

**Exercise 2.4****Page: 43****1. Determine which of the following polynomials has  $(x + 1)$  a factor:**

**(i)  $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$**

Solution:

Let  $p(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

The zero of  $x+1$  is  $-1$ . [ $x+1 = 0$  means  $x = -1$ ]

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

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

$$= 0$$

 $\therefore$  By factor theorem,  $x+1$  is a factor of  $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ 

**(ii)  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$**

Solution:

Let  $p(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

The zero of  $x+1$  is  $-1$ . [ $x+1 = 0$  means  $x = -1$ ]

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

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

$$= 1 \neq 0$$

 $\therefore$  By factor theorem,  $x+1$  is not a factor of  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ 

**(iii)  $x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 1$**

Solution:

Let  $p(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 1$

The zero of  $x+1$  is  $-1$ .

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

$$= 1 - 3 + 3 - 1 + 1$$

$$= 1 \neq 0$$

 $\therefore$  By factor theorem,  $x+1$  is not a factor of  $x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 1$ 

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

Solution:

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

The zero of  $x+1$  is  $-1$ .

$$p(-1) = (-1)^3 - (-1)^2 - (2 + \sqrt{2})(-1) + \sqrt{2} = -1 - 1 + 2 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  By factor theorem,  $x+1$  is not a factor of  $x^3-x^2-(2+\sqrt{2})x+\sqrt{2}$

**2. Use the Factor Theorem to determine whether  $g(x)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$  in each of the following cases:**

**(i)  $p(x) = 2x^3+x^2-2x-1$ ,  $g(x) = x+1$**

Solution:

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

$$g(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

$\therefore$  Zero of  $g(x)$  is  $-1$ .

Now,

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

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

$$= 0$$

$\therefore$  By factor theorem,  $g(x)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ .

**(ii)  $p(x)=x^3+3x^2+3x+1$ ,  $g(x) = x+2$**

Solution:

$$p(x) = x^3+3x^2+3x+1, g(x) = x+2$$

$$g(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x+2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2$$

$\therefore$  Zero of  $g(x)$  is  $-2$ .

Now,

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

$$= -8+12-6+1$$

$$= -1 \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  By factor theorem,  $g(x)$  is not a factor of  $p(x)$ .

**(iii)  $p(x)=x^3-4x^2+x+6$ ,  $g(x) = x-3$**

Solution:

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

$$g(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

$\therefore$  Zero of  $g(x)$  is 3.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} p(3) &= (3)^3 - 4(3)^2 + (3) + 6 \\ &= 27 - 36 + 3 + 6 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  By factor theorem,  $g(x)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ .

**3. Find the value of  $k$ , if  $x-1$  is a factor of  $p(x)$  in each of the following cases:**

**(i)  $p(x) = x^2 + x + k$**

Solution:

If  $x-1$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then  $p(1) = 0$

By Factor Theorem

$$\Rightarrow (1)^2 + (1) + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 1 + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -2$$

**(ii)  $p(x) = 2x^2 + kx + \sqrt{2}$**

Solution:

If  $x-1$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then  $p(1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2(1)^2 + k(1) + \sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + k + \sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -(2 + \sqrt{2})$$

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

Solution:

If  $x-1$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then  $p(1) = 0$

By Factor Theorem

$$\Rightarrow k(1)^2 - \sqrt{2}(1) + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \sqrt{2} - 1$$

**(iv)  $p(x) = kx^2 - 3x + k$**

Solution:

If  $x-1$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then  $p(1) = 0$

By Factor Theorem

$$\Rightarrow k(1)^2 - 3(1) + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k - 3 + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2k - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 3/2$$

#### 4. Factorise:

(i)  $12x^2 - 7x + 1$

Solution:

Using the splitting the middle term method,

We have to find a number whose sum = -7 and product =  $1 \times 12 = 12$

We get -3 and -4 as the numbers  $[-3 + -4 = -7$  and  $-3 \times -4 = 12]$

$$12x^2 - 7x + 1 = 12x^2 - 4x - 3x + 1$$

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

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

(ii)  $2x^2 + 7x + 3$

Solution:

Using the splitting the middle term method,

We have to find a number whose sum = 7 and product =  $2 \times 3 = 6$

We get 6 and 1 as the numbers  $[6 + 1 = 7$  and  $6 \times 1 = 6]$

$$2x^2 + 7x + 3 = 2x^2 + 6x + 1x + 3$$

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

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

(iii)  $6x^2 + 5x - 6$

Solution:

Using the splitting the middle term method,

We have to find a number whose sum = 5 and product =  $6 \times -6 = -36$

We get -4 and 9 as the numbers  $[-4 + 9 = 5$  and  $-4 \times 9 = -36]$

$$6x^2 + 5x - 6 = 6x^2 + 9x - 4x - 6$$

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

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

(iv)  $3x^2 - x - 4$

Solution:

Using the splitting the middle term method,

We have to find a number whose sum = -1 and product =  $3 \times -4 = -12$

We get -4 and 3 as the numbers  $[-4+3 = -1$  and  $-4 \times 3 = -12]$

$$3x^2 - x - 4 = 3x^2 - 4x + 3x - 4$$

$$= x(3x-4) + 1(3x-4)$$

$$= (3x-4)(x+1)$$

### 5. Factorise:

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

Solution:

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

Factors of 2 are  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm 2$

Now,

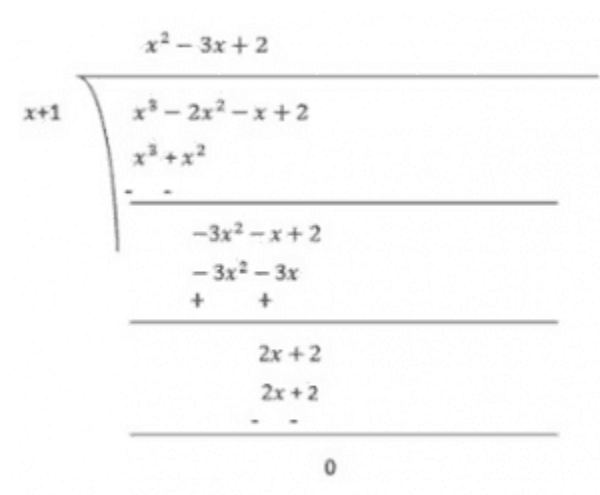
$$p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$$

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

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

$$= 0$$

Therefore,  $(x+1)$  is the factor of  $p(x)$



$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 3x + 2 \\
 x+1 \overline{) x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2} \\
 \underline{x^3 + x^2} \phantom{+ 2} \\
 -3x^2 - x + 2 \\
 \underline{-3x^2 - 3x} \phantom{+ 2} \\
 2x + 2 \\
 \underline{2x + 2} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Now, Dividend = Divisor  $\times$  Quotient + Remainder

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

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

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

(ii)  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5$

Solution:

Let  $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5$

Factors of 5 are  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm 5$

By the trial method, we find that

$p(5) = 0$

So,  $(x-5)$  is factor of  $p(x)$

Now,

$p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5$

$p(5) = (5)^3 - 3(5)^2 - 9(5) - 5$

$= 125 - 75 - 45 - 5$

$= 0$

Therefore,  $(x-5)$  is the factor of  $p(x)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + 2x + 1 \\
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 x-5 \overline{) x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5} \\
 \underline{x^3 - 5x^2} \phantom{- 9x - 5} \\
 - \phantom{x^3} + \phantom{- 9x - 5} \\
 \hline
 2x^2 - 9x - 5 \\
 \underline{2x^2 - 10x} \phantom{- 5} \\
 - \phantom{2x^2} + \phantom{- 5} \\
 \hline
 x - 5 \\
 \underline{x - 5} \\
 - \phantom{x} + \phantom{- 5} \\
 \hline
 0
 \end{array}$$

Now, Dividend = Divisor  $\times$  Quotient + Remainder

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

$= (x-5)(x(x+1)+1(x+1))$

$= (x-5)(x+1)(x+1)$

(iii)  $x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20$

Solution:

Let  $p(x) = x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20$

Factors of 20 are  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 5, \pm 10$  and  $\pm 20$

By the trial method, we find that

$p(-1) = 0$

So,  $(x+1)$  is factor of  $p(x)$

Now,

$$p(x) = x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20$$

$$p(-1) = (-1)^3 + 13(-1)^2 + 32(-1) + 20$$

$$= -1 + 13 - 32 + 20$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore,  $(x+1)$  is the factor of  $p(x)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + 12x + 20 \\
 \hline
 x+1 \overline{) x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20} \\
 \underline{x^3 + x^2} \phantom{+ 20} \\
 12x^2 + 32x + 20 \\
 \underline{12x^2 + 12x} \phantom{+ 20} \\
 20x + 20 \\
 \underline{20x + 20} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Now, Dividend = Divisor  $\times$  Quotient + Remainder

$$(x+1)(x^2 + 12x + 20) = (x+1)(x^2 + 2x + 10x + 20)$$

$$= (x+1)x(x+2) + 10(x+2)$$

$$= (x+1)(x+2)(x+10)$$

**(iv)  $2y^3 + y^2 - 2y - 1$**

Solution:

$$\text{Let } p(y) = 2y^3 + y^2 - 2y - 1$$

$$\text{Factors} = 2 \times (-1) = -2 \text{ are } \pm 1 \text{ and } \pm 2$$

By the trial method, we find that

$$p(1) = 0$$

So,  $(y-1)$  is factor of  $p(y)$

Now,

$$p(y) = 2y^3 + y^2 - 2y - 1$$

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

$$= 2 + 1 - 2$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore,  $(y-1)$  is the factor of  $p(y)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2y^2 + 3y + 1 \\
 \hline
 y-1 \overline{) 2y^3 + y^2 - 2y - 1} \\
 \underline{2y^3 - 2y^2} \phantom{- 1} \\
 3y^2 - 2y - 1 \\
 \underline{3y^2 - 3y} \phantom{- 1} \\
 y - 1 \\
 \underline{y - 1} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Now, Dividend = Divisor  $\times$  Quotient + Remainder

$$(y-1)(2y^2+3y+1) = (y-1)(2y^2+2y+y+1)$$

$$= (y-1)(2y(y+1)+1(y+1))$$

$$= (y-1)(2y+1)(y+1)$$