

1. Find all 4th roots of -8 in Cartesian form. Simplify as much as possible.

Solution: Either simply notice that $-8 = 8(-i) = 8e^{i\pi}$, or say that $-8 = -8 + 0i$ so $r = \sqrt{(-8)^2 + 0^2} = 8$ and $\theta = \tan(\theta) = \frac{0}{-8}$ so $\theta = \pi$.

$$-8 = 8e^{i\pi}$$

Therefore all 4th roots of -8 are of the form

$$z_k = \sqrt[4]{8e^{i\pi}} = \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{\pi+2k\pi}{4}}$$

where $k = -2, -1, 0, 1$.

If $k = -2$ then

$$z_{-2} = \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{\pi-4\pi}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{-3\pi}{4}}$$

If $k = -1$ then

$$z_{-1} = \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{\pi-2\pi}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{-\pi}{4}}$$

If $k = 0$ then

$$z_0 = \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

If $k = 1$ then

$$z_1 = \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{\pi+2\pi}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}}$$

Therefore the 4th roots of -8 are $\left\{ \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{-3\pi}{4}}, \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{-\pi}{4}}, \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}, \sqrt[4]{8}e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} \right\}$.

Because

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 2^{\frac{-1}{2}}$$

and

$$\sqrt[4]{8} = 2^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

we have

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sqrt[4]{8} = 2^{\frac{-1}{2}} 2^{\frac{3}{4}} = 2^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{2}.$$

Then the above set of 4th roots can be simplified to

$$\left\{ -\sqrt[4]{2} - i\sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[4]{2} - i\sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[4]{2} + i\sqrt[4]{2}, -\sqrt[4]{2} + i\sqrt[4]{2} \right\}$$

2. For each of the following statements, if it is true prove it, and if it is false give a counter example.

(a) $z = \frac{|\sqrt{2}z|^2}{2z}, \quad (z \neq 0);$

(b) $\bar{z}(z + z|z|) = |\bar{z}|^2(1 + |\bar{z}|);$

(c) $\frac{e^{4\theta^2 i} e^{i^5}}{(e^{\theta i})^4} = \cos(2\theta - 1)^2 + i \sin(2\theta - 1)^2.$

Solution:

(a) It is true, because let $z = x + yi$ then

$$\frac{|\sqrt{2}z|^2}{2z} = \frac{(\sqrt{2})^2 |z|^2}{2\bar{z}} = \frac{|z|^2}{\bar{z}} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x - yi} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x - yi} \times \frac{x + yi}{x + yi} = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)(x + yi)}{x^2 + y^2} = x + yi = z.$$

(b) It is true, because $|z| = |\bar{z}|$ and $\bar{z}z = |z|^2$ and

$$\bar{z}(z + z|z|) = \bar{z}z(1 + |z|) = \bar{z}z(1 + |\bar{z}|) = |z|^2(1 + |\bar{z}|).$$

(c) It is true, because $i^5 = i$ and $(e^{\theta i})^4 = e^{4\theta i}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^{4\theta^2 i} e^{i^5}}{(e^{\theta i})^4} &= \frac{e^{4\theta^2 i} e^i}{e^{4\theta i}} \\ &= e^{4\theta^2 i} e^i e^{-4\theta i} = e^{(4\theta^2 - 4\theta + 1)i} = e^{(2\theta - 1)^2 i} = \cos(2\theta - 1)^2 + i \sin(2\theta - 1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

3. Let $P(x) = 8x^4 - 2kx^3 + 2k^2x^2 + \frac{k}{2}$, where k is a complex number. Find all values of k such that the remainder of $P(x)$ divided by $2x - 1$ is $\frac{15}{32} + \frac{1}{32}i$.

Solution:

By the Remainder Theorem the remainder of $P(x)$ divided by $2x - 1$ is $P(\frac{1}{2})$.

