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**Polynomials**  
**Exercise 2.1**

**Write the correct answer in each of the following:**

**1. Which of the following is a polynomials?**

(a)  $\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2}$

(b)  $\sqrt{2x} - 1$

(c)  $x^2 + \frac{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\sqrt{x}}$

(d)  $\frac{x-1}{x+1}$

**Sol.** (a)  $\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2} = \frac{x^2}{2} - 2x^{-2}$

Second term is  $-2x^{-2}$ . Exponent of  $x^{-2}$  is  $-2$ , which is not a whole number.  
So, this algebraic expression is not a polynomial.

(b)  $\sqrt{2x} - 1 = \sqrt{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1$

First term is  $\sqrt{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Here, the exponent of the second term, i.e.,  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ , which is not a whole number. So, this algebraic expression is not a polynomial.

(c)  $x^2 + \frac{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\sqrt{x}} = x^2 + 3x$

In this expression, we have only whole number as the exponent of the variable in each term. Hence, the given algebraic expression is a polynomial.

**2.  $\sqrt{2}$  is a polynomial of degree**

(a) 2

(b) 0

(c) 1

(d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

**Sol.**  $\sqrt{2}$  is a constant polynomial. The only term here is  $\sqrt{2}$  which can be written as  $\sqrt{2}x^0$ .  
So, the exponent of  $x$  is zero. Therefore, the degree of the polynomial is 0.  
Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

**3. Degree of the polynomial of  $4x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^5 + 5x + 7$  is**

(a) 4

(b) 5

(c) 3

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(d) 7

**Sol.** The highest power of the variable in a polynomial is called the degree of the polynomial. In this polynomial, the term with highest power of  $x$  is  $4x^4$ . Highest power of  $x$  is 4, so the degree of the given polynomial is 4.

**4. Degree of the zero polynomial**

(a) 0

(b) 1

(c) Any natural number

(d) Not defined.

**Sol.** Degree of the zero degree polynomial (0) is not defined.  
Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

**5. If  $p(x) = x^2 - 2\sqrt{2}x + 1$ , then  $p(2\sqrt{2})$  is equal to**

(a) 0

(b) 1

(c)  $4\sqrt{2}$

(d)  $8\sqrt{2} + 1$

**Sol.** We have  $p(x) = x^2 - 2\sqrt{2}x - 1$   
 $\therefore p(2\sqrt{2}) = (2\sqrt{2})^2 - 2\sqrt{2}(2\sqrt{2} + 1)$   
 $= 8 - 8 + 1$   
 $= 1$   
Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

**6. The value of the polynomial  $5x - 4x^2 + 3$ , when  $x = -1$  is**

(a) -6

(b) 6

(c) 2

(d) -2

**Sol.** Let  $P(x) = 5x - 4x^2 + 3$   
Therefore,  $P(-1) = 5(-1) - 4(-1)^2 + 3 = -5 - 4 + 3 = -6$   
Hence, (a) is the correct answer.

**7. If  $p(x) = x + 3$ , then  $p(x) + p(-x)$  is equal to**

(a) 3

(b)  $2x$

(c) 0

(d) 6

**Sol.** We have  $p(x) = x + 3$ , then  
 $p(-x) = -x + 3$   
Therefore,  $p(x) + P(-x) = x + 3 + (-x + 3) = x + 3 - x + 3 = 6$   
Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

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**8. Zero of the zero polynomial is**

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) Any real number
- (d) Not defined

**Sol.** The zero (or degree) of the zero polynomial is undefined.  
Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

**9. Zero of the polynomial  $p(x) = 2x + 5$  is**

- (a)  $-\frac{2}{5}$
- (b)  $-\frac{5}{2}$
- (c)  $\frac{2}{5}$
- (d)  $\frac{5}{2}$

**Sol.** Finding a zero of  $p(x)$  is the same as solving an equation  $P(x) = 0$ .  
Now,  $p(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 2x + 5 = 0$ ,

Which give us  $x = -\frac{5}{2}$ .

Therefore,  $-\frac{5}{2}$  is the zero of the polynomial.

Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

**10. One of the zeroes of the polynomial  $2x^2 + 7x - 4$  is**

- (a) 2
- (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (c)  $-\frac{1}{2}$
- (d) -2

**Sol.** We have  $p(x) = 2x^2 + 7x - 4$

(a)  $p(2) = 2(2)^2 + 7(2) - 4$   
 $= 8 + 14 - 4$   
 $= 18 \neq 0$

(b)  $p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 7\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 4$   
 $= 2 \times \frac{1}{4} + \frac{7}{2} - 4 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{2} - 4 = 4 - 4 = 0$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c) } p\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 7\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - 4 \\
 &= 2 \times \frac{1}{4} - \frac{7}{2} - 4 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{7}{2} - 4 \\
 &= -3 - 4 \\
 &= -7 \neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(d) } p(-2) &= 2(-2)^2 + 7(-2) - 4 \\
 &= 8 - 14 - 4 = -10 \neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$ , we say that  $\frac{1}{2}$  is a zero of the polynomial. Hence,  $\frac{1}{2}$  is one of the zero of the polynomial  $2x^2 + 7x - 4$ .  
Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

**11. If  $x^{51} + 51$  is divided by  $x + 1$ , the remainder is**

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) 49
- (d) 50

**Sol.** If  $p(x)$  is divided by  $x + a$ , then the remainder is  $p(-a)$ .

Here  $p(x) = x^{51} + 51$  is divided by  $x + 1$ , then

$$\text{Remainder} = p(-1) = (-1)^{51} + 51 = 50 = -1 + 51 = 50$$

Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

**12. If  $x + 1$ , is a factor of the polynomial  $2x^2 + kx$ , then the value of  $k$  is**

- (a) - 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 2
- (d) - 2

**Sol.** Let  $p(x) = 2x^2 + kx$

If  $x + 1$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then by factor theorem  $p(-1) = 0$

$$\text{Now, } p(-1) = 0 \Rightarrow 2(-1)^2 + k(-1) = 0$$

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

Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

**13.  $x + 1$ , is a factor of the polynomial**

- (a)  $x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$
- (b)  $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$
- (c)  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1$
- (d)  $x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 1$

**Sol.** If  $x + 1$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then  $p(-1) = 0$

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(a) Let  $p(x) = x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(-1) &= (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - (-1) + 1 \\ &= -1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 2 \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

So,  $x + 1$  is not a factor of  $p(x)$ .

(b) Let  $p(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(-1) &= (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 + (-1) + 1 \\ &= -1 + 1 - 1 + 1 = 0\end{aligned}$$

(c) Let  $p(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(-1) &= (-1)^4 + (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 + (-1) + 1 \\ &= 1 - 1 + 1 + 1 = 2 \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

(d) Let  $p(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(-1) &= (-1)^4 + 3(-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 + (-1) + 1 \\ &= 1 - 3 + 3 - 1 + 1 = 1 \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $x + 1$  is a factor of  $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ .

So, (b) is the correct answer.

**14. One of the factor of  $(25x^2 - 1) + (1 + 5x)^2$  is**

- (a)  $5 + x$
- (b)  $5 - x$
- (c)  $5x - 1$
- (d)  $10x$

**Sol.** 
$$\begin{aligned}(25x^2 - 1) + (1 + 5x)^2 &= (5x)^2 - 1^2 + (5x + 1)^2 \\ &= (5x - 1)(5x + 1) + (5x + 1)^2 = (5x + 1)(5x - 1 + 5x + 1) \\ &= (5x + 1)(10x) = 10x(5x + 1)\end{aligned}$$

Hence, one of the factors of  $(25x^2 - 1) + (1 + 5x)^2$  is  $10x$ . Therefore, (d) is the correct answer.

