/8) - 3(9/4) + (3 \times 3) - 4 \\ &= 27/4 - 27/4 + 9 - 4 \\ &= 9 - 4 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the remainder of the given expression 5.

2. Prove by factor theorem that,**(i) $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $2x^3 - 7x - 2$** **Solution:-**

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = 2x^3 - 7x - 2$

Let us assume, $x - 2 = 0$, $x = 2$

Then, substitute the value of x ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= 2(2)^3 - 7(2) - 2 \\ &= 2(8) - 14 - 2 \\ &= 16 - 14 - 2 \\ &= 16 - 16 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now it is clear that $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $2x^3 - 7x - 2$.

(ii) $(2x + 1)$ is a factor of $4x^3 + 12x^2 + 7x + 1$ **Solution:-**

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = 4x^3 + 12x^2 + 7x + 1$

Let us assume, $2x + 1 = 0$, $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

Then, substitute the value of x ,

$$\begin{aligned}f(-\frac{1}{2}) &= 4(-\frac{1}{2})^3 + 12(-\frac{1}{2})^2 + 7(-\frac{1}{2}) + 1 \\&= 4(-\frac{1}{8}) + 12(\frac{1}{4}) - \frac{7}{2} + 1 \\&= -\frac{1}{2} + 3 - \frac{7}{2} + 1 \\&= -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{7}{2} + 4 \\&= -\frac{8}{2} + 4 \\&= -4 + 4 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

Now it is clear that $(2x + 1)$ is a factor of $4x^3 + 12x^2 + 7x + 1$.

(iii) $(3x - 2)$ is a factor of $18x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 8$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = 18x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 8$

Let us assume, $3x - 2 = 0$, $x = \frac{2}{3}$

Then, substitute the value of x ,

$$\begin{aligned}f(\frac{2}{3}) &= 18(\frac{2}{3})^3 - 3(\frac{2}{3})^2 + 6(\frac{2}{3}) - 8 \\&= 18(\frac{8}{27}) - 3(\frac{4}{9}) + (2 \times 2) - 8 \\&= 2(\frac{8}{3}) - (\frac{4}{3}) + 4 - 8 \\&= \frac{16}{3} - \frac{4}{3} + 4 - 8 \\&= \frac{12}{3} + 4 - 8 \\&= 4 + 4 - 8 \\&= 8 - 8 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

Now it is clear that $(3x - 2)$ is a factor of $18x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 8$.

(iv) $(2x - 1)$ is a factor of $6x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 2$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = 6x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 2$

Let us assume, $2x - 1 = 0$, $x = \frac{1}{2}$

Then, substitute the value of x ,

$$\begin{aligned}f(\frac{1}{2}) &= 6(\frac{1}{2})^3 - (\frac{1}{2})^2 - 5(\frac{1}{2}) + 2 \\&= 6(\frac{1}{8}) - (\frac{1}{4}) - (\frac{5}{2}) + 2 \\&= 3(\frac{1}{4}) - (\frac{1}{4}) - \frac{5}{2} + 2 \\&= \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{2} + 2 \\&= \frac{2}{4} - \frac{5}{2} + 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1/2 - 5/2 + 2 \\ &= -4/2 + 2 \\ &= -2 + 2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now it is clear that $(2x - 1)$ is a factor of $6x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 2$.

(v) $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $5x^2 - 21x + 18$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = 5x^2 - 21x + 18$

Let us assume, $x - 3 = 0$, $x = 3$

Then, substitute the value of x ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(3) &= 5(3)^2 - 21(3) + 18 \\ &= 5(9) - 63 + 18 \\ &= 45 - 63 + 18 \\ &= 63 - 63 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now it is clear that $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $5x^2 - 21x + 18$.

3. Find the values of a and b in the polynomial $f(x) = 2x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 10$, if it is exactly divisible by $(x + 2)$ and $(2x - 1)$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that,

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 10$$

let us assume $x + 2 = 0$

$$x = -2$$

$$2x - 1 = 0$$

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

Now, substitute the value of x ,

$$x = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-2) &= 2(-2)^3 + a(-2)^2 + b(-2) + 10 = 0 \\ 2(-8) + a(4) - 2b + 10 &= 0 \\ -16 + 4a - 2b + 10 &= 0 \\ -6 + 4a - 2b &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Divide both side by 2 we get,

$$\begin{aligned} -6/2 + 4a/2 - 2b/2 &= 0 \\ -3 + 2a - b &= 0 \\ 2a &= b + 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$a = b/2 + 3/2 \quad \dots \text{ [equation (i)]}$$

