

Agree or Disagree

Polynomials 2.4 Edition



Multiplicity of a Zero of a Polynomial Function

If f is a polynomial function and $(x - c)^m$ is a factor of f but $(x - c)^{m+1}$ is not, then c is a zero of **multiplicity m** of f .

Remainder Theorem

If polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $x - k$, then the remainder is $r = f(k)$.

Factor Theorem

A polynomial function $f(x)$ has a factor $x - k$ if and only if $f(k) = 0$.

Find the remainder when $f(x) = 3x^2 + 7x - 20$ is divided by $x + 4$.

$$f(-4) =$$

If we can show that $f(-4)=0$ is true , then we can claim that $(x-(-4)) = (x+4)$ is a factor of f by citing the factor theorem.

Fundamental Connections for Polynomial Functions

For a polynomial function f and a real number k , the following statements are equivalent:

1. $x = k$ is a solution of the equation $f(x) = 0$.
2. k is a zero (or root) of the function f .
3. $(k, 0)$ is an x -intercept of the graph of $y = f(x)$.
4. $x - k$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Rational Zeros Theorem

Suppose f is a polynomial function of degree $n \geq 1$ of the form $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$, with every coefficient an integer and $a_0 \neq 0$.

If $x = p / q$ is a rational zero of f , where p and q have no common integer factors other than 1, then

- p is an integer factor of the constant coefficient a_0 , and
- q is an integer factor of the leading coefficient a_n .

Factors of a Polynomial with Real Coefficients

- ◆ **Theorem:** Every polynomial function (with real coefficients) can be uniquely factored into a product of linear factors and/or irreducible quadratic factors.
- ◆ **Corollary:** A polynomial function of odd degree has at least one real zero.

Upper and Lower Bound Tests for Real Zeros

Let f be a polynomial function of degree $n \geq 1$ with a positive leading coefficient. Suppose $f(x)$ is divided by $x - k$ using synthetic division.

- If $k \geq 0$ and every number in the last line is nonnegative (positive or zero), then k is an *upper bound* for the real zeros of f .
- If $k \leq 0$ and the numbers in the last line are alternately nonnegative and nonpositive, then k is a *lower bound* for the real zeros of f .

Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT)

- If a and b are real numbers with $a < b$ and if f is continuous on the interval $[a,b]$, then f takes on every value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$.
- In other words, if y_0 is between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then $y_0 = f(c)$ for some number c in $[a,b]$.

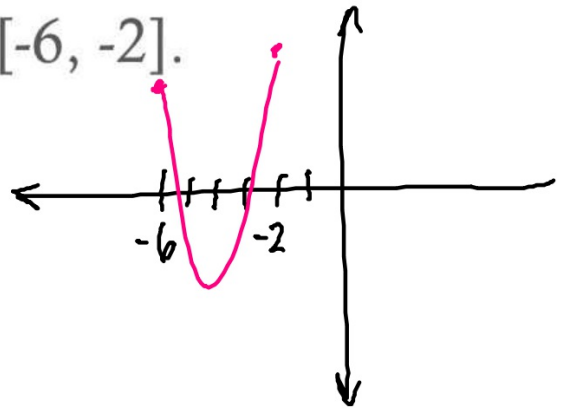
Descartes' Rule of Signs

If $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x^1 + a_0$
is a polynomial of degree n , then

- 1) The number of positive real zeros of f is equal to the number of variations in sign of $f(x)$, or that number less some even number.
- 2) The number of negative real zeros of f is equal to the number of variations in sign of $f(-x)$, or that number less some even number.

Agree or Disagree? Why?

- Given that $f(-6) = 134$ and $f(-2) = 176$, we can conclude there are no zeros on the interval $[-6, -2]$.



Agree or Disagree? Why?

- Given the polynomial $f(x)$ and $f(4) = 0$, we can conclude that $(x - 4)$ is a factor of the polynomial f .

Factor Thm.

Agree or Disagree? Why?

- ◆ The work below proves that 7 is a lower bound of the polynomial

$k \leq 0$

7	2	-18	41	-110	115
+		14	-28	91	-113
	2	-4	13	-19	2
	+	-	+	-	+

Agree or Disagree? Why?

- Given $f(x) = (x + 3)^4(x - 1)(x+2)^3$, we know the following things are true:
 - ✓ $x = 1$ is a zero of $f(x)$
 - ✓ There is an x-intercept at the point $(-3, 0)$, but the graph does not cross *-even multiplicity*
 - ✓ There is a solution of $x = -2$ to the equation $f(x) = 0$
 - ✓ The multiplicity of the factor $(x+2)$ is 3 .

Agree or Disagree? Why?

- ◆ To prove that $(x+2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, you could evaluate ~~$f(2)$~~ .

$$f(-2) = 0.$$

Agree or Disagree? Why?

- ◆ The fastest way to find a remainder to the division problem $\frac{x^{32} - 27x^{15} + 56x^7 + 13x^4 - 4x + 8}{x-1} = f(x)$ is to use synthetic division

Remainder Theorem $(x-k) \Rightarrow f(k) = r$

$$k=1$$

$$f(1) = \text{remainder}$$

Agree or Disagree? Why?

- Given the points on $f(x)$: $(-2, 0)$, $(1, 72)$, $(3, 0)$, and $(5, 0)$, the function $f(x)$, can have the equation $f(x) = (x + 2)(x - 3)(x - 5)$.

$$f(1) = (1+2)(1-3)(1-5) \cdot 3 = 24 \cdot 3$$

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

Quiz 3

a) $p(-1) = -2$ $\rightarrow p(x)$ is continuous
 $p(1) = 8$ \rightarrow endpoints w/ opposite signs
 \rightarrow where? $[-1, 1]$

b) -6

	1	2	5	3	-3
+	↓	-6	24	-174	1026
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	1	-4	29	-171	1023
	+	-	+	-	+

\rightarrow alternating non-negative and nonpositive coefficients from synthetic division.

$\rightarrow k \leq 0$

$$c) p(-x) = (-x)^4 + 2(-x)^3 + 5(-x)^2 + 3(-x) - 3$$

$$p(-x) = \begin{array}{cccccc} x^4 & - & 2x^3 & + & 5x^2 & - & 3x & - & 3 \\ + & & - & & + & & - & & - \\ & \frown & \frown & & \frown & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow p(-x) = ?$$

\rightarrow # of sign changes (3)

\rightarrow how many negative real zeros 3 or 1