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{8}{2^4} - \frac{2k}{2^3} + \frac{2k^2}{2^2} + \frac{k}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{4} + \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{k}{2} \\ &= \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{k}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(2k^2 + k + 2) \end{aligned}$$

Then the remainder of $P(x)$ divided by $2x - 1$ is $\frac{15}{32} + \frac{1}{32}i$ if and only if

$$\frac{1}{4}(2k^2 + k + 2) = \frac{15}{32} + \frac{1}{32}i$$

which is equivalent to

$$2k^2 + k + 2 - \frac{15}{8} - \frac{i}{8} = 0$$

which is further equivalent to

$$2k^2 + k + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{i}{8} = 0$$

We then apply the quadratic formula to find k

$$\begin{aligned}
k &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(2)(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{8}i)}}{4} \\
&= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - (1 - i)}}{4} \\
&= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{i}}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $i = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$ we have

$$\sqrt{i} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i \right).$$

Therefore k can take the values

$$k = \left(\frac{-1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8}i \quad \text{or} \quad k = \left(\frac{-1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \right) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8}i$$

which can reduce to

$$k = \left(\frac{-2 + \sqrt{2}}{8} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8}i \quad \text{or} \quad k = \left(\frac{-2 - \sqrt{2}}{8} \right) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8}i.$$

4. Let $P(x) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^6 (-1)^i x^{2i} + \sum_{i=0}^5 (-1)^i x^{2i+1}$.

Use Descartes' Rule of Signs to determine

- The number of positive real roots.
- The number of negative real roots.
- The total number of real roots. How many real linear factors does the total number of real roots imply, are their roots positive or negative, how many irreducible quadratics divide $P(x)$ (i.e. what configuration of real linear and irreducible quadratics does each number of total real roots imply)?

Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
P(x) &= 1 \quad \underbrace{+x - x^2}_{\text{sign change 1}} \quad \underbrace{-x^3 + x^4}_{\text{sign change 2}} \quad \underbrace{+x^5 - x^6}_{\text{sign change 3}} \quad \underbrace{-x^7 + x^8}_{\text{sign change 4}} \quad \underbrace{+x^9 - x^{10}}_{\text{sign change 5}} \quad \underbrace{-x^{11} + x^{12}}_{\text{sign change 6}}
\end{aligned}$$

\therefore There are 6 or 4 or 2 or 0 real positive roots of $P(x)$ by Descartes' Rules of Signs.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
P(-x) &= \underbrace{1 - x}_{\text{sign change 1}} \quad \underbrace{-x^2 + x^3}_{\text{sign change 2}} \quad \underbrace{+x^4 - x^5}_{\text{sign change 3}} \quad \underbrace{-x^6 + x^7}_{\text{sign change 4}} \quad \underbrace{+x^8 - x^9}_{\text{sign change 5}} \quad \underbrace{-x^{10} + x^{11}}_{\text{sign change 6}} + x^{12}
\end{aligned}$$

\therefore There are 6 or 4 or 2 or 0 real negative roots of $P(x)$ by Descartes' Rules of Signs.

(c) There are either 0 or 2 or 4 or 6 or 8 or 10 or 12 real roots.

# +ve roots	# -ve roots	Total # real roots	# irreducible quadratics
0	0	0	6
0	2	2	5
0	4	4	4
0	6	6	3
2	0	2	5
2	2	4	4
2	4	6	3
2	6	8	2
4	0	4	4
4	2	6	3
4	4	8	2
4	6	10	1
6	0	6	3
6	2	8	2
6	4	10	1
6	6	12	0

5. For each of the following polynomials either use the Rational Root Theorem to make a list of possible rational roots or explain why the Rational Root Theorem cannot be used.

(a) $P(x) = 6x^5 + 3x^3 + 2x + 12$.

(b) $Q(x) = 7x^4 + 10x^2 + 2x$.

(c) $R(x) = 15x^4 + (8 - 6i)x^3 + 3x + x^2 + 1$.

Solution:

(a) $P(x)$ has all integer coefficients and a non-zero constant term, therefore the Rational Root Theorem can be used to find possible rational roots of $P(x)$. Rational roots of $P(x)$ the form $r = \frac{m}{n}$ must satisfy the requirements that m divides 12 and n divides 6.