Then,

$$f(1/2) = 2(1/2)^3 + a(1/2)^2 + b(1/2) + 10 = 0$$

$$2(1/8) + a(1/4) + b/2 + 10 = 0$$

$$1/4 + a/4 + b/2 + 10 = 0$$

Multiply by 4 for each terms we get,

$$1 + a + 2b + 40 = 0$$

$$41 + a + 2b = 0$$

$$a = -2b - 41 \quad \dots \text{ [equation (ii)]}$$

By combining both equation (i) and equation (ii) we get,

$$b/2 + 3/2 = -2b - 41$$

$$(b + 3)/2 = -2b - 41$$

$$b + 3 = -4b - 82$$

By transposing we get,

$$4b + b = -82 - 3$$

$$5b = -85$$

$$b = -85/5$$

$$b = -17$$

So, $a = -2b - 41$

$$= -2(-17) - 41$$

$$= 34 - 41$$

$$= -7$$

Therefore, the value of a is -7 and b is -17 .

4. Using remainder theorem, find the value of m if the polynomial $f(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 - mx + 6$ leaves a remainder $2m$ when divided by $(x - 1)$.

Solution:-

From the question it is given that,

$$f(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 - mx + 6$$

$$\text{Remainder} = 2m$$

Let us assume that $x - 1 = 0$, $x = 1$

Now, substitute the value of x in $f(x)$ we get,

$$f(1) = 1^3 + 5(1)^2 - m(1) + 6 = 2m$$

$$1 + 5 - m + 6 = 2m$$

$$6 - m + 6 = 2m$$

By transposing we get,

$$12 = 2m + m$$

$$12 = 3m$$

$$m = 12/3$$

$$m = 4$$

Therefore, the value of m is 4.

5. Find the value of m when $x^3 + 3x^2 - mx + 4$ is exactly divisible by $(x - 2)$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that,

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

Let us assume that $x - 2 = 0$, $x = 2$

Now, substitute the value of x in $f(x)$ we get,

$$f(2) = 2^3 + 3(2)^2 - m(2) + 4 = 0$$

$$8 + 3(4) - 2m + 4 = 0$$

$$8 + 12 - 2m + 4 = 0$$

$$24 - 2m = 0$$

By transposing we get,

$$24 = 2m$$

$$m = 24/2$$

$$m = 12$$

Therefore, the value of m is 12.

6. Find the values of p and q in the polynomial $f(x) = x^3 - px^2 + 14x - q$, if it is exactly divisible by $(x - 1)$ and $(x - 2)$.

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = x^3 - px^2 + 14x - q$

Let us assume that, $x - 1 = 0$, $x = 1$

$x - 2 = 0$, $x = 2$

Now, substitute the value of x in $f(x)$ we get,

$$f(1) = 1^3 - p(1)^2 + 14(1) - q = 0$$

$$1 - p + 14 - q = 0$$

$$15 - p - q = 0$$

$$p = 15 - q \quad \dots \text{ [equation (i)]}$$

Then, $f(2) = 2^3 - p(2)^2 + 14(2) - q = 0$

$$8 - 4p + 28 - q = 0$$

$$36 - 4p - q = 0$$

$$q = 36 - 4p \quad \dots \text{ [equation (ii)]}$$

So, substitute the value of q in equation (i) we get,

$$p = 15 - (36 - 4p)$$

$$p = 15 - 36 + 4p$$

By transposing we get,

$$36 - 15 = 4p - p$$

$$21 = 3p$$

$$p = 21/3$$

$$p = 7$$

Consider the equation (ii) to find the value of q,

$$q = 36 - 4(7)$$

$$q = 36 - 28$$

$$q = 8$$

Therefore, the value of p is 7 and q is 8.

7. Find the values of a and b when the polynomial $f(x) = ax^3 + 3x^2 + bx - 3$ is exactly divisible by $(2x + 3)$ and leaves a remainder -3 when divided by $(x + 2)$.

