

Lesson 2.11- Remainder and Factor Theorem.notebook

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- ③  $x + 4$
- ④  $x^2 - x - 3$
- ⑤  $7x^3 - 3x^2 + 3$
- ⑥  $x^2 - \frac{4}{x-2}$
- ⑦  $2x^2 - 3x - 3 + \frac{2}{x+1}$
- ⑧  $6x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 1 - \frac{10}{x+4}$
- ⑨  $2x^2 + 4x + 3 - \frac{1}{x-2}$
- ⑩  $4x^2 - 32x + 241 - \frac{191}{x+8}$

Remainder and Factor Theorem

Remainder Theorem- If you divide a polynomial by  $(x - k)$  then the remainder is  $f(k)$ .

Example 1:  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 8x^2 + 5x - 7$  find  $f(-2)$  using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 & 8 & 5 & -7 \\ \boxed{-2} & & & \\ \downarrow & & & \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & \boxed{-9} \end{array}$$

$f(-2) = 3(-2)^3 + 8(-2)^2 + 5(-2) - 7 = -9$

Factor Theorem- A polynomial  $f(x)$  has a factor of  $(x - k)$  if  $f(k) = 0$  (there is no remainder!)

Example 2: Show that  $(x - 7)$  is a factor of  $2x^2 - 11x - 21$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad 0 \quad -11 \quad -21 \\ 7 | \quad \downarrow 14 \\ 2 \quad 14 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad -11 \quad -21 \\ 7 | \quad \downarrow 14 \quad 21 \\ 2 \quad 3 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x-7)(2x+3)$$

Example 3: Show that  $(x - 2)$  and  $(x + 3)$  are factors of  $f(x) = 2x^4 + 7x^3 - 4x^2 - 27x - 18$

\* List all real zeros!

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \boxed{-3} \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} 2 & 7 & -4 & -27 & -18 \\ \downarrow & & & & \\ 4 & 22 & 36 & 18 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^3 & 11 & 18 \\ \downarrow & -6 & -15 \\ 9 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x-2)(x+3)(2x^2+5x+3)$$

$$(x-2)(x+3)(2x^2+2x+3x+3)$$

$$\checkmark \quad 2x(x+1) \quad 3(x+1)$$

$$(x-2)(x+3)(2x+3)(x+1)$$

$$x=2 \quad x=-3 \quad x=-\frac{3}{2} \quad x=-1$$

the most amount of zeros is the highest degree!

Practice: Evaluate each of the following functions using the remainder theorem and synthetic division.

- 1)  $f(x) = -x^3 + 6x - 7$  and  $x - 2$
- 2)  $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - 17x^2 + 2x - 7$  and  $x - 3$

3)  $f(x) = x^5 - 47x^3 - 16x^2 + 8x + 52$  and  $x - 7$

4)  $f(x) = 6x^4 + 5x^2 - 8x + 3$  and  $x + 8$

Directions: Determine if each of the following binomials are factors of the polynomial.

5)  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x - 2$  with a factor of  $x - 2$

6)  $f(x) = x^5 - 25x^3 - 7x^2 - 37x - 18$  with a factor of  $x + 5$

7)  $f(x) = x^4 - 8x^3 - x^2 + 62x - 34$  with a factor of  $x - 7$

8)  $f(x) = 8x^5 + 32x^4 + 5x + 20$  with a factor of  $x + 4$

Directions: Using synthetic division to show that  $x$  is a solution to the polynomial equation and use the result to factor the polynomial completely. List all real zeros.

9)  $f(x) = x^3 - 28x + 480$  and  $x = -4$

10)  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 27x - 10$  and  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

Directions: Verify the given factor of the function, find the remaining factors, use your results to write the complete factorization. List all real zeros.

11)  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 2x^2 - 19x + 6$  with a factor of  $(x + 3)$

12)  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 - 15x^2 + 58x - 40$  with factors of  $(x - 5)$  and  $(x + 4)$