Possible values for m are $\{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 12\}$.

Possible values for n are $\{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6\}$

Possible values for $r = \frac{m}{n}$ are $\left\{ \pm \frac{1}{6}, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm 1, \pm \frac{4}{3}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 12 \right\}$

(b) $Q(x)$ does not have a constant term, or alternatively $a_0 = 0$ for $Q(x)$. The Rational Root Theorem requires the polynomial has a non-zero constant term, which is not true for $Q(x)$, therefore the Rational Root Theorem cannot be used.

(c) $R(x)$ has a coefficient which is not an integer, namely $(8 - 6i)$. The Rational Root Theorem requires all coefficients are integers, which is not true for $R(x)$, therefore the Rational Root Theorem cannot be used.

6. For the following polynomials use the Bounds Theorem to determine an upper bound for the modulus of their roots.

(a) $P(x) = 6x^5 + 3x^3 + 2x + 12$.

(b) $Q(x) = 10.5x^3 + 12x + 3$.

(c) $R(x) = 15x^4 + (8 - 6i)x^3 + 3x + x^2 + 1.$

Solution:

- (a) For $P(x)$ we have $|a_n| = 6$ and $M = \max\{|3|, |2|, |12|\}$. Therefore $M = |12| = 12$. Bounds Theorem states that if x is a root of $P(x)$ then

$$|x| < \frac{M}{|a_n|} + 1$$

so in this case

$$|x| < \frac{12}{6} + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3.$$

Therefore 3 is an upper bound for the modulus of roots of $P(x)$.

- (b) For $Q(x)$ we have $|a_n| = 10.5$ and $M = \max\{|12|, |3|\}$. Therefore $M = |12| = 12$. Bounds Theorem states that if x is a root of $Q(x)$ then

$$|x| < \frac{M}{|a_n|} + 1$$

so in this case

$$|x| < \frac{12}{10.5} + 1 = \frac{12}{\frac{21}{2}} + 1 = \frac{24}{21} + \frac{21}{21} = \frac{45}{21} = \frac{15}{7}.$$

Therefore $\frac{15}{7}$ is an upper bound for the modulus of roots of $Q(x)$.

- (c) For $R(x)$ we have $|a_n| = 15$ and $M = \max\{|(8 - 6i)|, |3|, |1|, |1|\}$. Consider

$$|(8 - 6i)| = \sqrt{8^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{100} = 10.$$

Therefore $M = |(8 - 6i)| = 10$. Bounds Theorem states that if x is a root of $R(x)$ then

$$|x| < \frac{M}{|a_n|} + 1$$

so in this case

$$|x| < \frac{10}{15} + 1 = \frac{10}{15} + \frac{15}{15} = \frac{25}{15} = \frac{5}{3}.$$

Therefore $\frac{5}{3}$ is an upper bound for the modulus of roots of $P(x)$.

7. Let $P(x) = x^5 + 6x^4 + 8x^3 - 4x^2 - 9x - 2$

- (a) Using Descartes' Rules of Signs determine the number of real positive roots of $P(x)$ and the number of real negative roots of $P(x)$.
 (b) Use the Rational Root Theorem to determine all possible rational roots of $P(x)$.

- (e) Find all roots of $P(x)$.

(a)

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is one real positive root by Descartes' Rules of Signs.

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are either 4 or 2 or 0 negative real roots by Descartes' Rules of Signs.

- divides 1.

Possible m are $\{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$, possible n are $\{\pm 1\}$ therefore possible $r = \frac{m}{n}$ are $\{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$.