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = ax^3 + 3x^2 + bx - 3$

Remainder = -3

Let us assume that, $2x + 3 = 0$, $x = -3/2$

$x + 2 = 0$, $x = -2$

Now, substitute the value of x in f(x) we get,

$$f(-3/2) = a(-3/2)^3 + 3(-3/2)^2 + b(-3/2) - 3 = 0$$

$$a(-27/8) + 3(9/4) - b(3/2) - 3 = 0$$

$$a(-27/8) + (27/4) - 3 - b(3/2) = 0$$

$$a(-27/8) + (27 - 12)/4 - b(3/2) = 0$$

$$a(-27/8) + 15/4 - b(3/2) = 0$$

$$-27a + 30 - 12b = 0$$

$$27a = -12b + 30$$

Then,

$$f(-2) = a(-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 + b(-2) - 3 = -3$$

$$a(-8) + 3(4) - 2b - 3 = -3$$

$$-8a + 12 - 2b - 3 + 3 = 0$$

$$-4a + 6 - b = 0$$

$$b = 6 - 4a$$

... [equation (ii)]

By combining both equation (i) and equation (ii) we get,

$$27a = -12(6 - 4a) + 30$$

$$27a = -72 + 48a + 30$$

$$\begin{aligned}27a - 48a &= -42 \\ -21a &= -42 \\ a &= -42/-21 \\ a &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}b &= 6 - 4a \\ b &= 6 - 4(2) \\ b &= 6 - 8 \\ b &= -2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the value of a is 2 and b is -2.

8. Find the values of m and n when the polynomial $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + mx + n$ has a factor $(x + 2)$ and leaves a remainder 9 when divided by $(x + 1)$.

Solution:-

From the question it is given that,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + mx + n$$

Remainder = 9

Let us assume that, $x + 2 = 0$, $x = -2$

$$x + 1 = 0, x = -1$$

Now, substitute the value of x in f(x) we get,

$$f(-2) = (-2)^3 - 2(-2)^2 + m(-2) + n = 0$$

$$-8 - 8 - 2m + n = 0$$

$$-16 - 2m + n = 0$$

$$n = 2m + 16 \quad \dots \text{ [equation (i)]}$$

Then, $f(-1) = (-1)^3 - 2(-1)^2 + m(-1) + n = 9$

$$-1 - 2 - m + n = 9$$

$$-3 - m + n = 9$$

$$m = -3 - 9 + n$$

$$m = n - 12 \quad \dots \text{ [equation (ii)]}$$

Now, combining both equation (i) and equation (ii) we get,

$$n = 2(n - 12) + 16$$

$$n = 2n - 24 + 16$$

$$n = 2n - 8$$

$$2n - n = 8$$

$$n = 8$$

Consider the equation (ii) to find out the value of m,

$$m = n - 12$$

$$m = 8 - 12$$

$$m = -4$$

Therefore, the value of n is 8 and m is -4 .

9. Find the values of a and b when the polynomials $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x + a$ and $g(x) = 2x^2 + 5x + b$ both have a factor $(2x + 1)$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that,

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x + a$$

$$g(x) = 2x^2 + 5x + b$$

Let us assume $2x + 1 = 0$, $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

Now, substitute the value of x in $f(x)$ we get,

$$f(-\frac{1}{2}) = 2(-\frac{1}{2})^2 - 5(-\frac{1}{2}) + a = 0$$

$$2(1/4) + 5/2 + a = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + 5/2 + a = 0$$

$$6/2 + a = 0$$

$$3 + a = 0$$

$$a = -3$$

Then,

$$g(-\frac{1}{2}) = 2(-\frac{1}{2})^2 + 5(-\frac{1}{2}) + b = 0$$

$$2(1/4) - 5/2 + b = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - 5/2 + b = 0$$

$$-4/2 + b = 0$$

$$-2 + b = 0$$

$$b = 2$$

Therefore, the value of a is -3 and b is 2.

10. Find the values of a and b when the factors of the polynomial $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + x - a$ are $(x + 3)$ and $(2x - 1)$. Factorize the polynomial completely.

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + x - a$

Let us assume, $x + 3 = 0$, $x = -3$

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

Now, substitute the value of x in $f(x)$ we get,

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

$$-27a + 9b - 3 - a = 0$$

$$-28a + 9b - 3 = 0$$

By transposing we get,

$$-28a = -9b + 3$$

$$a = -9b/-28 + 3/-28$$

$$a = 9b/28 - 3/28 \quad \dots \text{ [equation (i)]}$$

Then, $f(\frac{1}{2}) = a(\frac{1}{2})^3 + b(\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2}) - a = 0$

$$a(1/8) + b(1/4) + \frac{1}{2} - a = 0$$

$$(a - 8a)/8 + b(1/4) + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$-7a/8 + b(\frac{1}{4}) + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$b(\frac{1}{4}) = -\frac{1}{2} + 7a/8$$

