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Integrated Algebra 2 and Precalculus

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Polynomial Division and Roots

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Instructions: Answer all questions to the best of your ability. Show all your work in the space provided for full credit.

1. Find a constant c such that there is no remainder when $x^3 + cx^2 + 4x - 21$ is divided by $x - 3$. (8)

Hint: You may use the Remainder Theorem or polynomial long division.

$$(3)^3 + c(3)^2 + 4(3) - 21 = 0 \quad (c = -2)$$
$$27 + 9c + 12 - 21 = 0$$
$$9c = -18$$

2. Find the quotient and remainder when $x^4 - 23x^3 + 11x^2 + 14x + 20$ is divided by $x + 5$. (10)

Hint: Consider using synthetic division for this problem.

The synthetic division diagram shows the process of dividing $x^4 - 23x^3 + 11x^2 + 14x + 20$ by $x + 5$. The quotient is $x^3 - 28x^2 + 151x - 741$ and the remainder is 3725.

3. Find the quotient and remainder when $x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 + 7x - 1$ is divided by $2 - x$. (8)

Hint: Rewrite the divisor in standard form first.

The synthetic division diagram shows the process of dividing $x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 + 7x - 1$ by $2 - x$. The quotient is $x^3 - 5x^2 - 9x - 25$ and the remainder is 49.

Q: $x^3 - 5x^2 - 9x - 25$
R: 49

4. Find all roots of the following polynomial:

$$g(y) = 12y^3 - 28y^2 - 9y + 10$$

Hint: Look for rational roots first using the Rational Root Theorem.

$$\begin{aligned} & 10 \pm 1, 2, 5 \\ & 12 \pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 \\ & -1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/6 \\ & 2, 2/3, \\ & 5, 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/6 \end{aligned}$$

5. When $y^2 + my + 2$ is divided by $y - 1$, the quotient is $f(y)$ and the remainder is R_1 . When $y^2 + my + 2$ is divided by $y + 1$, the quotient is $g(y)$ and the remainder is R_2 . If $R_1 = R_2$, then find m .

Hint: Use the Remainder Theorem to find expressions for R_1 and R_2 .

$$R_1 = (1)^2 + m(1) + 2 = m + 3$$

$$R_2 = (-1)^2 + m(-1) + 2 = -m + 3$$

$$m + 3 = -m + 3$$

$$2m = 0$$

$$m = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & y = \frac{5}{2} \\ & y = \frac{1}{2} \\ & y = -\frac{2}{3} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} & 96 - 112 - 18 + 10 \times \\ & 1500 - 700 - 45 + 10 \times \\ & 12 \frac{125}{8} - 28 \frac{25}{4} - 9 \frac{5}{2} + 10 = 1,5(125) - 7(25) - 5(5) + 10 \\ & y = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+192}}{24} = \frac{1}{24} \pm \frac{\sqrt{196}}{24} = \frac{1}{24} \pm \frac{14}{24} = \frac{15}{24} / \frac{11}{24} \end{aligned}$$

6. Suppose $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ are the quotient and remainder, respectively, when the polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by the polynomial $d(x)$. Show that if $x = a$ is a root of $d(x)$, then $r(a) = f(a)$. (10)

Hint: Use the division algorithm for polynomials.

$$\text{if } f(x) = q(x)d(x) + r(x)$$

If $x = a$ is a root of $d(x)$, then

$$f(a) = q(a)d(a) + r(a) \Rightarrow f(a) = q(a) \cdot 0 + r(a) \Rightarrow f(a) = r(a)$$

7. Find all roots of each of the following polynomials:

$$(a) f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 11x + 30 \rightarrow x_1 = 2, x_2 = 3, x_3 = 5, x_4 = -3$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 125 - 4(25) - 11(25) + 30 \\ & 8 - 4(4) - 11(4) + 30 \\ & -27 - 13(-3) + 33 + 30 \end{aligned}$$

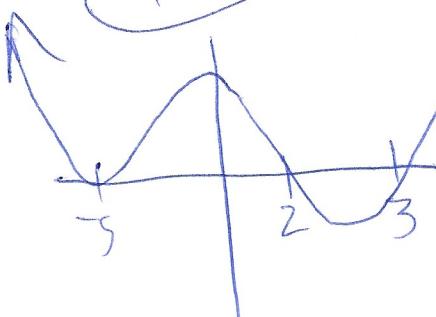
$$(b) g(t) = t^4 + 5t^3 - 19t^2 - 65t + 150$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 16 + 24 - 76 - 130 + 150 \times \\ & 81 + 135 - 171 - 195 + 150 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 3$$

$$x = 2$$

$$x = -5$$



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

$$x = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{100-160}}{2} = -5$$

$$\begin{aligned} & x^4 + 5x^3 - 19x^2 - 65x + 150 \\ & -(x^4 - 3x^3) \\ & 28x^3 - 17x^2 - 65x + 150 \\ & 8x^3 + 10 - 50 \\ & -8x^3 - 24x^2 \\ & 5x^2 - 6x + 50 \\ & -(5x^2 - 15x) \\ & 15x - 50 \\ & -15x + 50 \\ & 25x - 50 \\ & -(25x - 50) \end{aligned}$$

8. Find the remainder when $x^{100} - 4x^{50} + 5x + 6$ is divided by $x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$. (10)

Hint: Can you factor the cubic? Try factoring x^3 out of the first two terms. Can you then factor further?

