

Finding Roots of Higher-Degree Polynomials

Check for Understanding:

1. $P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 7x + 9$

a. Divide $P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 7x + 9$ by $(x-5)$ b. Find $P(5)$

c. Write the partially factored form: $P(x) =$ d. Is $(5,0)$ a root of $P(x)$?

2. $P(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x - 6$. Is $(-2,0)$ a root of $P(x)$?

a. Divide

b. Find $P(-2)$

c. Write the partially factored form: $P(x) =$ d. Is $(-2,0)$ a root of $P(x)$?**Practice C-Level**

Given a factor of the polynomial, rewrite it in fully factored form.

3. $y = x^3 + 3x^2 - 28x - 60$ Factor: $x + 2$

4. $y = 4x^3 + 24x^2 - 31x - 21$ Factor: $x + 7$

Partially factored: _____

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Fully factored: _____

Roots: _____

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Use both methods to answer each question. Then, write the equation in partially factored form.

5) Determine if (3,0) is a root of $P(x) = 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x - 3$

6) Determine if (x+2) is a factor of $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 2$

B-Level

7) Rewrite the polynomial it in fully factored form.

$y = x^4 + x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 2$ Factor: $(x-1)^2$

Partially factored: _____

Partially factored: _____

Fully factored: _____

Roots: _____

8). Determine if $(x-1)$ is a factor of

$P(x) = 4x^3 - 5x + 6$

9). Determine if there is a root of $f(x)$ at $x = -1$.

$f(x) = 3x^5 - 4x^4 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 + x - 1$.

10). Determine if there is a root at $x = -2$ of

$P(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - 9x - 10$