

# **MATHEMATICS**

**CHAPTER NUMBER :~ 2**

**CHAPTER NAME :~ POLYNOMIALS**

**SUB TOPIC :~ REMAINDER THEOREM**

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## PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE TEST

Divide:  $3x^4 - 4x^3 - 3x - 1$  by  $x - 1$

## LEARNING OUTCOME:~

Students will learn

a) Remainder theorem.

## Exercise-2.3

Question 1.

Find the remainder when  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  is divided by

(i)  $x + 1$

(iii)  $x$

Solution:

Let  $p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$

(i) The zero of  $x + 1$  is  $-1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(-1) &= (-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 + 3(-1) + 1 \\ &= -1 + 3 - 3 + 1 = 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the required remainder = 0

(iii) The zero of  $x$  is 0.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(0) &= (0)^3 + 3(0)^2 + 3(0) + 1 \\ &= 0 + 0 + 0 + 1 = 1\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the required remainder = 1.

(iv)  $x + \pi$

The zero of  $x + \pi$  is  $-\pi$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p(-\pi) &= (-\pi)^3 + 3(-\pi)^2 + 3(-\pi) + 1 \\ &= -\pi^3 + 3\pi^2 + (-3\pi) + 1 \\ &= -\pi^3 + 3\pi^2 - 3\pi + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the required remainder is  $-\pi^3 + 3\pi^2 - 3\pi + 1$ .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6onUHbWCus>

“As great a genius as Archimedes could not invent analytical geometry, for the algebraic knowledge necessary for such an achievement was not available in his time...”

*~ Nathan A. Court...*

## Remainder Theorem

In division, **Dividend = (Divisor X Quotient) + Remainder**

For example- When 15 is divided by 4 then we get,

$$15 = (4 \times 3) + 3$$

In polynomials, Division is carried out in similar way.

## Step by Step Guide for Division of Polynomials

### Proceeding by way of an example.

**Divide  $x^2 + 2x - 7$  by  $x - 2$**

Here, Dividend:  $x^2 + 2x - 7$  and Divisor:  $x - 2$

Step 1- Arrange the terms of the polynomials (dividend and divisor) in descending order of their degrees.

Here, Dividend:  $x^2 + 2x - 7$  and Divisor:  $x - 2$

Step 2- Write down the problem in the standard form i.e.  $\frac{\text{Dividend}}{\text{Divisor}}$

Here,  $\frac{x^2+2x-7}{x-2}$

Step 3- Divide first term of the the dividend by first term of the divisor, to get the first term of the quotient.

Here,  $x^2$  divided by  $x$  equals to  $x$ , which becomes the first term of the quotient

Step 4- Multiply this first term of the quotient obtained by the divisor and subtract it from the dividend which becomes the remainder

Here,  $x \times (x - 2) = x^2 - 2x$  and then  $(x^2 + 2x - 7) - (x^2 - 2x) = 4x - 7$

So the remainder is  $4x - 7$

Step 5- Treat the remainder obtained as the new dividend and repeating the above steps using the divisor  $x - 2$ .

Proceeding like this till we get remainder 0 or the degree of the remainder polynomial is less than the degree of the divisor, we are done with the division.

What we have actually done is-

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 4 \\ x-2 \overline{) x^2 + 2x - 7} \\ \underline{x^2 - 2x} \phantom{- 7} \\ 4x - 7 \\ \underline{4x - 8} \\ 1 \end{array}$$



We can write-

$$x^2 + 2x - 7 = [(x-2) \times (x+4)] + (1)$$

In general, we can say that if  $p(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are polynomials such that degree of  $p(x)$  is greater than or equal to the degree of  $g(x)$  and  $g(x)$  is non-zero, then there exist polynomials  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  such that-

$$p(x) = [g(x) \times q(x)] + r(x)$$

where  $r(x) = 0$  or degree of  $r(x) <$  degree of  $g(x)$

We say that  $p(x)$  is divided by  $g(x)$  and  $q(x) \rightarrow$  Quotient and  $r(x) \rightarrow$  Remainder

Note that  $p(2) = 1$  i.e. the value of the polynomial at the zero of the divisor (2) is equal to the remainder (1).

This is true for all polynomials when divided by a linear polynomial.

Formally this is the Remainder Theorem.

**Remainder Theorem**- Let  $p(x)$  be any polynomial of degree greater than or equal to one and let  $a$  be any real number. If  $p(x)$  is divided by the linear polynomial  $x - a$ , then the remainder is  $p(a)$ .

Proof-

Let  $p(x)$  be a polynomial of degree greater than or equal to one and let  $a$  be any real number.

Now, suppose  $p(x)$  is divided by the linear polynomial  $x - a$ , then there exist polynomials  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  such that

$$p(x) = [(x - a) \times q(x)] + r(x)$$

where degree of  $r(x) <$  degree of  $(x - a)$

Since degree of  $(x - a)$  is 1

So, degree of  $r(x) = 0$

This implies that  $r(x)$  is a constant, (say)  $r$

i.e.  $r(x) = r$

Now,  $p(x) = [(x - a) \times q(x)] + r$

In particular for  $x = a$

$$\begin{aligned} p(a) &= [(a - a) \times q(x)] + r \\ &= r \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $p(a)$  is the remainder.

Hence Proved

Evaluation:~

a) Find the remainder when  $x^4 + x^3 - 2x^2 + x + 1$  is divided by  $x-1$  .

**HOMEWORK:-**  
**EXERCISE - 2.3**  
**QUESTION NUMBER-2,3**

AHA:~

1.If the polynomials  $ax^3 + 4x^2 + 3x - 4a$  and  $x^3 - 4x + a$  leave the same remainder when divided by  $x-3$ , find 'a'.

2.If the  $p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  is divided by  $x+\pi$ , find the remainder.

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