**15. The value of  $249^2 - 248^2$  is**

- (a)  $1^2$
- (b) 477
- (c) 487
- (d) 497

**Sol.** 
$$\begin{aligned}(249)^2 - (248)^2 &= (249 + 248)(249 - 248) \\ &= (497)(1) = 497\end{aligned}$$

Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

**16. The factorization of  $4x^2 + 8x + 3$  is**

- (a)  $(x + 1)(x + 3)$
  - (b)  $(2x + 1)(2x + 3)$
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(c)  $(2x+2)(2x+5)$

(d)  $(2x-1)(2x-3)$

**Sol.**  $4x^2 + 8x + 3 = 4x^2 + 6x + 2x + 3$   
 $= 2x(2x+3) + 1(2x+3) = (2x+1)(2x+3)$

Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

**17. Which of the following is a factor of  $(x+y)^2 - (x^3 + y^3)$  ?**

(a)  $x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$

(b)  $x^2 + y^2 - xy$

(c)  $xy^2$

(d)  $3xy$

**Sol.**  $(x+y)^3 - (x^3 + y^3) = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy(x+y) - x^3 - y^3$   
 $= 3xy(x+y)$

So,  $3xy$  is a factor of  $(x+y)^3 - (x^3 + y^3)$ .

Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

**18. The coefficient of x in the expansion of  $(x+3)^3$  is**

(a) 1

(b) 9

(c) 18

(d) 27

**Sol.** Using  $(a+b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a+b)$ , we get

$$(x+3)^3 = x^3 + 3^3 + 3 \times x \times 3(x+3)$$

$$= x^3 + 27 + 9x^2 + 27x$$

Therefore, the coefficient of x is 27.

Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

**19. If  $\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} = -1$  the value of  $x^3 - y^3$  is**

(a) 1

(b) -1

(c) 0

(d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

**Sol.**  $\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} = -1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy} = -1$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = -xy$$

$$\text{Now, } x^3 - y^3 = (x-y)(x^2 + y^2 + xy)$$

$$= (x-y)(-xy + xy) \quad [\because x^2 + y^2 = -xy]$$

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$$= (x - y)(0)$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

**20. If  $49x^2 - b = \left(7x + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(7x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$ , then the value of b is**

(a) 0

(b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

(c)  $\frac{1}{4}$

(d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

**Sol.**  $49x^2 - b = \left(7x + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(7x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow 49x^2 - b = (7x)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= 49^2 - \frac{1}{4} \quad [\because (a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2]$$

So, we get  $b = \frac{1}{4}$ .

Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

**21. If  $a + b + c = 0$ , then the value of  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$  is equal to**

(a) 0

(b) abc

(c) 3abc

(d) 2abc

**Sol.** We know that

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

As  $a + b + c = 0$ , so,  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (0)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) = 0$

Hence,  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$ .

Therefore, (c) 3abc is the correct answer.

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**Polynomials**  
**Exercise 2.2**

**1. Which of the following expression are polynomials? Justify your answer.**

(i) 8

(ii)  $\sqrt{3}x^2 - 2x$

(iii)  $1 - \sqrt{5}x$

(iv)  $\frac{1}{5x^{-2}} + 5x + 7$

(v)  $\frac{(x-2)(x-4)}{x}$

(vi)  $\frac{1}{x+1}$

(vii)  $\frac{1}{7}a^3 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}a^2 + 4a - 7$

(viii)  $\frac{1}{2x}$

**Sol.** (i) 8 is a constant polynomial.

(ii)  $\sqrt{3}x^2 - 2x$

In each term of this expression, the exponent of the variable x is a whole number. Hence, it is a polynomial.

(iii)  $1 - \sqrt{5}x = 1 - \sqrt{5}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Here, the exponent of the second term, i.e.,  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , which is not a whole number. Hence, the given algebraic expression is not a polynomial.

(iv)  $\frac{1}{5x^{-2}} + 5x + 7 = \frac{1}{5}x^2 + 5x + 7$

In each term of this expression, the exponent of the variable x is a whole number. Hence, it is a polynomial.

(v)  $\frac{(x-2)(x-4)}{x} = \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x} = x - 6 + \frac{8}{x} = x - 6 + 8x^{-1}$

Here, the exponent of variable x in the third term, i.e., in  $8x^{-1}$ , is -1, which is not a whole number. So, this algebraic expression is not a polynomial.

(vi)  $\frac{1}{x+1} = (x+1)^{-1}$  which cannot be reduced to an expression in which the exponent of the variable x have only whole numbers in each of its terms. So, this algebraic expression is not a polynomial.

(vii)  $\frac{1}{7}a^3 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}a^2 + 4a - 7$

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In this expression, the exponent of a in each term is a whole number, so this expression is a polynomial.

(viii)  $\frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1}$

Here, the exponent of the variable x is - 1, which is not a whole number so, this algebraic expression is not a polynomial.

**2. Write whether the following statements are True or False. Justify your answer.**

- (i) A binomial can have at most two terms
- (ii) Every polynomial is a binomial
- (iii) A binomial may have degree 5
- (iv) Zero of a polynomial is always 0
- (v) A polynomial cannot have more than one zero
- (vi) The degree of the sum of two polynomials each of degree 5 is always 5.

**Sol.**

- (i) The given statement is false because binomial have exactly two terms.
- (ii) A polynomial can be a monomial, binomial trinomial or can have finite number of terms. For example,  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1$  is a polynomial but not binomial.

Hence, the given statement is false.

- (iii) The given statement is true because a binomial is a polynomial whose degree is a whole number  $\geq 1$ . For example,  $x^5 - 1$  is a binomial of degree 5.

- (iv) The given statement is false, because zero of polynomial can be any real number.

- (v) The given statement is false, because a polynomial can have any number of zeroes which depends on the degree of the polynomial.

- (vi) The given statement is false. For example, consider the two polynomial  $-x^5 + 3x^2 + 4$  and  $x^5 + x^4 + 2x^3 + 3$ . The degree of each of these polynomial is 5. Their sum is  $x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 7$ . The degree of this polynomial is not 5.
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**Polynomials**  
**Exercise 2.3**

**1. Classify the following polynomial as polynomials in one variable, two variable etc.**

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

(ii)  $y^3 - 5y$

(iii)  $xy + yz + zx$

(iv)  $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 1$

**Sol.** (i)  $x^2 + x + 1$  is a polynomial in one variable.

(ii)  $y^3 - 5y$  is a polynomial in one variable.

(iii)  $xy + yz + zx$  is a polynomial in three variable.

(iv)  $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 1$  is a polynomial in three variable.

**2. Determine the degree of each of the following polynomials:**

(i)  $2x - 1$

(ii)  $-10$

(iii)  $x^3 - 9x + 3x^5$

(iv)  $y^3(1 - y^4)$

**Sol.** (i) Since the highest power of  $x$  is 1, the degree of the polynomial  $2x - 1$  is 1.

(ii)  $-10$  is a non-zero constant. A non-zero constant term is always regarded as having degree 0.

(iii) Since the highest power of  $x$  is 5, the degree of the polynomial  $x^3 - 9x + 3x^5$  is 5.

(iv)  $y^3(1 - y^4) = y^3 - y^7$  Since the highest power of  $y$  is 7, the degree of the polynomial is 7.

**3. For the polynomial  $\frac{x^2 + 2x + 1}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6$ , write**

(i) the degree of the polynomial

(ii) the coefficient of  $x^3$ .

(iii) the coefficient of  $x^6$ .

(iv) the constant term.

**Sol.** (i) We know that highest power of variable in a polynomial is the degree of the polynomial.

In the given polynomial, the term with highest of  $x$  is  $-x^6$ , and the exponent of  $x$  in this term is 6.

(ii) The coefficient of  $x^3$  is  $\frac{1}{5}$ .

(iii) The coefficient of  $x^6$  is  $-1$ .

(iv) The constant term is  $\frac{1}{5}$ .

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4. Write the coefficient of  $x^2$  in each of the following:

(i)  $\frac{\pi}{6}x + x^2 - 1$

(ii)  $3x - 5$

(iii)  $(x-1)(3x-4)$

(iv)  $(2x-5)(2x^2-3x+1)$

**Sol.** (i) The coefficient of  $x^2$  in the given polynomial is 1.

(ii) The given polynomial can be written as  $0 \cdot x^2 + 3x - 5$ . So, the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the given polynomial is 0.

