

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)  $(x^3 - x^2)(6x + 16)$  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 e)  $4x^3 + 12x^2 + 5x - 6$  Factor Theorem:  
 $4(-2)^3 + 12(-2)^2 + 5(-2) - 6 \rightarrow x+2$  is a factor  
 $-32 + 48 - 10 - 6$   
 $0$

Factor further:  
 $(x+2)(4x^2 + 4x - 3)$   
 $(x+2)(4x^2 - 2x + 6x - 3)$   
 $(x+2)[2x(2x-1) + 3(2x-1)]$   
 $(x+2)(2x+3)(2x-1)$

$4x^3 + 12x^2 + 5x - 6$   
 $-(4x^3 + 8x^2)$   
 $4x^2 + 5x - 6$   
 $-(4x^2 + 8x)$   
 $-3x - 6$   
 $-(-3x - 6)$   
 $0$

⑥ a)  $x^{3/2} - x^{1/2}$  Common Factor ( $x^{1/2}$ )  
 $x^{1/2}(x^2 - x^0)$   
 $x^{1/2}(x^2 - 1)$  Diff of Squares  
 $x^{1/2}(x+1)(x-1)$

f)  $(x^2+1)^{1/2} + 3(x^2+1)^{-1/2}$  Common factor  $(x^2+1)^{-1/2}$   
 $(x^2+1)^{-1/2}[(x^2+1) + 3]$   
 $(x^2+1)^{-1/2}(x^2+4)$

## 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)

1	-7	-4	28
	2	-10	-28
1	-5	-14	



- ① Bring down the first coefficient
- ② Multiply the first coefficient by the *x-value* and place under the second coefficient. ADD.
- ③ Repeat the steps. The coefficients of the other factor are in the bottom row.

$$(x-2)(x^2-5x-14)$$

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

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

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

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

$$8 + 20 - 4 - 24$$

0

(x-value)

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(Coefficients of the polynomial)

1	5	-2	-24
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	2	14	24
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1	7	12
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$$(x-2)(x^2+7x+12)$$

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

# Homework

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

$$\hookrightarrow x = -2$$

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

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

$$6 = 2k$$

$$\boxed{3 = k}$$