

2.5 FINDING REMAINING ZEROES OF A POLYNOMIAL IF SOME ARE GIVEN

VALUE OF A POLYNOMIAL:

The value of a polynomial $f(x)$ at $x = \alpha$ is obtained by substituting $x = \alpha$ in the given polynomial and is denoted by $f(\alpha)$.

For example: If $f(x) = 2x^3 - 13x^2 + 17x + 12$ then its value at $x = 1$ is

$$f(1) = 2(1)^3 - 13(1)^2 + 17(1) + 12 = 2 - 13 + 17 + 12 = 18.$$

ZEROS OR ROOTS OF A POLYNOMIAL:

A real number ' a ' is a zero of a polynomial $f(x)$, if $f(a) = 0$, Here ' a ' is called a root of the equation $f(x) = 0$.

Ex.10 Show that $x = 2$ is a root of $2x^3 + x^2 - 7x - 6$

Sol. $p(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 7x - 6$.

$$\text{Then, } p(2) = 2(2)^3 + (2)^2 - 7(2) - 6 = 16 + 4 - 14 - 6 = 0$$

Hence $x = 2$ is a root of $p(x)$.

Ex.11 If $x = \frac{4}{3}$ is a root of the polynomial $f(x) = 6x^3 - 11x^2 + kx - 20$ then find the value of k .

Sol. $f(x) = 6x^3 - 11x^2 + kx - 20$

$$f\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = 6\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3 - 11\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 + k\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) - 20 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6\left(\frac{64}{27}\right) - 11\left(\frac{16}{9}\right) + \frac{4k}{3} - 20 = 0 \Rightarrow 6\left(\frac{64}{27}\right) - 11\left(\frac{16}{9}\right) + \frac{4k}{3} - 20 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 128 - 176 + 12k - 180 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12k + 128 - 356 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12k = 228$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 19.$$

Ex.12 If $x = 2$ & $x = 0$ are roots of the polynomials $f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + ax + b$, then find the values of a and b .

Sol. $f(2) = 2(2)^3 - 5(2)^2 + a(2) + b = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 16 - 20 + 2a + b = 0 \Rightarrow 2a + b = 4 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = 2(0)^3 - 5(0)^2 + a(0) + b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = 4 \Rightarrow a = 2, b = 0.$$

FACTOR THEOREM:

Let $p(x)$ be a polynomial of degree greater than or equal to 1 and ' a ' be a real number such that $p(a) = 0$.

Then $(x - a)$ is a factor of $p(x)$. Conversely, if $(x - a)$ is a factor of $p(x)$, then $p(a) = 0$.

Ex.13 Show that $x + 1$ and $2x - 3$ are factors of $2x^3 - 9x^2 + x + 12$.

Sol. To prove that $(x + 1)$ and $(2x - 3)$ are factors of $p(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + x + 12$ it is sufficient to show that $p(-1)$ and $p\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ both are equal to zero.

$$p(-1) = 2(-1)^3 - 9(-1)^2 + (-1) + 12 = -2 - 9 - 1 + 12 = -12 + 12 = 0$$

$$\text{And } p\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 - 9\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 12$$

$$= \frac{27}{4} - \frac{81}{4} + \frac{3}{2} + 12 = \frac{27 - 81 + 6 + 48}{4} = \frac{-81 + 81}{4} = 0$$

Ex.14 Find α and β if $x + 1$ and $x + 2$ are factors of $p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 2\alpha x + \beta$.

Sol. $x + 1$ and $x + 2$ are the factor of $p(x)$.

$$\text{Then, } p(-1) = 0 \text{ \& } p(-2) = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore, } p(-1) = (-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 - 2\alpha(-1) + \beta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + 3 + 2\alpha + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = -2\alpha - 2 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$p(-2) = (-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 - 2\alpha(-2) + \beta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -8 + 12 + 4\alpha + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = -4\alpha - 4 \quad \dots(ii)$$

From equation (1) and (2)

$$-2\alpha - 2 = -4\alpha - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\alpha = -2 \Rightarrow \alpha = -1$$

$$\text{Put } \alpha = -1 \text{ equation (1)} \Rightarrow \beta = -2(-1) - 2 = 2 - 2 = 0.$$

$$\text{Hence } \alpha = -1, \beta = 0$$

Ex.15 What must be added to $3x^3 + x^2 - 22x + 9$ so that the result is exactly divisible by $3x^2 + 7x - 6$.