(iii) The given polynomial can be written as:

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

$$= 3x^2 - 7x + 4$$

So, coefficient of  $x^2$  in the given polynomial is 3.

(iv) The given polynomial can be written as:

$$(2x-5)(2x^2-3x+1) = 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 10x^2 + 15x - 5$$

$$= 4x^3 - 16x^2 + 17x - 5$$

So, the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the given polynomial is - 16.

5. Classify the following as a constant, linear quadratic and cubic polynomials:

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

(ii)  $3x^3$

(iii)  $5t - \sqrt{7}$

(iv)  $4 - 5y^2$

(v) 3

(vi)  $2 + x$

(vii)  $y^3 - y$

(viii)  $1 + x + x^3$

(ix)  $t^2$

(x)  $\sqrt{2}x - 1$

**Sol.** We know that

(a) a polynomial in which exponent of the variable is zero, is called a constant term.

Here, (v) 3 is a constant polynomial because  $3 = 3x^0$ , exponent of the variable x is 0.

(b) a polynomial of degree 1 is called a linear polynomial.

$5t - \sqrt{7}$ ,  $2 + x$  and  $\sqrt{2}x + 1$  are linear polynomial.

(c) A polynomial of degree 2 is called a quadratic polynomial.

$4 - 5y^2$ ,  $1 + x + x^2$  and  $t^2$  are quadratic polynomials.

(d) A polynomial of degree 3 is called a cubic polynomial.

$2 - x + x^3$ ,  $3x^3$  and  $y^3 - y$  are cubic polynomials.

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6. Give an example of a polynomial, which is:

- (i) monomial of degree 1.
- (ii) binomial of degree 20.
- (iii) trinomial of degree 2.

**Sol.** We know that a polynomial having only one term is called a monomial, a polynomial having only two terms is called binomial, a polynomial having only three terms is called a trinomial.

- (i)  $3x$  is monomial of degree 1.
- (ii)  $x^{20} - 7$  is a binomial of degree 20.
- (iii)  $5x^2 + 3x - 1$  is a trinomial of degree 2.

7. Find the value of the polynomial  $3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x + 5$ , when  $x = 3$  and also when  $x = -3$ .

**Sol.** Let  $p(x) = 3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x + 5$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(3) &= 3(3)^3 - 4(3)^2 + 7(3) + 5 \\ &= 3(27) - 4(9) + 21 + 5 \\ &= 81 - 36 + 21 + 5 \\ &= 61\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } p(-3) &= 3(-3)^3 - 4(-3)^2 + 7(-3) + 5 \\ &= 3(-27) - 4(9) - 21 + 5 \\ &= -81 - 36 - 21 + 5 \\ &= -143\end{aligned}$$

8. If  $p(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$ , evaluate  $p(2) - p(-1) + p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

**Sol.** We have  $p(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(2) - p(-1) + p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= (2^2 - 4 \times 2 + 3) - \{(-1)^2 - 4(-1) + 3\} + \left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 4 \times \frac{1}{2} + 3\right\} \\ &= (4 - 8 + 3) - (1 + 4 + 3) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - 2 + 3\right) \\ &= -1 - 8 + \frac{5}{4} \\ &= -9 + \frac{5}{4} = \frac{-36 + 5}{4} = \frac{-31}{4}\end{aligned}$$

9. Find  $p(0)$ ,  $p(1)$ ,  $p(-2)$  for the following polynomials:

- (i)  $p(x) = 10x - 4x^2 - 3$
- (ii)  $p(y) = (y + 2)(y - 2)$

**Sol.** (i) We have  $p(x) = 10x - 4x^2 - 3$

$$\therefore p(0) = 10(0) - 4(0)^2 - 3$$

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$$= 0 - 0 - 3 = -3$$

And,  $p(1) = 10(1) - 4(1)^2 - 3$   
 $= 10 - 4 - 3 = 10 - 7 = 3$

And,  $P(-2) = 10(-2) - 4(-2)^2 - 3$   
 $= -20 - 4(4) - 3 = -20 - 16 - 3 = -39$

(ii) We have  $p(y) = (y+2)(y-2) = y^2 - 4$

$\therefore p(0) = (0)^2 - 4$   
 $= 0 - 4 = -4$

And,  $p(1) = (1)^2 - 4$   
 $= 1 - 4 = -3$

And,  $p(-2) = (-2)^2 - 4$   
 $= 4 - 4 = 0$

**10. Verify whether the following are true or false.**

(i) - 3 is a zero of  $x - 3$ .

(ii)  $-\frac{1}{3}$  is a zero of  $3x + 1$ .

(iii)  $-\frac{4}{5}$  is a zero of  $4 - 5y$ .

(iv) 0 and 2 are the zeroes of  $t^2 - 2t$ .

(v) -3 is a zero of  $y^2 + y - 6$ .

**Sol.** A zero of a polynomial  $p(x)$  is a number  $c$  such that  $p(c) = 0$

(i) Let  $p(x) = x - 3$

$$\therefore p(-3) = -3 - 3 = -6 \neq 0$$

Hence, - 3 is not a zero of  $x - 3$ .

(ii) Let  $p(x) = 3x + 1$

$$\therefore p\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + 1 = -1 + 1 = 0$$

Hence,  $-\frac{1}{3}$  is zero of  $p(x) = 3x + 1$ .

(iii) Let  $p(y) = 4 - 5y$

$$\therefore p\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) = 4 - 5\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) = 4 + 4 = 8 \neq 0$$

Hence,  $-\frac{4}{5}$  is not a zero of  $4 - 5y$ .

(iv) Let  $p(t) = t^2 - 2t$

$$\therefore p(0) = (0)^2 - 2(0) = 0$$


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And  $p(2) = (2)^2 - 2(2) = 4 - 4 = 0$

Hence, 0 and 2 are zeroes of the polynomial  $p(t) = t^2 - 2t$ .

(v) Let  $p(y) = y^2 + y - 6$

$\therefore p(-3) = (-3)^2 + (-3) - 6 = 9 - 3 - 6 = 0$

Hence, - 3 is a zero of the polynomial  $y^2 + y - 6$ .

**11. Find the zeroes of the polynomial in each of the following:**

(i)  $p(x) = x - 4$

(ii)  $g(x) = 3 - 6x$

(iii)  $q(x) = 2x - 7$

(iv)  $h(y) = 2y$

**Sol.** (i) Solving the equation  $p(x) = 0$ , we get

$x - 4 = 0$ , which give us  $x = 4$

So, 4 is a zero of the polynomial  $x - 4$ .

(ii) Solving the equation  $g(x) = 0$ , we get

$3 - 6x = 0$ , which gives us  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

So,  $\frac{1}{2}$  is a zero of the polynomial  $3 - 6x$ .

(iii) Solving the equation  $q(x) = 0$ , we get

$2x - 7 = 0$ , which gives us  $x = \frac{7}{2}$

So,  $\frac{7}{2}$  is a zero of the polynomial  $2x - 7$ .

(iv) Solving the equation  $h(y) = 0$ , we get

$2y = 0$ , which gives us  $y = 0$

So, 0 is a zero of the polynomial  $2y$ .

**12. Find the zeroes of the polynomial  $(x - 2)^2 - (x + 2)^2$ .**

**Sol.** Let  $p(x) = (x - 2)^2 - (x + 2)^2$

As finding a zero of  $p(x)$ , is same as solving the equation  $p(x) = 0$

So,  $p(x) = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 2)^2 - (x + 2)^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x - 2 + x + 2)(x - 2 - x - 2) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2x(-4) = 0 \Rightarrow -8x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

Hence,  $x = 0$  is the only one zero of  $p(x)$ .

