

Questions From Homework

① h) $3x^4 + 7x^3 + 2x^2$ Common Factor (x^2)
 $x^2(3x^2 + 7x + 2)$ Trinomial Decomp: $\frac{1}{1} \times \frac{6}{6} = 6$
 $\frac{1}{1} + \frac{6}{6} = 7$
 $x^2(3x^2 + 6x + x + 2)$
 $x^2[3x(x+2) + 1(x+2)]$
 $x^2(3x+1)(x+2)$

② d) $y^3 - 9y$ Common Factor (y)
 $y(y^2 - 9)$ Diff of Squares
 $y(y+3)(y-3)$

③ f) $x^6 + 8$ Sum of Cubes:
 $(x^2 + 2)(x^4 - 2x^2 + 4)$

④ a) $(x^3 - x^2)(16x + 16)$ Group for a common factor:
 $x^2(x-1) - 16(x-1)$
 $(x-1)(x^2 - 16)$ Diff of Squares
 $(x-1)(x-4)(x+4)$

⑤ c) $4x^3 + 12x^2 + 5x - 6$ Factor Theorem:
 $4(-2)^3 + 12(-2)^2 + 5(-2) - 6 \rightarrow x+2$ is a factor
 $-32 + 48 - 10 - 6$
 0

Factor further:
 $x+2 \overline{) 4x^3 + 12x^2 + 5x - 6}$
 $\underline{-(4x^3 + 8x^2)}$
 $4x^2 + 5x - 6$
 $\underline{-(4x^2 + 8x)}$
 $-3x - 6$
 $\underline{-(-3x - 6)}$
 0
 $(x+2)(4x^2 + 4x - 3)$
 $(x+2)(4x^2 - 2x + 6x - 3)$
 $(x+2)[2x(2x-1) + 3(2x-1)]$
 $(x+2)(2x+3)(2x-1)$

⑥ a) $x^{5/2} - x^{1/2}$ Common Factor ($x^{1/2}$)
 $x^{1/2}(x^2 - x^0)$
 $x^{1/2}(x^2 - 1)$ Diff of Squares
 $x^{1/2}(x+1)(x-1)$

Synthetic Substitution

Find a value of x that makes it equal 0

Factor using synthetic substitution $x^3 - 7x^2 - 4x + 28$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2)^3 - 7(2)^2 - 4(2) + 28 \\ & 8 - 28 - 8 + 28 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$$

(x-value)

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(Coefficients of the polynomial)

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -7 & -4 & 28 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

① Bring down the first coefficient

(x-value)

(Coefficients of the polynomial)

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -7 & -4 & 28 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

② Multiply the first coefficient by the x-value and place under the second coefficient. ADD.

(x-value)

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(Coefficients of the polynomial)

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -7 & -4 & 28 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & 2 & -10 & -28 \\ \hline 1 & -5 & -14 & \end{array}$$

③ Repeat the steps. The coefficients of the other factor are in the bottom row.

$$\begin{aligned} & (x-2)(x^2-5x-14) \\ & \boxed{(x-2)(x+2)(x-7)} \end{aligned}$$

Simple Trinomial $\frac{2}{2}x \frac{-7}{2} = -14$
 $\frac{2}{2} + \frac{-7}{2} = -5$

$$x^3 + 5x^2 - 2x - 24 \quad \text{Find a value of } x \text{ that makes it equal } 0$$

$$(2)^3 + 5(2)^2 - 2(2) - 24$$

$$8 + 20 - 4 - 24$$

0

(x-value)

2

(Coefficients of the polynomial)

1 5 -2 -24

 2 14 24

1 7 12

$$(x-2)(x^2+7x+12)$$

$$\boxed{(x-2)(x+3)(x+4)}$$

Homework

30) $(x+2)$ is a factor of $x^3 + 2x^2 + kx + 6$

$$\hookrightarrow x = -2$$

$$(-2)^3 + 2(-2)^2 + k(-2) + 6 = 0$$

$$-8 + 8 - 2k + 6 = 0$$

$$6 = 2k$$

$$\boxed{3 = k}$$