

# Connections to Root-Finding Notes

1/ Page 11: Monomials with negative coefficients  
 $y \sim x^{-\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\alpha \frac{y}{x}$

2/ Page 13: Order 3 (at the bottom).  $p_3'''(0) = f'''(0) = 1$

3/ Page 18: Imaginary root  $a+ib$ . Complex root ✓

4/ Page 19: If  $f(x)$  is exactly divisible by  $(x-a)^2 + b^2$   
 then it is also divisible by its factors,  
 $(x-a+ib)$  and  $(x-a-ib) \Rightarrow$  Complex conjugates.

5/ Page 23: Last Row.  $a = 1.1328$ ,  $f(a) = -0.0196$ .  
 $c = 1.1338$ ,  $f(c) = -0.0095$ .  $f(a)f(c) > 0$ . Set  $a=c$ .

6/ Page 24: At  $x=x_0$  (not  $x=0$ ), the first-order  
 Taylor polynomial is  $p_1(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0)$

7/ Page 31: If  $w = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ , then its complex  
 conjugate is  $w^* = \cos\theta - i\sin\theta$ .  $\cos\theta = -1/2$  and  $\sin\theta = \sqrt{3}/2$ .

8/ Page 39: The third root is  $yw^2 + zw$  ( $y=5, z=1$ ).  
 $\therefore x_3 = yw^2 + zw = 5\left(\frac{-1-\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right) + 1\left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right) = -3-2\sqrt{3}i$

9/ Page 43: Factorising  $2k^3 + 5k^2 - 4k - 7 = 0$  ~~1018~~  
 $\Rightarrow 2k^3 + 2k^2 + 3k^2 + 3k - 7k - 7 = 0 \Rightarrow (k+1)(2k^2 + 3k - 7) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2k^2(k+1) + 3k(k+1) - 7(k+1) = 0 \Rightarrow k = -1$

10/ Page 47: Factorising  $k^6 - 4k^4 + 16k^2 - 64 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow k^4(k^2 - 4) + 16(k^2 - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow (k^2 - 4)(k^4 + 16) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow k = \pm 2$