**13. By acute division, find the quotient and the remainder when the first polynomial is divided by the second polynomial:  $x^4 + 1; x + 1$ .**

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**Sol.** By acute division, we have

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \\
 x-1 \overline{) \begin{array}{l} x^4 + 1 \\ - x^4 + x^3 \\ \hline x^3 + 1 \\ - x^3 + x^2 \\ \hline x^2 + 1 \\ - x^2 + x \\ \hline x + 1 \\ - x + 1 \\ \hline 2 \end{array} }
 \end{array}$$

**14. By remainder Theorem find the remainder, when  $p(x)$  is divided by  $g(x)$ , where**

(i)  $p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 1, g(x) = x + 1$

(ii)  $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 50, g(x) = x - 3$

(iii)  $p(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 14x - 3, g(x) = 2x - 1$

(iv)  $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4, g(x) = 1 - \frac{3}{2}x$

**Sol.** (i) We have  $g(x) = x + 1$

$$\Rightarrow x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

$$\text{Remainder} = p(-1)$$

$$= (-1)^3 - 2(-1)^2 - 4(-1) = -1 - 2 + 4 - 1 = 0$$

(ii) We have  $g(x) = x - 3$

$$\Rightarrow x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$\text{Remainder} = p(3)$$

$$= (3)^3 - 3(3)^2 + 4(3) + 50 = 27 - 27 + 12 + 50 = 62$$

(iii) We have  $g(x) = 2x - 1$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 1 = 0$$

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

$$\text{Remainder} = p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 12\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 14\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 3 \\
&= 4\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) - 12\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 7 - 3 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} - 3 + 7 - 6 = \frac{1}{2} - 2 = \frac{-3}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(iv) \ g(x) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{3}{2}x = 0; x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Remainder } p\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) &= \frac{8}{27} - \frac{24}{9} + \frac{4}{3} - 4 \\
&= \frac{8 - 72 + 36 - 108}{27} = \frac{-136}{27}
\end{aligned}$$

**15. Check whether p(x) is a multiple of g(x) or not:**

(i)  $p(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x - 3, g(x) = x - 2$

(ii)  $p(x) = 2x^3 - 11x^2 - 4x + 5, g(x) = 2x + 1$

**Sol.** (i) p(x) will be a multiple g(x) if g(x) divides p(x).

Now,  $g(x) = x - 2$  gives  $x = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Remainder} &= p(2) = (2)^3 - 5(2)^2 + 4(2) - 3 \\
&= 8 - 5(4) + 8 - 3 = 8 - 20 + 8 - 3 \\
&= -7
\end{aligned}$$

Since remainder  $\neq 0$ , So p(x) is not a multiple of g(x).

(ii) p(x) will be a multiple of g(x) if g(x) divides p(x).

Now,  $g(x) = 2x + 1$  give  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Remainder} &= p\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 11\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 5 \\
&= 2\left(-\frac{1}{8}\right) - 11\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2 + 5 = \frac{-1}{4} - \frac{11}{4} + 7 \\
&= \frac{-1 - 11 + 28}{4} = \frac{16}{4} = 4
\end{aligned}$$

Since remainder  $\neq 0$ , So, p(x) is not a multiple of g(x).

**16. Show that:**

(i)  $x + 3$  is a factor of  $69 + 11x - x^2 + x^3$ .

(ii)  $2x - 3$  is a factor of  $x + 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12$ .

**Sol.** (i) Let  $p(x) = 69 + 11x - x^2 + x^3, g(x) = x + 3$ .

$$g(x) = x + 3 = 0 \text{ gives } x = -3$$



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$g(x)$  will be a factor of  $p(x)$  if  $p(-3) = 0$  (Factor theorem)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } p(-3) &= 69 + 11(-3) - (-3)^2 + (-3)^3 \\ &= 69 - 33 - 9 - 27 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Since,  $p(-3) = 0$ , So  $g(x)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ .

(ii) Let  $p(x) = x + 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12$  and  $g(x) = 2x - 3$

$$g(x) = 2x - 3 = 0 \text{ gives } x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$g(x)$  will be factor of  $p(x)$  if  $p\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0$  (Factor theorem)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } p\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) &= \frac{3}{2} + 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 - 9\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + 12 = \frac{3}{2} + 2\left(\frac{27}{8}\right) - 9\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) + 12 \\ &= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{27}{4} - \frac{81}{4} + 12 = \frac{6 + 27 - 81 + 48}{4} = \frac{0}{4} = 0\end{aligned}$$

Since,  $p\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0$ , so,  $g(x)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ .

**17. Determine which of the following polynomials has  $x - 2$  a factor:**

(i)  $3x^2 + 6x - 24$

(ii)  $4x^2 + x - 2$

**Sol.** We know that if  $(x - a)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then  $p(a) = 0$ .

(i) Let  $P(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 24$

If  $x - 2$  is a factor of  $p(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 24$ , then  $p(2)$  should be equal to 0.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } p(2) &= 3(2)^2 + 6(2) - 24 \\ &= 3(4) + 6(2) - 24 \\ &= 12 + 12 - 24 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  By factor theorem,  $(x - 2)$  is factor of  $3x^2 + 6x - 24$ .

(ii) Let  $p(x) = 4x^2 + x - 2$ .

If  $x - 2$  is a factor of  $p(x) = 4x^2 + x - 2$ , then,  $p(2)$  should be equal to 0.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } p(2) &= 4(2)^2 + 2 - 2 \\ &= 4(4) + 2 - 2 \\ &= 16 + 2 - 2 \\ &= 16 \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x - 2$  is not a factor of  $4x^2 + x - 2$ .

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**18. Show that  $p - 1$  is a factor of  $p^{10} - 1$  and also of  $p^{11} - 1$ .**

**Sol.** If  $p - 1$  is a factor of  $p^{10} - 1$ , then  $(1)^{10} - 1$  should be equal to zero.

$$\text{Now, } (1)^{10} - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

Therefore,  $p - 1$  is a factor of  $p^{10} - 1$ .

Again, if  $p - 1$  is a factor of  $p^{11} - 1$ , then  $(1)^{11} - 1$  should be equal to zero.

$$\text{Now, } (1)^{11} - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

Therefore,  $p - 1$  is a factor of  $p^{11} - 1$ .

Hence,  $p - 1$  is a factor of  $p^{10} - 1$  and also of  $p^{11} - 1$ .

**19. For what value of  $m$  is  $x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$  divisible by  $x + 2$ ?**

**Sol.** If  $x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$  is divisible by  $x + 2$ , then  $x + 2$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$ .

$$\text{Now, let } p(x) = x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16.$$

As  $x + 2 = x - (-2)$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$ .

$$\text{So } p(-2) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } p(-2) &= (-2)^3 - 2m(-2)^2 + 16 \\ &= -8 - 8m + 16 = 8 - 8m\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } p(-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 - 8m = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 8 \div 8$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1$$

Hence, for  $m = 1$ ,  $x + 2$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$ , so  $x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$  is completely divisible by  $x + 2$ .