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x^{100} - 4x^{50} + 5x + 6}{(x-1)(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{x^{100} - 4x^{50} + 5x + 6}{x-1} \Big|_{x=2} \\ & \frac{(x^{100} - 4x^{50} + 5x + 6) - (x^{100} - 4x^{50})}{x-2} = \frac{5x + 6}{x+1} \Big|_{x=1} \\ & \frac{5(x^{99} - 4x^{49})}{x+1} \end{aligned}$$

no answer

correct answer*, insufficient reasoning

9. Suppose that $f(x)$ is a polynomial with integer coefficients such that $f(2) = 3$ and $f(7) = -7$. Show that $f(x)$ has no integer roots. (8)

Hint: Note that 3 and -7 are both odd.

Hint: Is it possible for $f(0)$ to be even?

if a polynomial ~~divided by~~ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ at an even x is odd, the constant is odd since all powers of x are even, and subsequently all terms, leaving only the constant to be odd. Thus, $f(0)$ is odd, because $f(2)$ is odd,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x-1)g(x) \\ f(0) &\neq 0 \\ f(1) &= (1-1)g(x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

For odd values of x , the poly of $f(x)$ still remains odd, indicating that all non-constant terms summate to an even value for all x , and that $f(x)$ is subsequently odd because of the odd constant.

Since $f(x)$ is always odd at integer x , it will never be 0, and $f(x)$ thus has no integer roots.

10. How can we quickly tell that $x - 1$ is a factor of $x^5 + 6x^4 - 7x^3 + 2x^2 - 2$ without performing the long division? (8)

Hint: Use the Factor Theorem.

$$\begin{array}{c} f(a) \text{ is the remainder of } f(x) \\ \cancel{x^5 + 6x^4 - 7x^3 + 2x^2 - 2} \\ x = 1 \end{array}$$

$a = 1$
 $f(1) = 1 + 6(1) - 7(1) + 2(1) - 2 = 0$
 Since the remainder is 0, it is divisible by $x - 1$.

11. Find the quotient and remainder for the following polynomial division: (10)

$$x^2 - 19x + 17 \text{ divided by } x + 7$$

Hint: Use polynomial long division or synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rr} x+7 & -19 & +17 \\ \hline & -7 & 182 \\ \hline & 1 & -26 & 199 \end{array}$$

~~$x-26 + \frac{199}{x+7}$~~

Quotient: $x-26$ Remainder: 199

12. Teresa divides $3x^4 + 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 4x - 1$ by $x + 2$ and gets a quotient of $3x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 2$ and a remainder of 5. How can Teresa quickly realize that she made a mistake without performing the division again, and without multiplying $x + 2$ by the quotient? (12)

Hint: Use the Remainder Theorem to check her work.

The remainder is $3(-2)^4 + 2(-2)^3 - 7(-2)^2 + 4(-2) - 1$
 $= 3(16) + 2(-8) - 7(4) + 4(-2) - 1$
 $= 48 - 16 - 28 - 8 - 1$
 $= 48 - 53 = -5$

So she is incorrect.

13. The polynomial $p(x) = 3x^3 - 20x^2 + kx + 12$ is divisible by $x - 3$ for some constant k . (8)
 Factor $p(x)$ completely.

Hint: Use the Factor Theorem to find k first, then factor completely.

Divisible if

$$p(3) = 0$$

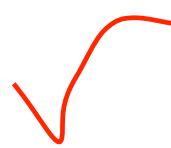
$$3(3)^3 - 20(3)^2 + k(3) + 12 = 0$$

$$81 - 180 + 3k + 12 = 0$$

$$-87 + 3k = 0$$

$$3k = 87$$

$$k = 29$$



1, 2, 3, 9, 6

$$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$3x^3 - 20x^2 + 29x + 12$$

$$(x-3)(3x^2 - 11x - 4x)$$

$$29 - 80 + 29 + 12 \times \\ 81 - 180 +$$

$$x = \frac{11 \pm \sqrt{121+48}}{6} = \frac{11 \pm 13}{6} = \left\{-\frac{1}{3}, 4, 3\right\}$$

$$(x-3)\left(x+\frac{1}{3}\right)(x-4)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ \hline 3 \Big| 3 \quad -20 \quad 29 \quad | \quad 12 \\ \quad \quad \quad 9 \quad -33 \quad | \quad -12 \\ \quad \quad \quad 3 \quad -11 \quad -4 \quad | \quad 0 \end{array}$$

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