$$b = -4/2 + 28a/8$$

$$b = -2 + 7a/2 \quad \dots \text{ [equation (ii)]}$$

Now, combining equation (i) and equation (ii) we get,

$$a = 9/28 \times (7a/2 - 2) - 3/28$$

By simplification we get,

$$56a = 63a - 42$$

$$a = 6$$

Consider the equation (ii) to find out the value of b,

$$b = 7a/2 - 2$$

$$b = (7 \times 6)/2 - 2$$

$$b = 42/2 - 2$$

$$b = 21 - 2$$

$$b = 19$$

Substitute the value of a and b in f(x) we get,

$$f(x) = 6x^3 + 19x^2 + x - 6$$

Therefore, equation becomes $(x + 3)(2x - 1)(3x + 2) = 0$

11. What number should be subtracted from $x^2 + x + 1$ so that the resulting polynomial is exactly divisible by $(x - 2)$?

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$

Then, $x - 2 = 0$, $x = 2$

Let us assume the number should be subtracted from $x^2 + x + 1$ be b,

$$f(2) = 2^2 + 2 + 1 - b = 0$$

$$4 + 2 + 1 - b = 0$$

$$7 - b = 0$$

$$b = 7$$

Therefore, the number is 7.

12. What number should be added to $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 8$ so that the resulting polynomial is exactly divisible by $(x - 1)$?

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 8$

Then, $x - 1 = 0$, $x = 1$

Let us assume the number should be added to $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 8$ be b ,

$$f(1) = 2(1)^3 - 3(1)^2 + 7(1) - 8 + b = 0$$

$$2 - 3 + 7 - 8 + b = 0$$

$$9 - 11 + b = 0$$

$$-2 + b = 0$$

$$b = 2$$

Therefore, the number is 2.

13. What number should be subtracted from polynomial $f(x) 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 17$ so that the resulting polynomial is exactly divisible by $(2x - 5)$?

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 17$

Then, $2x - 5 = 0$, $x = 5/2$

Let us assume the number should be subtracted from $2x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 17$ be b ,

$$f(5/2) = 2(5/2)^3 - 5(5/2)^2 + 8(5/2) - 17 - b = 0$$

$$2(125/8) - 5(25/4) + 40/2 - 17 - b = 0$$

$$125/4 - 125/4 + 20 - 17 - b = 0$$

$$3 - b = 0$$

$$b = 3$$

Therefore, the number is 3.

14. What number should be added to polynomial $f(x) 12x^3 + 16x^2 - 5x - 8$ so that the resulting polynomial is exactly divisible by $(2x - 1)$?

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = 12x^3 + 16x^2 - 5x - 8$

Then, $2x - 1 = 0$, $x = 1/2$

Let us assume the number should be added to $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 8$ be b ,

$$f(1/2) = 12(1/2)^3 + 16(1/2)^2 - 5(1/2) - 8 + b = 0$$

$$12(1/8) + 16(1/4) - 5/2 - 8 + b = 0$$

$$3/2 + 4 - 5/2 - 8 + b = 0$$

$$-4 - 2/2 + b = 0$$

$$-4 - 1 + b = 0$$

$$-5 + b = 0$$

$$b = 5$$

Therefore, the number is 5.

15. Use the remainder theorem to find the factors of $(a - b)^3 + (b - c)^3 + (c - a)^3$

Solution:-

From the question it is given that, $f(x) = (a - b)^3 + (b - c)^3 + (c - a)^3$

We know the formula, $(a - b)^3 = a^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - b^3$... [equation (i)]

Let us assume that $a - b = 0$, $a = b$

Now substitute the above value in $f(x)$, we get,

$$f(x) = 0 + (a - c)^3 + (c - a)^3 = 0$$

$$(a - c)^3 - (a - c)^3 = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

Therefore, $(a - b)$ is a factor. ... [equation (ii)]

Again, $f(x) = 0 + (b^3 - 3b^2c + 3bc^2 - c^3) + (c^3 - 3c^2a + 3ca^2 - a^2)$

$$= -3b^2c + 3bc^2 - 3ca^2 + 3ca^2$$

$$= 3(-b^2c + bc^2 - ca^2 + ca^2)$$

So, now we put $b - c = 0$, $b = c$

Substitute the above value in $f(x)$, we get,

$$\text{Then, } f(b = c), 3((-c^2 \times c) + (c \times c^2) - (c \times c^2) + (c \times c^2)) = 0$$

Factors are $3(a - b)(b - c)$... [equation (iii)]

similarly if we put $c = a$,

$(c - a)$ is a factor ... [equation (iv)]

By combining equation (ii), equation (iii) and (iv), we get,

$$3(a - b)(b - c)(c - a).$$