

# 8.4 FACTOR & REMAINDER THEOREMS

## WARM-UP THURSDAY

Factor the following polynomials and find all solutions.

$$g(x) = x^2 - 5x - 6$$

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$$f(x) = (3x^3 + 4x^2) - (27x - 36)$$

$$g(x) = (x - 6)(x + 1)$$

$$x^2(3x + 4) - 9(3x + 4)$$

$$\left\{ 6, -1 \right\}$$

$$x - 6 = 0 \quad x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = 6 \quad x = -1$$

$$(3x + 4)(x^2 - 9)$$

$$(3x + 4)(x + 3)(x - 3)$$

$$3x + 4 = 0$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$x + 3 = 0$$

$$x - 3 = 0$$

## ABOUT ME:

1. Would you rather play a villain or a hero in a movie?
2. Cookies or cake?

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**EQ:** How do I use the factor and remainder theorems to simplify polynomials?

## REMAINDER THEOREM:

If  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x-c$ , then the remainder is equal to  $P(c)$ .  
*plug in c (change sign) to equation, gives remainder*

ex. What is the remainder when  $P(x)$  is divided by  $f(x)$ ?

A.  $P(x) = 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 5$      $f(x) = x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \overline{) 2 \ -7 \ 0 \ 5} \\ \underline{6 \ -9} \phantom{0} \\ 2 \ -1 \ -3 \ \underline{-4} \ 0 \end{array}$$

$P(3) = 2(3)^3 - 7(3)^2 + 5$   
 $P(3) = -4$  😊

B.  $P(x) = x^{79} + 3x^{24} + 5$      $f(x) = x + 1$

*even power  $\rightarrow +$   
odd power  $\rightarrow -$*

~~$-1100000$~~

$$P(-1) = (-1)^{79} + 3(-1)^{24} + 5$$

$$-1 + 3 + 5 = \boxed{7}$$

C.  $P(x) = 3x^4 - 8x^2 + 11x + 5$      $f(x) = x + 2$

$\rightarrow P(-2) = 3(-2)^4 - 8(-2)^2 + 11(-2) + 5 = \boxed{-1}$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \overline{) 3 \ 0 \ -8 \ 11 \ 5} \\ \underline{-6 \ 12 \ -8 \ -6} \\ 3 \ -6 \ 4 \ 3 \ \underline{-1} \end{array}$$

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## FACTOR THEOREM:

$c$  is a zero of  $P$  if and only if  $x-c$  is a factor of  $P(x)$ .

\*\*\*A remainder of zero means you have a factor!\*\*\*

ex. Show that  $x-3$  is a factor of  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + 3$   
 $f(3) = 3^3 - 4(3)^2 + 2(3) + 3$   
 $f(3) = 0 \checkmark$

ex.  $P(x) = x^3 - 7x + 6$

Show that 1 is a zero and factor completely.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & 0 & -7 & 6 \\ & \downarrow & 1 & 1 & -6 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \quad \checkmark$$

$$(x-1)(x^2+x-6)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 \\ 3 \times -2 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

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

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## FINDING A SPECIFIED POLYNOMIAL...

ex. Find a polynomial with the degree  $n$  and the given zeros.

A.  $n = 4$  and zeros are  $-6, -5, 1, 2$

$$f(x) = (x+6)(x+5)(x-1)(x-2)$$

degree = 4 ✓

B.  $n = 3$  and the zeros are  $-5, 2$

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

OR

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

## 8.4 –Remainder and Factor Theorems

odds

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Find the zeros of the given polynomials algebraically by factoring and setting each factor equal to zero. Check your answers with your calculator.

1.  $f(x) = x^2 + 7x$

2.  $g(x) = x^2 - 5x - 6$

3.  $h(x) = 6x^2 + x - 1$

4.  $f(a) = (a+3)^2 - 64$

5.  $g(t) = 3t^3 - 27t$

6.  $k(y) = 9y^4 + 3y^3 - 6y^2$

7.  $h(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 - x + 5$

8.  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 27x - 36$

9.  $k(x) = 8x^3 - 12x^2 - 6x + 9$

Find the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $g(x)$ , without using division.

10.  $f(x) = x^{10} + x^8;$

$g(x) = x - 1$

11.  $f(x) = x^6 - 10;$

$g(x) = x - 2$

12.  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 6x^3 + 2x - 1;$

$g(x) = x + 1$

13.  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x - 4;$

$g(x) = x + 2$

Use the Factor Theorem to determine whether  $h(x)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

14.  $h(x) = x - 1$        $f(x) = x^5 + 1$

15.  $h(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}$        $f(x) = 2x^4 + x^3 + x - \frac{3}{4}$

16.  $h(x) = x + 2$        $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x - 12$

17.  $h(x) = x + 1$        $f(x) = 14x^{99} + 65x^{56} - 51$

**Find a polynomial with the given degree,  $n$ , the given zeros, and no other zeros.**

**18.**  $n = 3$ ; zeros 1, 7, -4

**19.**  $n = 3$ ; zeros 1, -1

**20.**  $n = 5$ ; zero 2

**21.** Find a polynomial function  $g$  of degree 3 such that  $g(10) = 17$  and the zeros of  $g(x)$  are 0, 5, and 8.

**22.** Find a polynomial function  $f$  of degree 4 such that  $f(3) = 288$  and the zeros of  $f(x)$  are 0, -1, 2, and -3.

**23.** Find a number  $k$  such that  $x + 2$  is a factor of  $x^3 + 3x^2 + kx - 2$ .

**24.** Find a number  $k$  such that  $x - 1$  is a factor of  $k^2x^4 - 2kx^2 + 1$ .

**25.** When  $x^3 + cx + 4$  is divided by  $x + 2$ , the remainder is 4. Find  $c$ .