**20. If  $x + 2a$  is a factor of  $x^5 - 4a^2x^3 + 2x + 2a + 3$ , find  $a$ .**

**Sol.** Let  $p(x) = x^5 - 4a^2x^3 + 2x + 2a + 3$

If  $x - (-2a)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then  $p(-2a) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(-2a) &= (-2a)^5 - 4a^2(-2a)^3 + 2(-2a) + 2a + 3 \\ &= -32a^5 + 32a^5 - 4a + 2a + 3 \\ &= -2a + 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } p(-2a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2a + 3 = 0$$

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

**21. Find the value of  $m$  so that  $2x - 1$  be a factor of  $8x^4 + 4x^3 - 16x^2 + 10x + m$ .**

**Sol.** Let  $p(x) = 8x^4 + 4x^3 - 16x^2 + 10x + m$ .

As  $(2x - 1)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 0 \quad [\text{By factor theorem}] \\ \Rightarrow 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 16\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 10\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + m &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 8\left(\frac{1}{16}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) - 16\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 5 + m &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - 4 + 5 + m &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2 + m = 0 \Rightarrow m &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

**22. If  $x + 1$  is a factor of  $ax^3 + x^2 - 2x + 4a - 9$ , find the value of  $a$ .**

**Sol.** Let  $p(x) = ax^3 + x^2 - 2x + 4a - 9$ .  
 As  $(x + 1)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$   
 $\therefore p(-1) = 0$  [By factor theorem]  
 $\Rightarrow a(-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 2(-1) + 4a - 9 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a(-1) + 1 + 2 + 4a - 9 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -a + 4a - 6 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 3a - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow 3a = 6 \Rightarrow a = 2$

**23. Factorise:**

- (i)  $x^2 + 9x + 18$
- (ii)  $6x^2 + 7x - 3$
- (iii)  $2x^2 - 7x - 15$
- (iv)  $84 - 2r - 2r^2$

**Sol.** (i) In order to factorise  $x^2 + 9x + 18$ , we have to find two numbers  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $p + q = 9$  and  $pq = 18$ .

Clearly,  $6 + 3 = 9$  and  $6 \times 3 = 18$ .

So, we write the middle term  $9x$  as  $6x + 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x^2 + 9x + 18 &= x^2 + 6x + 3x + 18 \\ &= x(x + 6) + 3(x + 6) \\ &= (x + 6)(x + 3) \end{aligned}$$

(ii) In order to factorise  $6x^2 + 7x - 3$ , we have to find two numbers  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $p + q = 7$  and  $pq = -18$ .

Clearly,  $9 + (-2) = 7$  and  $9 \times (-2) = -18$ .

So, we write the middle term  $7x$  as  $9x + (-2x)$ , i.e.,  $9x - 2x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 6x^2 + 7x - 3 &= 6x^2 + 9x - 2x - 3 \\ &= 3x(2x + 3) - 1(2x + 3) \\ &= (2x + 3)(3x - 1) \end{aligned}$$


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(iii) In order to factorise  $2x^3 - 7x - 15$ , we have to find two numbers  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $p + q = -7$  and  $pq = -30$ .

Clearly,  $(-10) + 3 = -7$  and  $(-10) \times 3 = -30$ .

So, we write the middle term  $-7x$  as  $(-10x) + 3x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore 2x^2 - 7x - 15 &= 2x^2 - 10x + 3x - 15 \\ &= 2x(x - 5) + 3(x - 5) \\ &= (x - 5)(2x + 3)\end{aligned}$$

(iv) In order to factorise  $84 - 2r - 2r^2$ , we have to find two numbers  $p$  and  $1$  such that  $p + q = -2$  and  $pq = -168$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore 84 - 2r - 2r^2 &= -2r^2 - 2r + 84 \\ &= -2r^2 - 14r + 12r + 84 \\ &= -2r(r + 7) + 12(r + 7) \\ &= (r + 7)(-2r + 12) \\ &= -2(r + 7)(r - 6) = -2(r - 6)(r + 7)\end{aligned}$$

**24. Factorise:**

(i)  $2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30$

(ii)  $x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$

(iii)  $x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 4$

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

**Sol.** (i) Let  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30$  be the given polynomial. The factors of the constant term  $+30$  are  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 6, \pm 10, \pm 15, \pm 30$ . The factor of coefficient of  $x^3$  is 2. Hence, possible rational roots of  $f(x)$  are:

$$\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{5}{2}, \pm \frac{15}{2}.$$

We have 
$$\begin{aligned}f(2) &= 2(2)^3 - 3(2)^2 - 17(2) + 30 \\ &= 2(8) - 3(4) - 17(2) + 30 \\ &= 16 - 12 - 34 + 30 = 0\end{aligned}$$

And 
$$\begin{aligned}f(-3) &= 2(-3)^3 - 3(-3)^2 - 17(-3) + 30 \\ &= 2(-27) - 3(9) - 17(-3) + 30 \\ &= -54 - 27 + 51 + 30 = 0\end{aligned}$$

So,  $(x - 2)$  and  $(x + 3)$  are factors of  $f(x)$ .

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x - 6 \text{ is a factor of } f(x).$$

Let us now divide  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30$  by  $x^2 + x - 6$  to get the other factors of  $f(x)$ .  
Factors of  $f(x)$ .

By long division, we have

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$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + x - 6 \overline{) 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30} \quad 2x - 5 \\
 \underline{2x^3 + 2x^2 - 12x} \phantom{+ 30} \\
 -5x^2 - 5x + 30 \\
 \underline{-5x^2 - 5x + 30} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30 &= (x^2 + x - 6)(2x - 5) \\
 \Rightarrow 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30 &= (x - 2)(x + 3)(2x - 5) \\
 \text{Hence, } 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30 &= (x - 2)(x + 3)(2x - 5)
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x + 6$  be the given polynomial. The factors of the constant term  $-6$  are  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$  and  $\pm 6$ .

$$\text{We have, } f(1) = (1)^3 - 6(1)^2 + 11(1) - 6 = 1 - 6 + 11 - 6 = 0$$

$$\text{And, } f(2) = (2)^3 - 6(2)^2 + 11(2) - 6 = 8 - 24 + 22 - 6 = 0$$

So,  $(x - 1)$  and  $(x - 2)$  are factors of  $f(x)$ .

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)(x - 2) \text{ is also a factor of } f(x).$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x \text{ is a factor of } f(x).$$

Let us now divide  $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$  by  $x^2 - 3x + 2$  to get the other factors of  $f(x)$ .

By long division, we have

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 3x + 2 \overline{) x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6} \quad x - 3 \\
 \underline{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x} \phantom{- 6} \\
 -3x^2 + 9x - 6 \\
 \underline{-3x^2 + 9x - 6} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6 = (x^2 - 3x + 2)(x - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6 = (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)$$

$$\text{Hence, } x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6 = (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)$$

(iii) Let  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4$  be the given polynomial. The factors of the constant term  $-4$  are  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$ .

We have,

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 4(-1) - 4 = -1 + 1 + 4 - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{And, } f(2) = (2)^3 + (2)^2 - 4(2) - 4 = 8 + 4 - 8 - 4 = 0$$

So,  $(x + 1)$  and  $(x - 2)$  are factors of  $f(x)$ .

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1)(x - 2) \text{ is also a factor of } f(x).$$


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$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

Let us now divide  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4$  by  $x^2 - x - 2$  to get the other factors of  $f(x)$ .

By long division, we have

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - x - 2 \overline{) x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4} \quad x + 2 \\ \underline{x^3 - x^2 + 2x} \phantom{- 4} \\ 2x^2 - 2x - 4 \\ \underline{2x^2 - 2x - 4} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4 = (x + 1)(x - 2)(x + 2)$$

$$\text{Hence, } x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4 = (x - 2)(x + 1)(x + 2)$$

(iv) Let  $f(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1$  be the given polynomial. The factors of the constant term + 1 are  $\pm 1$ . The factor of coefficient of  $x^3$  is 3. Hence, possible rational roots of  $f(x)$  are:

$$\pm \frac{1}{3}$$

We have,

$$f(1) = 3(1)^3 - (1)^2 - 3(1) + 1 = 3 - 1 - 3 + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{And } f(-1) = 3(-1)^3 - (-1)^2 - 3(-1) + 1 = -3 - 1 + 3 + 1 = 0$$

So,  $(x - 1)$  and  $(x + 1)$  are factors of  $f(x)$ .

$\Rightarrow (x - 1)(x + 1)$  is also a factor of  $f(x)$ .

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 1$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

Let us now divide  $f(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1$  by  $x^2 - 1$  to get the other factors of  $f(x)$ .

