

## Exercise 5.3

**Q.1 Use the remainder theorem to find the remainder when**

(i)  $3x^3 - 10x^2 + 13x - 6$  is divided by  $(x - 2)$ .

**Solution:**

$$P(x) = 3x^3 - 10x^2 + 13x - 6$$

Since  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x - 2)$ .

$$\therefore P(2) = R$$

$$R = 3(2)^3 - 10(2)^2 + 13(2) - 6$$

$$= 3(2)^3 - 10(2)^2 + 13(2) - 6$$

$$= 24 - 40 + 26 - 6$$

$$R = 4$$

Hence 4 is the remainder

(ii)  $4x^3 - 4x + 3$  is divided by  $(2x - 1)$

**Solution:**

$$P(x) = 4x^3 - 4x + 3$$

Since  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(2x - 1)$

$$\therefore R = P\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= 4\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]^3 - 4 \times \frac{1}{2} + 3$$

$$= 4 \times \frac{1}{8} - 2 + 3$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - 2 + 3$$

$$= \frac{1 - 4 + 6}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$R = \frac{3}{2}$$

Hence  $\frac{3}{2}$  is the remainder

(iii)  $6x^4 + 2x^3 - x + 2$  is divided by  $(x + 2)$  from  $x + 2 = 0$

**Solution:** Given that

$$P(x) = 6x^4 + 2x^3 - x + 2$$

Since  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x + 2)$

$$\therefore R = P(-2)$$

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

$$= 96 - 16 + 2 + 2$$

$$R = 84$$

Hence 84 is the remainder

(iv)  $(2x - 1)^3 + 6(3 + 4x)^2 - 10$  is divided by  $2x + 1$  from  $2x + 1 = 0$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

**Solution:** Given that

$$P(x) = (2x - 1)^3 + 6(3 + 4x)^2 - 10$$

Since  $P(x)$  is divided by  $2x + 1$

$$\therefore R = P\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left[2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - 1\right]^3 + 6\left[3 + 4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]^2 - 10$$

$$= [-1 - 1]^3 + 6[3 - 2]^2 - 10$$

$$= [-2]^3 + 6 - 10 = -8 + 6 - 10$$

$$R = -12$$

Hence -12 is the remainder

(v)  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 14$  is divided by  $(x + 2)$  from  $x + 2 = 0, x = -2$

**Solution:** Given that

$$P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 14$$

Since  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x + 2)$

$$\therefore R = P(-2)$$

$$= (-2)^3 - 3(-2)^2 + 4(-2) - 14$$

$$= -8 - 12 - 8 - 14$$

$$R = -42$$

Hence -42 is the remainder

## Q.2

(i) If  $(x+2)$  is a factor of  $3x^2 - 4kx - 4k^2$  then find the values of  $k$   $x+2=0$   $x=-2$

**Solution: Given that**

$$P(x) = 3x^2 - 4kx - 4k^2$$

$$P(-2) = 3(-2)^2 - 4k(-2) - 4k^2$$

$$P(-2) = 12 + 8k - 4k^2$$

If  $(x+2)$  is the factor then remainder is equal to zero

$$P(-2) = 0$$

$$12 + 8k - 4k^2 = 0$$

$$4(3 + 2k - k^2) = 0$$

$$-k^2 + 2k + 3 = \frac{0}{4}$$

$$-k^2 + 3k - k + 3 = 0$$

$$-k(k-3) - 1(k-3) = 0$$

$$(k-3)(-k-1) = 0$$

$$k-3 = 0 \quad -k-1 = 0$$

$$k = 3 \quad -1 = k$$

$$k = -1$$

(ii) If  $(x-1)$  is a factor of  $x^3 - kx^2 + 11x - 6$  the find the value of  $k$  from  $x-1=0$   $x=1$

**Solution: Given that**

$$P(x) = x^3 - kx^2 + 11x - 6$$

$$P(1) = (1)^3 - k(1)^2 + 11(1) - 6$$

$$P(1) = 1 - k + 11 - 6$$

$$P(1) = 6 - k$$

If  $(x-1)$  is the factor then remainder is equal to zero

$$P(1) = 0$$

$$6 - k = 0$$

$$k = 6$$

## Q.3 Without long division determine whether

(i)  $(x-2)$  and  $(x-3)$  are factor of

$$P(x) = x^3 - 12x^2 + 44x - 48 \text{ from}$$

$$x-2=0 \quad x=2$$

**Solution: Given that**

$$P(x) = x^3 - 12x^2 + 44x - 48$$

If  $(x-2)$  is the factor then remainder is equal to zero

$$P(2) = (2)^3 - 12(2)^2 + 44(2) - 48 = 8 - 48 + 88 - 48 = 0$$

Hence  $x-2$  is a factor of  $P(x)$

For  $x-3$

$$R = P(3)$$

$$= (3)^3 - 12(3)^2 + 44(3) - 48$$

$$= (3)^3 - 12(3)^2 + 44(3) - 48$$

$$= 27 - 108 + 132 - 48$$

$$= 159 - 156$$

$$R = 3$$

3 is remainder hence  $x-3$  is not factor of

$$P(x)$$

$P(3)$  is not equal to zero then  $x-3$  is not factor of  $P(x) = x^3 - 12x^2 + 44x - 48$