Sol. Let $p(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 - 22x + 9$ and $q(x) = 3x^2 + 7x - 6$

We know if $p(x)$ is divided by $q(x)$ which is quadratic polynomial then the remainder be $r(x)$ and degree of $r(x)$ is less than $q(x)$ or Divisor.

\therefore By long division method

Let we added $ax + b$ (linear polynomial) in $p(x)$, so that $p(x) + ax + b$ is exactly divisible by $3x^2 + 7x - 6$.

$$\text{Hence, } p(x) + ax + b = s(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 - 22x + 9 + ax + b = 3x^3 + x^2 x(22 - a) + (9 + b).$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \quad \quad \quad x - 2 \\
3x^2 + 7x - 6 \overline{) 3x^3 + x^2 - x(22 - a) + 9 + b} \\
\underline{- 3x^3 \pm 7x^2 + - 6x} \\
- 6x^2 + 6x - (22 - a)x + 9 + b \\
\underline{- 6x^2 x(-16 + a) + 9 + b} \\
+ - 6x^2 + - 14x \pm 12 \\
\hline
x(-2 + a) + (b - 3) = 0
\end{array}$$

$$\text{Hence, } x(a - 2) + b - 3 = 0. \quad x + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a - 2 = 0 \text{ \& } b - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2 \text{ and } b = 3$$

Hence if in $p(x)$ we added $2x + 3$ then it is exactly divisible by $3x^2 + 7x - 6$.

Ex.16 What must be subtracted from $x^3 - 6x^2 - 15x + 80$ so that the result is exactly divisible by $x^2 + x - 12$.

Sol. Let $ax + b$ be subtracted from $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 15x + 80$ so that it is exactly divisible by $x^2 + x - 12$.

$$\therefore s(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 15x + 80 - (ax + b)$$

$$= x^3 - 6x^2 - (15 + a)x + (80 - b)$$

Dividend = Divisor \times quotient + remainder

But remainder will be zero.

$$\therefore \text{Dividend} = \text{Divisor} \times \text{quotient}$$

$$\Rightarrow s(x) = (x^2 + x - 12) \times \text{quotient}$$

$$\Rightarrow s(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - (15 + a)x + (80 - b)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-7 \\ x^2+x-12 \overline{) x^3-6x^2-x(15+a)+80-b} \\ \underline{-x^3+x^2+12x} \\ -7x^2+12x-(15+a)x+80-b \\ \underline{-7x^2+(-3-a)x+80-b} \\ 7x^2+7x \\ \underline{ 7x} \\ x(4-a)+(-4-b)=0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Hence, } x(4-a) + (-4-b) = 0 \cdot x + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - a = 0 \text{ \& } (-4 - b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4 \text{ and } b = -4$$

Hence, if in $p(x)$ we subtract $4x - 4$ then it is exactly divisible by $x^2 + x - 12$.

Ex.17 Using factor theorem, factorize : $p(x) = 2x^4 - 7x^3 - 13x^2 + 63x - 45$.

Sol. $45 \Rightarrow \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 9, \pm 15, \pm 45$

If we put $x = 1$ in $p(x)$

$$p(1) = 2(1)^4 - 7(1)^3 - 13(1)^2 + 63(1) - 45$$

$$p(1) = 2 - 7 - 13 + 63 - 45 = 65 - 65 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \text{ or } x - 1 \text{ is a factor of } p(x).$$

Similarly if we put $x = 3$ in $p(x)$

$$p(3) = 2(3)^4 - 7(3)^3 - 13(3)^2 + 63(3) - 45$$

$$p(3) = 162 - 189 - 117 + 189 - 45 = 162 - 162 = 0$$

Hence, $x = 3$ or $(x - 3) = 0$ is the factor of $p(x)$.