- $$P(1) = 1^5 + 6(1)^4 + 8(1)^3 - 4(1)^2 - 9(1) - 2 = 1 + 6 + 8 - 4 - 9 - 2 = 0.$$

$$P(-1) = (-1)^5 + 6(-1)^4 + 8(-1)^3 - 4(-1)^2 - 9(-1) - 2 = -1 + 6 - 8 - 4 + 9 - 2 = 0.$$

$$P(2) = (2)^5 + 6(2)^4 + 8(2)^3 - 4(2)^2 - 9(2) - 2 = 32 + 96 + 64 - 16 - 18 - 2 = 156 \neq 0$$

$$P(-2) = (-2)^5 + 6(-2)^4 + 8(-2)^3 - 4(-2)^2 - 9(-2) - 2 = -32 + 96 - 64 - 16 + 18 - 2 = 0$$

Therefore $x = 1$, $x = -1$, and $x = -2$ are roots of x so $(x-1)$, $(x-(-1))$, and $(x-(-2))$ are linear factors of $P(x)$ by the Factor Theorem.

- positive root, therefore there is no real positive root in the interval $[2, 5]$.

- (e) **Given $(x - 1)$, $(x - (-1))$, and $(x - (-2))$ are all linear factors of $P(x)$ their product $x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2$ is also a factor of $P(x)$.**

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Therefore $x^2 + 4x + 1$ is a factor of $P(x)$, whose roots can be found using the quadratic formula. The roots of $x^2 + 4x + 1$ are of the form

$$\frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4}}{2}$$

$$= -2 \pm \sqrt{3}.$$

Therefore the roots of $P(x)$ are $\{-2 - \sqrt{3}, -2, -1, -2 + \sqrt{3}, 1\}$.

8. Let $P(x) = x^6 - 6x^5 + \frac{17}{2}x^4 - 7x^3 + \frac{21}{2}x^2 + 3x$

- Using Descartes' Rules of Signs determine the number of real positive roots of $P(x)$ and the number of real negative roots of $P(x)$. What is the minimum number of real roots? What is the maximum?
- Use the Rational Root Theorem to determine all possible rational roots of $P(x)$. (Hint: If $P(x) = Q(x) \cdot R(x)$ where $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$ are polynomials then rational roots of $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$ are rational roots of $P(x)$.)
- Use the Bounds Theorem to determine an upper bound for the modulus of roots of $P(x)$. Does this eliminate any possible rational roots? Which ones?
- Evaluate $P(x)$ at possible rational roots and use the Factor Theorem to find one or more linear factor(s) which divide $P(x)$.
- Given that $(\sqrt{2}x - i\sqrt{3})$ divides $P(x)$ find all roots of $P(x)$.

Solution:

(a)

$$P(x) = \underbrace{x^6 - 6x^5}_{\text{sc 1}} + \underbrace{\frac{17}{2}x^4 - 7x^3}_{\text{sc 2}} + \underbrace{\frac{21}{2}x^2 + 3x}_{\text{sc 4}}$$

There are 4 sign changes between consecutive coefficients of $P(x)$ therefore there are 4 or 2 or 0 real positive roots of $P(x)$ by Descartes' Rules of Signs.

$$P(-x) = P(x) = x^6 + 6x^5 + \frac{17}{2}x^4 + 7x^3 + \underbrace{\frac{21}{2}x^2 - 3x}_{\text{sign change 1}}$$

There is one sign change between consecutive coefficients of $P(-x)$ therefore there is one real negative root of $P(x)$ by Descartes' Rules of Signs.

Because the constant term for this polynomial is 0 we know $x = 0$ is a real root and there is exactly one negative real root, there are therefore a minimum of 2 real roots (when there are 0 positive real roots) and a maximum of 6 (when there are 4 positive real roots).

(b)

$$P(x) = \frac{x}{2} (2x^5 - 12x^4 + 17x^3 - 14x^2 + 21x + 6)$$

So all rational roots of $Q(x) = \frac{x}{2}$ and $R(x) = 2x^5 - 12x^4 + 17x^3 - 14x^2 + 21x + 6$ are rational roots of $P(x)$.

$Q(x)$ has one rational root at $x = 0$.

If $r = \frac{m}{n}$ is a rational root of $R(x)$ then m divides 6 and n divides 2.

Possible values for m are $\{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6\}$.