By long division, we have

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

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

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

$$\text{Hence, } 3x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)(3x - 1)$$

## 25. Using suitable identity, evaluate the following:

(i)  $103^3$

(ii)  $101 \times 102$

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(iii)  $999^2$

**Sol.** (i)  $103^2 = (100+3)^2$

Now using identity  $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab(a+b)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}(100+3)^2 &= (100)^2 + (3)^2 + 2(100)(3)(100+3) \\&= 1000000 + 27 + 900(100+3) \\&= 1000000 + 27 + 90000 + 2700 \\&= 1092727\end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $101 \times 102 = (100+1)(100+2)$

Now, using identity  $(x+a)(x+b) = x^2 + (a+b)x + ab$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}(100+1)(100+2) &= (100)^2 + (1+2)100 + (1)(2) \\&= 10000 + (3)100 + 2 = 10000 + 300 + 2 \\&= 10302\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(iii) } (999)^2 &= (1000-1)^2 = (1000)^2 - 2 \times (1000) \times 1 + 1^2 \\&= 1000000 - 2000 + 1 \\&= 998001\end{aligned}$$

**26. Factorise the following:**

(i)  $4x^2 + 20x + 25$

(ii)  $9y^2 - 66yz + 121z^2$

(iii)  $\left(2x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$

**Sol.** (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}4x^2 + 20x + 25 &= (2x)^2 + 2(2x)(5) + (5)^2 \\&= (2x+5)^2 \quad [\because a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a+b)^2] \\&= (2x+5)(2x+5)\end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}9y^2 - 66yz + 121z^2 &= (-3y)^2 + 2(-3y)(11z) + (11z)^2 \\&= (-3y+11z)^2 \quad [\because a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a+b)^2] \\&= (-3y+11z)(-3y+11z) \\&= (3y-11z)(3y-11z)\end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $\left(2x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$

Using identity  $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$

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

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$$= \left( 2x + \frac{1}{3} + x - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( 2x + \frac{1}{3} - x + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \left( 3x - \frac{1}{6} \right) \left( x + \frac{5}{6} \right)$$

**27. Factorise the following:**

(i)  $9x^2 - 12x + 3$

(ii)  $9x^2 - 12x + 4$

**Sol.** (i)  $9x^2 - 12x + 3 = 9x^2 - 9x - 3x + 3$   
 $= 9x(x-1) - 3(x-1)$   
 $= (9x-3)(x-1)$   
 $= 3(3x-1)(x-1)$

(ii) We have,

$$9x^2 - 12x + 4 = (3x)^2 - 2(3x)(2) + (2)^2$$

$$= (3x-2)^2 \left[ \because a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a-b)^2 \right]$$

$$= (3x-2)(3x-2)$$

**28. Expand the following:**

(i)  $(4a - b + 2c)^2$

(ii)  $(3a - 5b - c)^2$

(iii)  $(-x + 2y - 3z)^2$

**Sol.** (i) We have,  
 $(4a - b + 2c)^2 = (4a)^2 + (-b)^2 + (2c)^2 + 2(4a)(-b) + 2(-b)(2c) + 2(2c)(4a)$   
 $\left[ \because a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca = (a + b + c)^2 \right]$   
 $= 16a^2 + b^2 + 4c^2 - 8ab - 4ac + 16ca$

(ii) We have,

$$(3a - 5b - c)^2 = (3a)^2 + (-5b)^2 + (-c)^2 + 2(3a)^2 - 5b + 2(-5b)(-c) + 2(-c)(3a)$$

$$\left[ \because a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca = (a + b + c)^2 \right]$$

$$= 9a^2 + 25b^2 + c^2 - 30ab + 10bc - 6ca.$$

(iii)  $(-x + 2y - 3z)^2 = \{(-x) + 2y + (-3z)\}^2$   
 $= (-x)^2 + (2y)^2 + (-3z)^2 + 2(-x)(2y) + 2(2y)(-3z) + 2(-3z)(-x)$

**29. Factorise the following:**

(i)  $9x^2 + 4y^2 + 16z^2 + 12xy - 16yz - 24xz$

(ii)  $25x^2 + 16y^2 + 4z^2 - 40xy + 16yz - 20xz$

(iii)  $16x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 - 16xy - 12yz + 24xz$

**Sol.** (i) We have,

$$9x^2 + 4y^2 + 16z^2 + 12xy - 16yz - 24xz$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
&= (3x)^2 + (2y)^2 + (-4z)^2 + 2(3x)(2y) + 2(2y)(-4z) + 2(-4z)(3x) \\
&= \{3x + 2y + (-4z)\}^2 \left[ \because a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca = (a + b + c)^2 \right] \\
&= (3x + 2y - 4z)^2 = (3x + 2y - 4z)(3x + 2y - 4z)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(ii) } 25x^2 + 16y^2 + 4z^2 - 40xy + 16yz - 20xz \\
&= (-5x)^2 + (4y)^2 + (2z)^2 + 2(-5x)(4y) + 2(4y)(2z) + 2(2z)(-5x) \\
&= (-5x + 4y + 2z)^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(ii) We have,} \\
16x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 - 16xy - 12yz + 24xz \\
&= (4x)^2 + (-2y)^2 + (3z)^2 + 2(4x)(-2y) + 2(-2y)(3z) + 2(3z)(4x) \\
&= \{4x + (-2y) + 3z\}^2 \left[ \because a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca = (a + b + c)^2 \right] \\
&= (4x - 2y + 3z)^2 \\
&= (4x - 2y + 3z)(4x - 2y + 3z)
\end{aligned}$$

**30. If  $a + b + c = 9$  and  $ab + bc + ca = 26$ , find  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ .**

**Sol.** We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
(a + b + c)^2 &= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca \\
\Rightarrow (a + b + c)^2 &= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2(ab + bc + ca) \\
\Rightarrow 9^2 &= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2(26) \\
&\quad \text{[Putting the value of } a + b + c \text{ and } ab + bc + ca \text{]} \\
\Rightarrow 81 &= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 52 \\
\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) &= 81 - 52 = 29
\end{aligned}$$

**31. Expand the following:**

**(i)**  $(3a - 2b)^3$

**(ii)**  $\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{3}\right)^3$

**(iii)**  $\left(4 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^3$

**Sol.** (i) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3a - 2b)^3 &= (3a)^3 - (2b)^3 - 3(3a)(2b)(3a - 2b) \\
&\quad \left[ \because (a - b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a - b) \right] \\
&= 27a^3 - 8b^3 - 18ab(3a - 2b) \\
&= 27a^3 - 8b^3 - 54a^2b + 36ab^2
\end{aligned}$$


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(ii)  $\therefore (x+y)^3 = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy(x+y)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{3}\right)^3 &= \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{y}{3}\right)^3 + 3 \times \frac{1}{x} \times \frac{y}{3} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{3}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{y^3}{27} + \frac{y}{x} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{3}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{y^3}{27} + \frac{y}{x^2} + \frac{y^2}{3x} = \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{y}{x^2} + \frac{y^2}{3x} + \frac{y^3}{27} \end{aligned}$$

(iii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(4 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^3 &= (4)^3 - \left(\frac{1}{3x}\right)^3 - 3(4)\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right)\left(4 - \frac{1}{3x}\right) \\ &\quad \left[\because (a-b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a-b)\right] \\ &= 64 - \frac{1}{27x^3} - \frac{4}{x} \left(4 - \frac{1}{3x}\right) \\ &= 64 - \frac{1}{27x^3} - \frac{16}{x} + \frac{4}{3x^2} \end{aligned}$$

**32. Factorise the following:**

(i)  $1 - 64a^3 - 12a + 48a^2$

(ii)  $8p^3 + \frac{12}{5}p^2 + \frac{6}{25}p + \frac{1}{125}$

**Sol.** (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - 64a^3 - 12a + 48a^2 &= (1)^3 - (4a)^3 - 3(1)(4a)(1-4a) \\ &= (1-4a)^3 \left[\because a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a-b) = (a-b)^3\right] \\ &= (1-4a)(1-4a)(1-4a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } 8p^3 + \frac{12}{5}p^2 + \frac{6}{25}p + \frac{1}{125} &= (2p)^3 + 3 \times (2p)^2 \times \frac{1}{5} + 3 \times (2p) \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^3 \\ &= (2p)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^3 + 3 \times (2p) \times \frac{1}{5} \left[2p + \frac{1}{5}\right] \end{aligned}$$