$$p(x) = 2x^4 - 7x^3 - 13x^2 + 63x - 45$$

$$\therefore p(x) = 2x^3(x - 1) - 5x^2(x - 1) - 18x(x - 1) + 45(x - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = (x - 1)(2x^3 - 5x^2 - 18x + 45)$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = (x - 1)(2x^3 - 5x^2 - 18x + 45)$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = (x - 1)[2x^2 - (x - 3) + x(x - 3) - 15(x - 3)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow p(x) &= (x-1)(x-3)(2x^2+x-15) \\
\Rightarrow p(x) &= (x-1)(x-3)(2x^2+6x-5x-15) \\
\Rightarrow p(x) &= (x-1)(x-3)[2x(x+3)-5(x+3)] \\
\Rightarrow p(x) &= (x-1)(x-3)(x+3)(2x-5).
\end{aligned}$$

REMAINDER THEOREM :

Let $p(x)$ be any polynomial of degree greater than or equal to one and 'a' be any real number. If $p(x)$ is divided by $x-a$, then the remainder is equal to $p(a)$.

Let $q(x)$ be the quotient and $r(x)$ be the remainder when $p(x)$ is divided by $(x-a)$, then

$$\text{Dividend} = \text{Divisor} \times \text{Quotient} + \text{Remainder}$$

Ex.18 Find the remainder when $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4$ is divided by $g(x) = 1 - 2x$.

Sol. $1 - 2x = 0 \Rightarrow 2x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 4 = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3}{2} + 1 - 4 = \frac{1-12+8-32}{8} = -\frac{35}{8}$$

Ex.19 Apply division algorithm to find the quotient $q(x)$ and remainder $r(x)$ on dividing $f(x) = 10x^4 + 17x^3 - 62x^2 + 30x - 3$ by $b(x) = 2x^2 - x + 1$.

Sol.

$$\begin{array}{r}
5x^2 + 11x - 28 \\
2x^2 - x + 1 \overline{) 10x^4 + 17x^3 - 62x^2 + 30x - 3} \\
\underline{-10x^4 + 5x^3 + 5x^2} \\
22x^3 - 67x^2 + 30x - 3 \\
\underline{-22x^3 + 11x^2 + 11x} \\
-56x^2 + 19x - 3 \\
\underline{+56x^2 - 28x - 28} \\
-9x + 25
\end{array}$$

So, quotient $q(x) = 5x^2 + 11x - 28$ and remainder $r(x) = -9x + 25$.

Now, dividend = Quotient \times Divisor + Remainder

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (5x^2 + 11x - 28)(2x^2 - x + 1) + (-9x + 25) \\
&= 10x^4 - 5x^3 + 5x^2 + 22x^3 - 11x^2 + 11x - 56x^2 + 28x - 28 - 9x + 25 \\
&= 10x^4 + 17x^3 - 62x^2 + 30x - 3
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the division algorithm is verified.

Ex.20 Find all the zeros of the polynomial $f(x) = 2x^4 - 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 3x + 6$, if two of its zeros are $-\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$ and $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$.

Sol. Since $-\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$ and $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$ are zeros of $f(x)$.

Therefore, $\left(x + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\right)\left(x - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\right) = \left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{2x^2 - 3}{2}$ or $2x^2 - 3$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{x^2-x-2} \\
 2x^2-3 \overline{) 2x^4-2x^3-7x^2+3x+6} \\
 \underline{-2x^4 } \\
 -2x^3-4x^2+3x+6 \\
 \underline{+2x^3 } \\
 -4x^2+6 \\
 \underline{-4x^2+6} \\
 + - \\
 \hline
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore 2x^4 - 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 3x + 6 = (2x^2 - 3)(x^2 - x - 2)$$

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

$$= 2 \left(x + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \left(x - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \right) (x - 2)(x + 1)$$

So, the zeros are $-\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, 2, -1$