

Let $p(x)$ be a polynomial and let c be a number.

Remainder Theorem:

If you divide $p(x)$ by $x - c$, then the remainder will be $p(c)$.

Factor Theorem:

If $p(c) = 0$, then $x - c$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

Conversely, if $x - c$ is a factor of $p(x)$, then $p(c) = 0$.

Definition: c is a *root* of $p(x)$ if and only if $p(c) = 0$.

1. Divide using polynomial long division. Identify the divisor, quotient, and remainder.

- (a) $\frac{2x^3 + 4x^2 - 5}{x + 3}$ Div: $x + 3$, $q(x) = 2x^2 - 2x + 6$, $r(x) = -23$
- (b) $\frac{2x^3 - 4x + 7x^2 + 7}{x^2 + 2x - 1}$ Div: $x^2 + 2x + 1$, $q(x) = 2x + 3$, $r(x) = -8x + 10$
- (c) $\frac{4x^3 - 2x^2 - 3}{2x^2 - 1}$ Div: $2x^2 - 1$, $q(x) = 2x - 1$, $r(x) = 2x - 4$
- (d) $\frac{x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 7}{x - 3}$ Div: $x - 3$, $q(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$, $r(x) = -2$
- (e) $\frac{3x^3 + 5x - 1}{x + 1}$ Div: $x + 1$, $q(x) = 3x^2 - 3x + 8$, $r(x) = -0$
- (f) $\frac{4x^3 - 8x^2 - x + 5}{2x - 1}$ Div: $2x - 1$, $q(x) = 2x^2 - 3x - 2$, $r(x) = 3$

2. What is the remainder if you divide each of the following $p(x)$ by $x - 2$? Is $x - 2$ a factor of $p(x)$?

Hint: Use the Remainder and Factor Theorems.

- (a) $p(x) = -2x^3 + 5x - 1$ No, $r(x) = -7$
- (b) $p(x) = 3x^2 - x^5 + 7x + 6$ Yes, $r(x) = 0$
- (c) $p(x) = x^4 + 6x^3 - x^2 + 10$ No, $r(x) = 70$

3. Find all roots of $p(x)$.

- (a) $p(x) = x^3 - 19x - 30$, given that 5 is a root Roots at $x = -3, -2, 5$
- (b) $p(x) = x^3 - 6x + 4x^2 - 24$, given that -4 is a root Roots at $x = -4, \pm\sqrt{6}$
- (c) $p(x) = 8x^3 - 10x^2 - x + 3$, given that $\frac{3}{4}$ is a root Roots at $x = \frac{3}{4}, 1, -\frac{1}{2}$
- (d) $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$ Roots at $x = 1, 2, 3$
- (e) $p(x) = x^4 + x^3 - 7x^2 - x + 6$ Roots at $x = 1, -1, 2, -3$

Hint: Use the theorems and definition to help you find at least one root for (d),(e).