Now, using  $a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a+b) = (a+b)^3$

$$= \left(2p + \frac{1}{5}\right)^3 = \left(2p + \frac{1}{5}\right) \left(2p + \frac{1}{5}\right) \left(2p + \frac{1}{5}\right)$$

**33. Find the following produces:**

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$$(i) \left(\frac{x}{2} + 2y\right)\left(\frac{x^2}{4} - xy + 4y^2\right)$$

$$(ii) (x^2 - 1)(x^4 + x^2 + 1)$$

**Sol.** (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{x}{2} + 2y\right)\left(\frac{x^2}{4} - xy + 4y^2\right) &= \left(\frac{x}{y} + 2y\right)\left\{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)(2y) + (2y)^2\right\} \\ &= \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + (2y)^3 \quad \left[\because (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2) = a^3 + b^3\right] \\ &= \frac{x^3}{8} + 8y^3 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 - 1)(x^4 + x^2 + 1) &= (x^2 - 1)\{(x^2)^2 + (x^2)(1) + (1)^2\} \\ &= (x^2)^3 - (1)^3 \\ &\quad \left[\because (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) = a^3 - b^3\right] \\ &= x^6 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

**34. Factorise:**

$$(i) 1 + 64x^3$$

$$(ii) a^3 - 2\sqrt{2}b^3$$

**Sol.** (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 64x^3 &= (1)^3 + (4x)^3 \\ &= (1 + 4x)\{(1)^2 - (1)(4x) + (4x)^2\} \\ &\quad \left[\because a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)\right] \\ &= (1 + 4x)(1 - 4x + 16x^2) \\ &= (1 + 4x)(16x^2 - 4x + 1) \\ &= (4x + 1)(16x^2 - 4x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} a^3 - 2\sqrt{2}b^3 &= (a)^3 - (\sqrt{2}b)^3 \\ &= (a - \sqrt{2}b)\{(a)^2 + (a)(\sqrt{2}b) + (\sqrt{2}b)^2\} \\ &\quad \left[\because a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)\right] \\ &= (a - \sqrt{2}b)(a^2 + \sqrt{2}ab + 2b^2) \end{aligned}$$

**35. Find the following product:**

$$(2x - y + 3z)(4x^2 + y^2 + 9z^2 + 2xy + 3yz - 6xz)$$

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**Sol.** We have,

$$\begin{aligned}& (2x - y + 3z)(4x^2 + y^2 + 9z^2 + 2xy + 3yz - 6xz) \\&= \{2x + (-y) + 3z\} \{(2x)^2 + (-y)^2 + (3z)^2 - (2x)(-y) - (-y)(3z) - (3z)(2x)\} \\&= (2x)^3 + (-y)^3 + (3z)^3 - 3(2x)(-y)(3z) \\&\quad [\because (a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ca) = a^3+b^3+c^3-3abc] \\&= 8x^3 - y^3 + 27z^2 + 18xyz\end{aligned}$$

**36. Factorise:**

(i)  $a^3 - 8b^3 - 64c^3 - 24abc$

(ii)  $2\sqrt{2}a^3 + 8b^3 - 27c^3 + 18\sqrt{2}abc$

**Sol.** (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}& a^3 - 8b^3 - 64c^3 - 24abc \\&= \{(a)^3 + (-2b)^3 + (-4c)^3 - 3(a)(-2b)(-4c)\} \\&= \{a + (-2b) + (-4c)\} \{a^2 + (-2b)^2 + (-4c)^2 - a(-2b) - (-2b)(-4c) - (-4c)a\} \\&\quad [\because a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ca)] \\&= (a - 2b - 4c)(a^2 + 4b^2 + 16c^2 + 2ab - 8bc + 4ca)\end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}& 2\sqrt{2}a^3 + 8b^3 - 27c^3 + 18\sqrt{2}abc \\&= \{(\sqrt{2}a)^3 + (2b)^3 + (-3c)^3 - 3(\sqrt{2}a)(2b)(-3c)\} \\&= \{\sqrt{2}a + 2b + (-3c)\} \{(\sqrt{2}a)^2 + (2b)^2 + (-3c)^2 - (\sqrt{2}a)(2b) - (2b)(-3c) - (-3c)(\sqrt{2}a)\} \\&= (\sqrt{2}a + 2b - 3c)(2a^2 + 4b^2 + 9c^2 - 2\sqrt{2}ab + 6bc + 3\sqrt{2}ca)\end{aligned}$$

**37. Without actually calculating the cubes, find the value of:**

(i)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3$

(ii)  $(0.2)^3 - (0.3)^3 + (0.1)^3$

**Sol.** (i) Let  $a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{3}, c = -\frac{5}{6}$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore a + b + c &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{5}{6} \\&= \frac{3+2-5}{6} = \frac{0}{6} = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \left(-\frac{5}{6}\right)^3$$

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$$= 3 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} \left( -\frac{5}{6} \right) = -\frac{5}{12}$$

(ii) We have,

$$(0.2)^3 - (0.3)^3 + (0.1)^3 = (0.2)^3 + (-0.3)^3 + (0.1)^3$$

Let  $a = 0.2, b = -0.3$  and  $c = 0.1$ . Then,

$$a + b + c = 0.2 + (-0.3) + 0.1$$

$$= 0.2 - 0.3 + 0.1 = 0$$

$$\therefore a + b + c = 0$$

$$\therefore a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 0 = 3abc$$

$$\Rightarrow (0.2)^3 + (-0.3)^3 + (0.1)^3 = 3(0.2)(-0.3)(0.1) = -0.018$$

$$\text{Hence, } (0.2)^3 + (-0.3)^3 + (0.1)^3 = -0.018$$

**38. Without finding the cubes, factorise**

$$(x-2y)^3 + (2y-3z)^3 + (3z-x)^3$$

**Sol.** Let  $x-2y = a, 2y-3z = b$  and  $3z-x = c$

$$\therefore a + b + c = x - 2y + 2y - 3z + 3z - x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } (x-2y)^3 + (2y-3z)^3 + (3z-x)^3 \\ = 3(x-2y)(2y-3z)(3z-x) \end{aligned}$$

**39. Find the value of**

$$(i) \ x^3 + y^3 - 12xy + 64, \text{ when } x + y = -4$$

$$(ii) \ x^3 + 8y^3 - 36xy - 216, \text{ when } x = 2y + 6$$

**Sol.** (i)  $x^3 + y^3 - 12xy + 64 = x^3 + y^3 + 4^3 - 3x \times y \times 4$

$$= (x + y + 4)(x^2 + y^2 + 4^2 - xy - 4y - 4x)$$

$$[\because x + y = -4]$$

$$= (0)(x^2 + y^2 + 4^2 - xy - 4y - 4x) = 0$$

$$(ii) \ x^3 + 8y^3 - 36xy - 216 = x^3 + (-2y)^3 + (-6)^3 - 3x(-2y)(-6)$$

$$= (x - 2y - 6)$$

$$[x^2 + (-2y)^2 + (-6)^2 - x(-2y) - (-2y)(-6) - (-6)x]$$

$$= (x - 2y - 6)(x^2 + 4y^2 + 36 + 2xy - 12y + 6x)$$

$$= (0)(x^2 + 4y^2 + 36 + 2xy - 12y + 6x) = 0$$

$$[\because x = 2y + 6]$$

**40. Give possible experiments for the length and breadth of the rectangle whose area is given by  $4a^2 + 4a - 3$ .**

**Sol.** Area:  $4a^2 + 4a - 3$ .

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Using the method of splitting the middle term, we first two numbers whose sum is +4 and produce is  $4 \times (-3) = -12$ .