(ii)  $(x-2)$ ,  $(x+3)$  and  $(x-4)$  are factor of  $q(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$  from  $x-2=0$ ,  $x=2$

**Solution: Given that**

$$q(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$$

For  $(x-2)$ , putt  $x-2=0$

$$x = 2$$

$$R = q(2)$$

$$= (2)^3 + 2(2)^2 - 5(2) - 6$$

$$R = 8 + 8 - 10 - 6$$

$$R = 16 - 16$$

$$R = 0$$

Hence  $x-2$  is factor of

$$q(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$$

For  $(x+3)$ , putt  $x+3=0$

$$x = -3$$

$$R = q(-3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-3)^3 + 2(-3)^2 - 5(-3) - 6 \\
 &= -27 + 18 + 15 - 6 \\
 R &= 0 \\
 \text{Hence } x-2 \text{ is factor of} \\
 q(x) &= x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6 \\
 \text{For } x-4, x-4 &= 0 \\
 x &= 4 \\
 R &= q(4) \\
 &= (4)^3 + 2(4)^2 - 5(4) - 6 \\
 &= 64 + 32 - 20 - 6 \\
 R &= 70 \\
 \text{Hence } x-4 \text{ is not a factor of} \\
 q(x) &= x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q.4** For what value of  $m$  is the polynomial  $P(x) = 4x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x - 3m$  exactly divisible by  $x+2$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x) &= 4x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x - 3m \\
 \text{From } x+2 &= 0, x = -2 \\
 P(-2) &= 4(-2)^3 - 7(-2)^2 + 6(-2) - 3m \\
 P(-2) &= -32 - 28 - 12 - 3m = -72 - 3m
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $(x+2)$  is the factor then remainder is equal to zero

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(-2) &= 0 \\
 -72 - 3m &= 0 \\
 -72 &= 3m \\
 m &= -\frac{72}{3} \\
 m &= -24
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q.5** Determine the value of  $k$  if  $P(x) = kx^3 + 4x^2 + 3x - 4$  and  $q(x) = x^3 - 4x + k$  leaves the same remainder when divided by  $(x-3)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 q(x) &= x^3 - 4x + k \\
 \text{from } x-3 &= 0 \quad x=3 \\
 R_1 &= q(3) \\
 &= (3)^3 - 4(3) + k \\
 &= 27 - 12 + k
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 15 + k \\
 R_1 &= 15 + k \quad \dots(i) \\
 R_2 &= P(3) \\
 &= k(3)^3 + 4(3)^2 + 3(3) - 4 \\
 &= 27k + 36 + 9 - 4 \\
 R_2 &= 27k + 41 \quad \dots(ii) \\
 \text{Since it leaves the same remainder.} \\
 \text{Hence } R_1 &= R_2 \\
 15 + k &= 27k + 41 \\
 15 - 41 &= 27k - k \\
 -26 &= 26k \\
 k &= \frac{-26}{26} \\
 k &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q.6** The remainder after dividing the polynomial  $P(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + 7$  by  $(x+1)$  is  $2b$  calculate the value of  $a$  and  $b$  if this expression leaves a remainder of  $(b+5)$  on being dividing by  $(x-2)$

**Solution:**

**Let**

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x) &= x^3 + ax^2 + 7 \\
 \text{Since } P(x) \text{ is divided by } (x+1) \\
 \text{Put } x+1 &= 0 \quad x = -1 \\
 R &= P(-1) \\
 &= (-1)^3 + a(-1)^2 + 7 \\
 &= -1 + a + 7
 \end{aligned}$$

$$R = a + 6$$

According to first condition remainder is  $2b$

$$2b = a + 6 \quad \dots(i)$$

Since  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x-2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Put } x-2 &= 0 \\
 x &= 2 \\
 P(2) &= (2)^3 + a(2)^2 + 7 \\
 &= 8 + 4a + 7
 \end{aligned}$$

$$R = 15 + 4a$$

According to second condition remainder is  $(b+5)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 15 + 4a &= b + 5 \\
 4a - b &= 5 - 15 \\
 4a - b &= -10 \quad \dots(ii)
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving equations (i) and (ii)

From equation (ii)  $b=10+4a$  putting the value of  $b$  in equation (i)

$$a+6=2(10+4a)$$

$$a=20+8a-6$$

$$-8a+a=14$$

$$-7a=14$$

$$a = \frac{14}{-7}$$

$$a=-2$$

Putting the value of  $a$  in equation (ii)

$$4a - b = -10$$

$$4(-2) - b = -10$$

$$-8 - b = -10$$

$$-8 + 10 = b$$

$$2 = b$$

$$b = 2$$

**Q.7** The polynomial  $x^3 + lx^2 + mx + 24$  has a factor  $(x+4)$  and it leaves a remainder of 36 when divided by  $(x-2)$

Find the values of  $l$  and  $m$ .