Possible values for n are $\{\pm 1, \pm 2\}$.

Possible values for $r = \frac{m}{n}$ are $\left\{\pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6\right\}$

Therefore possible rational roots of $P(x)$ are $\left\{0, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6\right\}$

(c) For $P(x)$ we have $a_n = 1$ and $M = \max\{|-6|, |\frac{17}{2}|, |-7|, |\frac{21}{2}|, |-3|\} = \frac{21}{2}$.

Bounds Theorem states that if x is a root of $P(x)$ then

$$|x| < \frac{M}{a_n} + 1$$

So in this case

$$|x| < \frac{21}{2} + 1 = \frac{23}{2}.$$

As $\frac{23}{2} > 6$ no possible rational roots are eliminated.

(d)

$$P(0) = 0$$

$$P\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{231}{64} \neq 0$$

$$P\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{175}{64} \neq 0$$

$$P(1) = 10 \neq 0$$

$$P(-1) = 30 \neq 0$$

$$P\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{855}{64} \neq 0$$

$$P\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{9135}{64} \neq 0$$

$$P(2) = 0$$

$$P(-2) = 484 \neq 0$$

$$P(3) = -126 \neq 0$$

$$P(-3) = 3150 \neq 0$$

$$P(6) = 9900 \neq 0$$

$$P(-6) = 106200 \neq 0$$

Then $(x - 2)$ and x are linear factors which divide $P(x)$.

(e) Given $(\sqrt{2}x + i\sqrt{3})$ divides $P(x)$, and all coefficients of $P(x)$ are real, by Theorem 3.5 of the textbook we have $(\sqrt{2}x - i\sqrt{3})$ divides $P(x)$. Then

$$S(x) = (x)(x - 2)(\sqrt{2}x + i\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2}x - i\sqrt{3}) = 2x^4 - 4x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x$$

divides $P(x)$. Polynomial long division gives us

$$\begin{array}{r}
2x^4 - 4x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x \quad \overline{) \quad x^6 - 6x^5 + \frac{17}{2}x^4 - 7x^3 + \frac{21}{2}x^2 + 3x} \\
\quad \underline{-x^6 + 2x^5 - \frac{3}{2}x^4 + 3x^3} \\
\quad \quad -4x^5 + 7x^4 - 4x^3 + \frac{21}{2}x^2 \\
\quad \quad \underline{4x^5 - 8x^4 + 6x^3 - 12x^2} \\
\quad \quad \quad -x^4 + 2x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 3x \\
\quad \quad \quad \underline{x^4 - 2x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 3x} \\
\quad \quad \quad \quad 0
\end{array}$$

The roots of $\frac{x^2}{2} - 2x - \frac{1}{2}$ can be found using the quadratic formula and are of the form

$$\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})}}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = 2 \pm \sqrt{5}.$$

Therefore the roots of $P(x)$ are $\left\{ 2 - \sqrt{5}, 0, 2, 2 + \sqrt{5}, i\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, -i\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \right\}$

9. Consider the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 9 \\ -1 & 13 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 23 \\ 1 & k \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) Find all values of k such that $AB = C$.
- (ii) Compute each of the following, or explain why it is undefined
 - (a) $(B^T + A)C$.
 - (b) $A + 3B^T$.
 - (d) BA .
 - (e) $A^T B$.

Solution:

(i)

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 23 \\ 1 & 229 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore $C = AB$ only when $k = 229$.

- (ii) (a) $(B^T + A)$ is well defined and 2×3 , however C is 2×2 and therefore $(B^T + A)C$ is not well defined as the number of columns of $(B^T + A)$ is not equal to the number of rows of C .

(b)

$$A + 3B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 9 & 13 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 5 & -3 \\ 18 & 32 & 52 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c)

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 31 & 65 \\ 28 & 47 & 117 \\ 38 & 63 & 169 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) A^T is 3×2 and B is 3×2 , therefore the number of columns of A^T is not equal to the number of rows of B and so the multiplication is not well defined.