Now,  $+6 - 2 = +4$  and  $(+6) \times (-2) = -12$

We split the middle term  $4a$  as  $4a = +6a - 2a$ ,

So, that

$$\begin{aligned}4a + 4a - 3 &= 4a^2 + 6a - 2a - 3 \\&= 2a(2a + 3) - 1(2a + 3) \\&= (2a - 1)(2a + 3)\end{aligned}$$

Now, area of rectangle  $= 4a^2 + 4a - 3$

Also, area of rectangle = length  $\times$  breadth and  $4a^2 + 4a - 3 = (2a - 1)(2a + 3)$

So, the possible expressions for the length and breadth of the rectangle are length  $= (2a - 1)$  and breadth  $= (2a + 3)$  or, length  $= (2a + 3)$  and breadth  $= (2a - 1)$ .

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**Polynomials**  
**Exercise 2.4**

1. If the polynomials  $az^3 + 4z^2 + 3z - 4$  and  $z^3 - 4z + a$  leave the same remainder when divided by  $z - 3$ , Find the value of  $a$ .

**Sol.** Let  $p(z) = az^3 + 4z^2 + 3z - 4$

And  $q(z) = z^3 - 4z + a$

As these two polynomials leave the same remainder, when divided by  $z - 3$ , then  $p(3) = q(3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(3) &= a(3)^3 + 4(3)^2 + 3(3) - 4 \\ &= 27a + 36 + 9 - 4\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Or } p(3) = 27a + 41$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{And } q(3) &= (3)^3 - 4(3) + a \\ &= 27 - 12 + a = 15 + a\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } p(3) = q(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 27a + 41 = 15 + a$$

$$\Rightarrow 26a = -26a; a = -1$$

Hence, the required value of  $a = -1$ .

2. The polynomial  $p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - ax + 3a - 7$  when divided by  $x + 1$  leave remainder 19. Also, find the remainder when  $p(x)$  is divided by  $x + 2$ .

**Sol.** We know that if  $p(x)$  is divided by  $x + a$ , then the remainder  $= p(-a)$ .

Now,  $p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - ax + 3a - 7$  is divided by  $x + 1$ , then the remainder  $= p(-1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } p(-1) &= (-1)^4 - 2(-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 - a(-1) + 3a - 7 \\ &= 1 - 2(-1) + 3(1) + a + 3a - 7 \\ &= 1 + 2 + 3 + 4a - 7 \\ &= -1 + 4a\end{aligned}$$

Also, remainder = 19

$$\therefore -1 + 4a = 19$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a = 20; a = 20 \div 4 = 5$$

Again, when  $p(x)$  is divided by  $x + 2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Remainder} &= p(-2) = (-2)^4 - 2(-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 - a(-2) + 3a - 7 \\ &= 16 + 16 + 12 + 2a + 3a - 7 \\ &= 37 + 5a \\ &= 37 + 5(5) = 37 + 25 = 62\end{aligned}$$

3. If both  $(x - 2)$  and  $\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$  are factors of  $px^2 + 5x + r$ , Show that  $p = r$ .

**Sol.** Let  $p(x) = px^2 + 5x + r$ .

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As  $(x-2)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } p(2) &= 0 \Rightarrow P(2)^2 + 5(2) + r = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 4p + 10 + r &= 0 \quad \dots(1)\end{aligned}$$

Again,  $\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$  is factor of  $p(x)$ .

$$\therefore p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + r \\ &= \frac{1}{4}p + \frac{5}{2} + r\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}p + \frac{5}{2} + r = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1), we have  $4p + r = -10$

From (2), we have  $p + 10 + 4r = 0$

$$\Rightarrow p + 4r = -10$$

$$\therefore 4p + r = p + 4r \quad [\because \text{Each} = -10]$$

$$\therefore 3p = 3r \Rightarrow p = r$$

Hence, proved.

**4. Without actual division, prove that  $2x^4 - 5x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 2$  is divisible by  $x^2 - 3x + 2$ .**

**Sol.** We have,

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 3x + 2 &= x^2 - x - 2x + 2 \\ &= x(x-1) - 2(x-1) \\ &= (x-1)(x-2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } p(x) = 2x^4 - 5x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 2$$

$$\text{Now, } p(1) = 2(1)^4 - 5(1)^3 + 2(1)^2 - 1 + 2 = 2 - 5 + 2 - 1 + 2 = 0$$

Therefore,  $(x-1)$  divides  $p(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{And } p(2) &= 2(2)^4 - 5(2)^3 + 2(2)^2 - 2 + 2 \\ &= 32 - 40 + 8 - 2 + 2 = 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(x-2)$  divides  $p(x)$ .

So,  $(x-1)(x-2) = x^2 - 3x + 2$  divides  $2x^4 - 5x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 2$

**5. Simplify  $(2x-5y)^3 - (2x+5y)^3$ .**

**Sol.** We have,

$$\begin{aligned}&(2x-5y)^3 - (2x+5y)^3 \\ &= \{(2x-5y) - (2x+5y)\} \{(2x-5y)^2 + (2x-5y)(2x+5y) + (2x+5y)^2\} \\ &\quad \left[ \because a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) \right]\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= (2x - 5y - 2x - 5y) (4x^2 + 25y^2 - 20xy + 4x^2 - 25y^2 + 4x^2 + 25y^2 + 20xy) \\
&= (-10y)(2x^2 + 25y^2) \\
&= -120x^2y - 250y^3
\end{aligned}$$

**6. Multiply**  $x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + xz - 2yz$  **by**  $(-z + x - 2y)$ .

**Sol.** We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
&(-z + x - 2y)(x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + xz - 2yz) \\
&= \{(x + (-2y) + (-z))\} \{(x)^2 + (-2y)^2 + (-z)^2 - (x)(-2y) - (-2y)(-z) - (-z)(x)\} \\
&= x^3 + (-2y)^3 + (-z)^3 - 3(x)(-2y)(-z) \\
&\quad [\because (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc] \\
&= x^3 - 8y^3 - z^3 - 6xyz
\end{aligned}$$

**7. If a, b, c are all non-zero and a + b + c = 0, prove that**

$$\frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{c^2}{ab} = 3.$$

**Sol.** We have a, b, c are all non-zero and a + b + c = 0, therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
&a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc \\
\text{Now, } \frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{c^2}{ab} &= \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{abc} = \frac{3abc}{abc} = 3
\end{aligned}$$

**8. If a + b + c = 5 and ab + bc + ca = 10, then prove that**  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = -25$

**Sol.** We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc &= (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \\
&= (a + b + c)[a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (ab + bc + ca)] \\
&= 5\{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (ab + bc + ca)\} \\
&= 5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 10)
\end{aligned}$$

Now,  $a + b + c = 5$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(a + b + c)^2 &= 5^2 \\
\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca) &= 25
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(10) = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 25 - 20 = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now, } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc &= 5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 10) \\
&= 5(5 - 10) = 5(-5) = -25
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, proved.

**9. Prove that**  $(a + b + c)^3 - a^3 - b^3 - c^3 = 3(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)$

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**Sol.**  $(a+b+c)^3 = [a+(b+c)]^3$

$$= a^3 + 3a^2(b+c) + 3a(b+c)^2 + (b+c)^3$$

$$= a^3 + 3a^2b + 3a^2c + 3a(b^2 + 2bc + c^2) + (b^3 + 3b^2c + 3bc^2 + c^3)$$

$$= a^3 + 3a^2b + 3a^2c + 3ab^2 + 6abc + 3ac^2 + b^3 + 3b^2c + 3bc^2 + c^3$$

$$= a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3a^2b + 3a^2c + 3b^2c + 3b^2a + 3c^2a + 3c^2b + 6abc$$

$$= a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3a^2(b+c) + 3b^2(b+c) + 3c^2(b+c) + 6abc$$

Hence, above result can be put in the form

$$(a+b+c)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$$

$$\therefore (a+b+c)^3 - a^3 - b^3 - c^3 = 3(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$$


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