

EX.0.1.1, Sauer

Rewrite the following polynomials in nested form. Evaluate with and without nested form at $x = 1/3$.

- a. $p(x) = 6x^4 + x^3 + 5x^2 + x + 1$
- b. $p(x) = -3x^4 + 4x^3 + 5x^2 - 5x + 1$
- c. $p(x) = 2x^4 + x^3 - x^2 + 1$

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See as well the [Colaboratory Jupyter Notebook](#).

In nested form,

- a. $p(x) = 6x^4 + x^3 + 5x^2 + x + 1 = ((6x + 1)x + 5)x + 1)x + 1$
- b. $p(x) = -3x^4 + 4x^3 + 5x^2 - 5x + 1 = ((-3x + 4)x + 5)x - 5)x + 1$
- c. $p(x) = 2x^4 + x^3 - x^2 + 1 = ((2x + 1)x - 1)x^2 + 1$

And we can check that, using either standard form or nested form to evaluate the polynomial at $x = \frac{1}{3}$, we get

a. $p(\frac{1}{3}) = 2$

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x = 1./3.
print( 6. * x**4 + x**3 + 5. * x**2 + x + 1. )
print( ( ( ( 6. * x + 1. ) * x + 5. ) * x + 1. ) * x + 1. )

2.0
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b. $p(\frac{1}{3}) = 0$

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x = 1./3.
print( -3. * x**4 + 4. * x**3 + 5. * x**2 - 5. * x + 1. )
print( ( ( ( -3. * x + 4. ) * x + 5. ) * x + -5. ) * x + 1. )

1.1102230246251565e-16
0.0
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c. $p(\frac{1}{3}) = \frac{77}{81}$

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x = 1./3.
print( 2. * x**4 + x**3 - x**2 + 1. )
print( ( ( ( 2. * x + 1. ) * x - 1. ) * x ) * x + 1. )
print( 77./81. )

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