

chapter-8 Remainder and Factor Theorem

Example: $89 \div 9$

divisor $\leftarrow 9 \mid 89$ (\rightarrow) quotient
 $\begin{array}{r} 9 \overline{) 89} \\ \underline{81} \\ 8 \end{array}$
 remainder \leftarrow divided

② $x^2 + 2x \div x$

$$\frac{x^2}{x} + \frac{2x}{x} = x + 2$$

$$\frac{x^2}{x} = x$$

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

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

③ $x^2 + 2x + 4 \div x + 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+3 \overline{) x^2 + 2x + 4} \\ \underline{-(x+3)} \\ 3x \\ \underline{-(3x+9)} \\ -x + 4 \\ \underline{-(-x-3)} \\ 7 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{x} = x$$

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

Remainder

Remainder Theorem

Example 3: $x^2 + 2x + 4 \div x + 3$

let $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 4$

divisor $= x + 3$

let $x + 3 = 0$

$x = -3$

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

$$= 9 - 6 + 4$$

$$= 13 - 6$$

$$= 7 \rightarrow \text{Remainder}$$

Exercise - 8(A)

Q1 Find, in each case, the remainder when

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

A) Given,

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

The divisor is $(x-1)$.

$$\text{let } x-1=0$$

$$\boxed{x=1}$$

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

$$= 1 - 3 + 2 + 1$$

$$f(x) = 1$$

∴ Remainder is 1.

② $x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 4$ is divided by $x-2$

A) Given,

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

The divisor is $(x-2)$

$$\text{let } x-2=0$$

$$\boxed{x=2}$$

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

$$= 8 + 12 - 24 + 4$$

$$= 24 - 24$$

$$= 0$$

Note: If the remainder is zero, then the divisor is called factor of $f(x)$

iii) $x^4 + 1$ is divided by $x+1$

A) Given,

$$f(x) = x^4 + 1$$

The divisor is $x+1$

$$\text{let } x+1=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x=-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (-1)^4 + 1 \\ &= 1 + 1 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

II Show that

i) $x-2$ is a factor of $5x^2+15x-50$

A) Given, $f(x) = 5x^2 + 15x - 50$

The divisor is $x-2$

$$\boxed{x=2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(x) &= 5(2)^2 + 15(2) - 50 \\ &= 5(4) + 30 - 50 \\ &= 20 + 30 - 50 \\ &= 50 - 50 \\ f(2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

ii) $3x+2$ is a factor of $3x^2-x-2$

A) Given,

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

The divisor is $(3x+2)$

$$\text{let } 3x+2=0$$

$$3x = -2$$

$$x = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore f\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = 3\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) - 2$$

$$= 3 \times \frac{4}{9} + \frac{2}{3} - 2$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - \left(\frac{2 \times 3}{1}\right)$$

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

$$= \frac{4+2-6}{3} = \frac{6-6}{3} = \frac{0}{3} = 0$$

$\therefore f(-\frac{2}{3}) = 0$ hence $3x+2$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

③ Use Remainder Theorem to find which of the following is a factor of $2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x - 6$

- i) $x+1$ ii) $2x-1$ iii) $x+2$

A) Given,

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

The divisor is $x+1$

$$\text{let } x+1=0$$

$$\boxed{x = -1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore f(x) &= 2(-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 - 5(-1) - 6 \\ &= -2 + 3 + 5 - 6 \\ &= 8 - 8 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

ii) $2x-1=0$

A) Given,

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

The divisor is $2x-1$

$$\text{let } 2x-1=0$$

$$2x = 1$$

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

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

$$\therefore f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \times \frac{1}{8} + 3 \times \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{2} - 6$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{6}{1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} - \left(\frac{5 \times 2}{2 \times 2} \right) - \left(\frac{6 \times 4}{1 \times 4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{10}{4} - \frac{24}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1+3-10-24}{4}$$

$$= 4 - 34/4$$

$$= \frac{-30}{4}$$

$$= -\frac{15}{2}$$

(ii)

$$x+2$$

Given;

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

The divisor is $x+2$

$$\text{let } x+2=0$$

$$x = -2$$

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

$$= 2(-8) + 12 + 10 - 6$$

$$= -16 + 12 + 10 - 6$$

$$= -16 + 6 + 12 + 10$$

$$= -40 + 22 + 22$$

$$= 0$$

$\therefore f(-2) = 0$ hence $x+2$ is a factor of $f(x)$