

§5.5—§5.6 Polynomial Functions and Polynomials Over \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}

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例 1

设 $f(x) = x^3 + 3x + 1$, 求满足同余方程 $v(x)f'(x) \equiv 1 \pmod{f(x)}$ 且次数最小的多项式 $v(x)$.

例 2

设 $(f(x), g(x)) = 1$, 证明: $f^2(x) + g^2(x)$ 的重根必是 $[f'(x)]^2 + [g'(x)]^2$ 的根.

Hint: Consider over \mathbf{C} .

例 3

设 $f(x)$ 为 $\mathbf{R}[x]$ 上的任一实系数多项式. 证明: 存在唯一实系数多项式 $g(x)$ 使得

$$((x^2 + 3x - 5)g(x))'' = f(x).$$

Examples

例 4

Assume that **an irreducible polynomial** $p(x)$ is a $(k-1)$ -multiple factor of $f'(x)$, then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $p(x)$ is a $(k-1)$ -multiple factor of (f, f') ;
- (2) $p(x) \mid f(x)$;
- (3) $p(x)$ is a k -multiple factor of $f(x)$.
- (3') $f(x) = p^k(x)h(x)$, $(p(x), f(x)) = 1$.

Note: When we talk about repeated factors, $p(x)$ should firstly be irreducible.

例 5

Assume $f(x) \in F[x]$ and $\deg f(x) = n$. If $f' \mid f$, prove that f has a n -multiple root over F .

Multiple Roots

- If $f(x)$ has a multiple root a over F , then it must have repeated factors. But the converse is wrong.
- If a is a k -multiple root of $f(x)$, then it's a $(k - 1)$ -multiple root of $f'(x)$. But the converse is wrong.
- If a is a $(k - 1)$ -multiple root of (f', f) , then it's a k -multiple root of $f(x)$.

例 6

- (1) $p(x)$ is irreducible over $F \Rightarrow p(x)$ has no multiple roots over \mathbf{C} ;
- (2) $p(x)$ is irreducible over F and has common roots with $f(x)$ over $\mathbf{C} \Rightarrow p \mid f$.

Examples

Slogan: $p(x)$ 在 F 上不可约且在 \mathbf{C} 上与 $f(x)$ 有公共根 $\Rightarrow p \mid f$.

例 7

(1) $f(x) \in \mathbf{R}[x]$, $f(a + bi) = 0$ ($a, b \in \mathbf{R}$) $\rightsquigarrow f(a - bi) = 0$;

(2) $f(x) \in \mathbf{Q}[x]$, $f(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) = 0 \rightsquigarrow f(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}) = f(-\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) = f(-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}) = 0$.

Hint: What is the standard factorization of $x^4 - 10x + 1$ in $\mathbf{R}[x]$?

例 8

$f(x) \in F[x]$ 在 F 上不可约, 若非零常数 a, a^{-1}, b 为 $f(x)$ 在 \mathbf{C} 上的根, 证明: $f(b^{-1}) = 0$.

Hint: Consider $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$, $g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n-k} x^k$, $a_i \in F$, $a_0 a_n \neq 0$.

Examples

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例 9

$f(x) \in F[x]$ 在 F 上不可约, 对 $g(x) \in F[x]$, 有 $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ 满足 $f(\alpha) = 0, g(\alpha) \neq 0$.

(1) 存在 $h(x) \in F[x]$ 满足 $h(\alpha)g(\alpha) = 1$;

(2) 求一个多项式 $h(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ 满足

$$h(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \frac{1}{3 + 2\sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{4}}.$$

Hint: $p \mid f \Leftrightarrow$ All the roots of $p(x)$ are roots of $f(x)$.

New View of Divisibility

Slogan: $p \mid f \Leftrightarrow$ All the roots of $p(x)$ are roots of $f(x)$.

Revisit some examples:

$$(1) \quad x^2 + x + 1 \mid \sum_{i \in I} x^{a_i} \Leftrightarrow a_i \text{ 除 3 余数为 } 0, 1, 2 \text{ 的个数相等};$$

$$(2) \quad a \in F, \quad x^d - a^d \mid x^n - a^n \Leftrightarrow d \mid n.$$

例 10

设多项式 $f(x), g(x), h(x), k(x)$ 之间有关系式

$$\begin{cases} (x+1)f(x) + (x+2)g(x) + (x^2+1)h(x) = 0, \\ (x-1)f(x) + (x-2)g(x) + (x^2+1)k(x) = 0. \end{cases}$$

证明: $(x^2+1) \mid (f, g)$.

Synthetic Division

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k = (x-b) \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} b_s x^s \right\} + f(b) \rightsquigarrow a_k = -b \cdot b_k + b_{k-1}, 1 \leq k \leq n-1.$$

Try

$f(x) = x^5 - 2020x^4 - 2019x^3 - 4041x^2 - 2020x - 100$, figure out $f(2021)$.

- $f(x) = (x - 2021)(x^4 + b_3x^3 + \cdots + b_0) + f(2021)$;
- $-2020 = -2021b_3 + b_4 = -2021b_3 + 1 \rightsquigarrow b_3 = 1$;
- $-2019 = -2021b_3 + b_2 \rightsquigarrow b_2 = 2021 - 2019 = 2$;
- $-4041 = -2021b_2 + b_1 \rightsquigarrow b_1 = 1$;
- $-2020 = -2021b_1 + b_0 \rightsquigarrow b_0 = 1$;
- $-100 = -2021b_0 + f(2021) \rightsquigarrow f(2021) = 1921$.

Polynomial Functions

Lemma 11

Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial over a field F with degree $n > 0$. Then, $f(x)$ has at most n distinct roots in F .

Note: Any polynomial of finite degree has only a finite number of roots. **If a polynomial has infinitely many roots, it must be the zero polynomial.**

Thm 12

Set $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$, $g(x) = b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \cdots + b_1 x + b_0$, $a_i, b_j \in F$. Then, the following two statements are equivalent:

- (A) For all $c \in F$, we have $f(c) = g(c)$;
- (A') For $n + 1$ distinct numbers $c_1, \dots, c_{n+1} \in F$, we have $f(c) = g(c)$;
- (B) $n = m, a_i = b_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$).

Distinct Roots $>$ Degree \rightsquigarrow Zero!

Slogan: If a polynomial has infinitely many roots \Rightarrow zero polynomial.

例 13

$f(x) = \sin x$ is not a polynomial.

例 14

Figure out each $f(x)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) $f(x) = f(x + c)$, $0 \neq c \in F$;
- (2) $f(a + b) = f(a) + f(b)$, for all $a, b \in F$.

例 15

$\deg f(x) = n > 0$, $f(k) = k/(k + 1)$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$. Find $f(n + 1)$.