

# MATHEMATICS

CHAPTER NUMBER :~ 2

CHAPTER NAME :~ POLYNOMIALS

SUB TOPIC :~ FACTOR THEOREM

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## PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE TEST

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

## LEARNING OUTCOME:~

Students will learn

a) factor theorem.

Question 2.

Find the remainder when  $x^3 - ax^2 + 6x - a$  is divided by  $x - a$ .

Solution:

We have,  $p(x) = x^3 - ax^2 + 6x - a$  and zero of  $x - a$  is  $a$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p(a) &= (a)^3 - a(a)^2 + 6(a) - a \\ &= a^3 - a^3 + 6a - a = 5a\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the required remainder is  $5a$ .

Question 3.

Check whether  $7 + 3x$  is a factor of  $3x^3 + 7x$ .

Solution:

We have,  $p(x) = 3x^3 + 7x$ . and zero of  $7 + 3x$  is  $-\frac{7}{3}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p\left(\frac{-7}{3}\right) &= 3\left(\frac{-7}{3}\right)^3 + 7\left(\frac{-7}{3}\right) \\ &= 3\left(\frac{-343}{27}\right) + \left(\frac{-49}{3}\right) = -\frac{343}{9} - \frac{49}{3} = -\frac{490}{9}\end{aligned}$$

Since,  $(-\frac{490}{9}) \neq 0$

i.e. the remainder is not 0.

$\therefore 3x^3 + 7x$  is not divisible by  $7 + 3x$ .

Thus,  $7 + 3x$  is not a factor of  $3x^3 + 7x$ .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YXE7HDyInM>

“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...*

## Factorization of Polynomials

Factor Theorem- If  $p(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  where  $n$  is greater than or equal to one and  $a$  is any real number then-

- 1)  $x - a$  is a factor of  $p(x)$  if  $p(a) = 0$
- 2)  $p(a) = 0$  if  $x - a$  is a factor of  $p(x)$

Proof-

Using Remainder theorem, we can write-

$$p(x) = [(x - a) \times q(x)] + p(a) \quad \text{Here, } r(x) = r = p(a)$$

- (1) Suppose,  $p(a) = 0$ . Then  $p(x) = (x - a) \times q(x)$

Clearly,  $x - a$  is a factor of  $p(x)$

- (2) Suppose  $x - a$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ . Then we can write,  $p(x) = (x - a) \times g(x)$  for some polynomial  $g(x)$ . So,  $p(a) = 0$

## Applications of Factor Theorem

**Example 1.** Find the value of  $k$ , if  $x - 1$  is a factor of  $4x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + k$

Solution: By Factor theorem,  $p(1) = 0$

$$p(1) = 4(1) + 3(1) - 4(1) + k = 0$$

$$K = -3$$

### Factorization of Quadratic polynomials using Splitting the middle term method

Consider the quadratic polynomial  $ax^2 + bx + c$

Suppose  $(px + q)$  and  $(rx + s)$  be its factors.

So we can write,  $ax^2 + bx + c = (px + q)X(rx + s)$

On comparing the coefficients of the like terms in L.H.S and R.H.S we get,

$$a = pr, b = ps + qr, c = qs$$

And clearly,  $(ps)X(qr) = (pr)X(qs) = (ac)$ .

So, to factorize the quadratic polynomial, we need to write  $b$  as the sum of two numbers whose product is  $(ac)$



**For example-** Factorize  $6x^2 + 17x + 5$  by-

- 1) Splitting the middle term method
- 2) Factor theorem

Solution-

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \text{ We can write } 6x^2 + 17x + 5 &= 6x^2 + (15 + 2)x + 5 \\ &= 6x^2 + 15x + 2x + 5 \\ &= 3x(2x + 5) + 1(2x + 5) \\ &= (3x + 1)(2x + 5) \end{aligned}$$

2) We can write  $6x^2 + 17x + 5 = 6(x^2 + (17/6)x + (5/6))$

Taking,  $p(x) = x^2 + (17/6)x + (5/6)$

So,  $6x^2 + 17x + 5 = 6p(x)$

Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are zeroes of  $p(x)$ . Then  $x - a$  and  $x - b$  are factors of  $p(x)$  and we have

$$p(x) = (x - a)(x - b)$$

$$\text{So, } 6x^2 + 17x + 5 = 6(x - a)(x - b) \longrightarrow (*)$$

On comparing the coefficients of like terms, we get,  $a + b = 5/6$

Possibilities for the values of  $a$  and  $b$  satisfying  $a + b = 5/6$  are-  $\frac{\pm 1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{5}{3}, \pm \frac{5}{2}, \pm 1$

Also, these values of  $a$  and  $b$  must satisfy  $p(a) = 0$  and  $p(b) = 0$

So, by checking all the values found above, we get that  $a = -1/3$  and  $b = -5/2$  satisfies the above conditions. So,  $(*)$ , becomes-  $6x^2 + 17x + 5 = (3x + 1)(2x + 5)$

**To factorize a cubic polynomial**  $p(x)$  , we first find a zero of the polynomial by hit and trial method (by putting different values of  $x$  in the polynomial equation  $p(x) = 0$  )

Then the obtained root of the polynomial equation say  $x = a$  (or simply, the zero of the polynomial  $p(x)$  ) implies that  $x - a$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ .

So we can write,  $p(x) = (x - a) g(x) \longrightarrow (**)$

where  $g(x)$  is a polynomial such that the degree of  $g(x) <$  degree of  $p(x)$

Here, as degree of  $p(x) = 3$  So, degree of  $g(x) = 2$  i.e.  $g(x)$  is a quadratic polynomial and using factor theorem or splitting the middle term method we can factorize  $g(x)$  and thus we get the desired factorization by putting the resultant  $g(x)$  in **(\*\*)**

### Evaluation:~

1. Find the value of 'k' if  $x-1$  is a factor of  $4x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - k$ .
2. Factorize  $6x^2 + 17x + 5$  by splitting the middle term and by using factor theorem.

**HOMWORK:-EXERCISE - 2.4**  
**QUESTION NUMBER-1,2,3**

## AHA:~

1. For what value of 'a' is  $2x^3 + ax^2 - 11x + a + 3$  is exactly divisible by  $(2x - 1)$ ?
2. Find the value of 'a' and 'b' so that the polynomial  $x^3 + 10x^2 + ax + a$  is exactly divisible by  $x - 1$  and  $x - 2$ .

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