

## CHAPTER 2 POLYNOMIALS

### EXERCISE 2.3

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1. Determine which of the following polynomials has  $(x + 1)$  a factor:

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

Solution:

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

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:

$$\text{Let } p(x) = x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1$$

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,

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

$$= 27 - 36 + 3 + 6$$

$$= 0$$

∴ 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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{3}{2}$$

**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:

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

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  $p(x)$

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

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:

$$\text{Let } p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5$$

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  $p(x)$

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

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:

$$\text{Let } p(x) = x^3+13x^2+32x+20$$

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:

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

Factors =  $2 \times (-1) = -2$  are  $\pm 1$  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  $p(y)$

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

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

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

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

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