**Solution:**

Let

$$P(x) = x^3 + lx^2 + mx + 24$$

$$\text{From } x+4=0 \quad x=-4$$

$$P(-4) = (-4)^3 + l(-4)^2 + m(-4) + 24$$

$$P(-4) = -64 + 16l - 4m + 24$$

$$P(-4) = 16l - 4m - 40$$

According to condition  $(x+4)$  is the factor then

$$16l - 4m - 40 = 0$$

$$4[4l - m - 10] = 0$$

$$4l - m - 10 = 0 \quad (i)$$

$$\text{from } x-2=0 \quad x=2$$

$$\text{Now } P(2) = (2)^3 + l(2)^2 + m(2) + 24$$

$$P(2) = 8 + 4l + 2m + 24$$

$$P(2) = 4l + 2m + 32$$

According the condition

$$4l + 2m + 32 = 36$$

$$4l + 2m = 36 - 32$$

$$4l + 2m = 4$$

$$4l + 2m - 4 = 0 \quad (ii)$$

Subtracting (i) from (ii)

$$\cancel{4l} + 2m - 4 = 0$$

$$\cancel{\pm 4l} \mp m \mp 10 = 0$$

$$3m + 6 = 0$$

$$3m + 6 = 0$$

$$3m = -6$$

$$m = \frac{-6}{3}$$

$$m = -2$$

Putting the value of  $m$  in equation (i)

$$4l - (-2) - 10 = 0$$

$$4l + 2 - 10 = 0$$

$$4l - 8 = 0$$

$$4l = 8$$

$$l = \frac{8}{4}$$

$$l = 2$$

**Q.8** The expression  $lx^3 + mx^2 - 7$  leaves remainder of  $-3$  and  $12$  when divided by  $(x-1)$  and  $(x+2)$  respectively. Calculate the value of  $l$  and  $m$ .

**Solution:**

$$P(x) = lx^3 + mx^2 - 7$$

$$\text{from } x-1=0 \quad x=1$$

$$P(1) = l(1)^3 + m(1)^2 - 7$$

$$P(1) = l + m - 7$$

According to conditions  $l+m-7=-3$

$$l + m = 4 - 3$$

$$l + m = 1 \quad (i)$$

$$\text{From } x+2=0 \quad x=-2$$

$$P(-2) = l(-2)^3 + m(-2)^2 - 7$$

$$P(-2) = -8l + 4m - 7$$

According to condition

$$-8l + 4m - 7 = 12$$

Putting the value of  $l$  in the equation



$$-8[1-m] + 4m = 16$$

$$-8 + 8m + 4m = 16$$

$$12m = 16 + 8$$

$$12m = 24$$

$$m = \frac{24}{12}$$

$$m = 2$$

Putting the value of m in equation (i)

$$l = 1 - 2$$

$$l = -1$$

$$m = 2$$

$$l = -1$$

$$11a + 2[27 - 10a] - 36 = 0$$

$$11a + 54 - 20a - 36 = 0$$

$$-9a + 18 = 0$$

$$+18 = 9a$$

$$a = \frac{+18}{9}$$

$$a = +2$$

Putting the value of a in equation (iii)

$$b = 27 - 10(+2)$$

$$b = 27 - 20$$

$$b = 7$$

$$a = 2$$

**Q.9** The expression  $ax^3 - 9x^2 + bx + 3a$  is exactly divisible by  $x^2 - 5x + 6$ . Find the value of  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Solution:** Given that

$$P(x) = ax^3 - 9x^2 + bx + 3a$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = x^2 - 2x - 3x + 6$$

$$= x[x - 2] - 3[x - 2]$$

$$= [x - 2][x - 3]$$

$(x - 2)(x - 3)$  divides the expression  $ax^3 -$

$9x^2 + bx + 3a$  from  $x - 2 = 0$ ,  $x = 2$

$$P(2) = a(2)^3 - 9(2)^2 + b(2) + 3a$$

$$P(2) = 8a - 36 + 2b + 3a$$

$$P(2) = 11a + 2b - 36$$

According to condition  $(x - 2)$  is the factor so

$$11a + 2b - 36 = 0 \quad (i)$$

From  $x - 3 = 0$ ,  $x = 3$

$$P(3) = a(3)^3 - 9(3)^2 + b(3) + 3a$$

$$P(3) = 27a - 81 + 3b + 3a$$

$$P(3) = 30a + 3b - 81$$

According to condition  $(x - 3)$  is the factor so

$$30a + 3b - 81 = 0 \quad (ii)$$

$$3(10a + b - 27) = 0$$

$$10a + b - 27 = \frac{0}{3}$$

$$b = 27 - 10a \quad (iii)$$

Putting the value of b in equation (i)

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