

Exercise 1B

1 a

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 5x + 3 \\ \hline x+1 \overline{)x^3 + 6x^2 + 8x + 3} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ 5x^2 + 8x \\ \underline{5x^2 + 8x} \\ 3x + 3 \\ \underline{3x + 3} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $\frac{x^3 + 6x^2 + 8x + 3}{x+1}$
 $= (x+1)(x^2 + 5x + 3)$

b

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 6x + 1 \\ \hline x+4 \overline{)x^3 + 10x^2 + 25x + 4} \\ \underline{x^3 + 4x^2} \\ 6x^2 + 25x \\ \underline{6x^2 + 24x} \\ x + 4 \\ \underline{x + 4} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $\frac{x^3 + 10x^2 + 25x + 4}{x+4}$
 $= (x+4)(x^2 + 6x + 1)$

c

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 3x + 7 \\ \hline x+2 \overline{)x^3 - x^2 + x + 14} \\ \underline{x^3 + 2x^2} \\ -3x^2 + x \\ \underline{-3x^2 - 6x} \\ 7x + 14 \\ \underline{7x + 14} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $\frac{x^3 + x^2 + x + 14}{x+2}$
 $= (x+2)(x^2 - 3x + 7)$

d

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 4x + 5 \\ \hline x-3 \overline{)x^3 + x^2 - 7x - 15} \\ \underline{x^3 - 3x^2} \\ 4x^2 - 7x \\ \underline{4x^2 - 12x} \\ 5x - 15 \\ \underline{5x - 15} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 7x - 15}{x-3}$
 $= (x-3)(x^2 + 4x + 5)$

e

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 3x - 2 \\ \hline x-5 \overline{)x^3 - 8x^2 + 13x + 10} \\ \underline{x^3 - 5x^2} \\ -3x^2 + 13x \\ \underline{-3x^2 + 15x} \\ -2x + 10 \\ \underline{-2x - 10} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $\frac{x^3 - 8x^2 + 13x + 10}{x-5}$
 $= (x-5)(x^2 - 3x - 2)$

f

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x + 8 \\ \hline x-7 \overline{)x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x - 56} \\ \underline{x^3 - 7x^2} \\ 2x^2 - 6x \\ \underline{2x^2 - 14x} \\ 8x - 56 \\ \underline{8x - 56} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $\frac{x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x - 56}{x-7}$
 $= (x-7)(x^2 + 2x + 8)$

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$$\begin{array}{r} \text{2 a } x+4 \overline{)6x^3 + 27x^2 + 14x + 8} \\ \underline{6x^3 + 24x^2} \\ 3x^2 + 14x \\ \underline{3x^2 + 12x} \\ 2x + 8 \\ \underline{2x + 8} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $6x^3 + 27x^2 + 14x + 8 = (x+4)(6x^2 + 3x + 2)$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{b } x+2 \overline{)4x^3 + 9x^2 - 3x - 10} \\ \underline{4x^3 + 8x^2} \\ x^2 - 3x \\ \underline{x^2 + 2x} \\ -5x - 10 \\ \underline{-5x - 10} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $4x^3 + 9x^2 - 3x - 10 = (x+2)(4x^2 + x - 5)$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{c } x+3 \overline{)2x^3 + 4x^2 - 9x - 9} \\ \underline{-2x^3 + 6x^2} \\ -2x^2 - 9x \\ \underline{-2x^2 - 6x} \\ -3x - 9 \\ \underline{-3x - 9} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{d } x-6 \overline{)2x^3 - 15x^2 + 14x + 24} \\ \underline{2x^3 - 12x^2} \\ -3x^2 + 14x \\ \underline{-3x^2 + 18x} \\ -4x + 24 \\ \underline{-4x + 24} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $2x^3 - 15x^2 + 14x + 24 = (x-6)(2x^2 - 3x - 4)$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{e } x+6 \overline{-5x^3 - 27x^2 + 23x + 30} \\ \underline{-5x^3 - 30x^2} \\ 3x^2 + 23x \\ \underline{3x^2 + 18x} \\ 5x + 30 \\ \underline{5x + 30} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $-5x^3 - 27x^2 + 23x + 30 = (x+6)(-5x^2 + 3x + 5)$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{f } x-2 \overline{-4x^3 + 9x^2 - 3x + 2} \\ \underline{-4x^3 + 8x^2} \\ x^2 - 3x \\ \underline{x^2 - 2x} \\ -x + 2 \\ \underline{-x + 2} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $-4x^3 + 9x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x-2)(-4x^2 + x - 1)$

3 a
$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 1 \\ \hline x+2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^4 + 2x^3 \\ 3x^3 + 2x^2 \\ 3x^2 + 6x^2 \\ -4x^2 - 7x \\ \hline -4x^2 - 8x \\ x+2 \\ \hline x+2 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{x^4 + 5x^3 + 2x^2 - 7x + 2}{x+2}$$

$$= x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 1$$

b
$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 5 \\ \hline x+3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^4 + 14x^3 + 3x^2 - 14x - 15 \\ 4x^4 + 12x^3 \\ \hline 2x^3 + 3x^2 \\ 2x^3 + 6x^2 \\ -3x^2 - 14x \\ \hline -3x^2 - 9x \\ -5x - 15 \\ \hline -5x - 15 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{4x^4 + 14x^3 + 3x^2 - 14x - 15}{x+3}$$

$$= 4x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 5$$

c
$$\begin{array}{r} -3x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 7 \\ \hline x-2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3x^4 + 6x^3 \\ 3x^3 - 10x^2 \\ 3x^2 - 6x^2 \\ -4x^2 + x \\ \hline -4x^2 + 8x \\ -7x + 14 \\ \hline -7x + 14 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{-3x^4 + 9x^3 - 10x^2 + x + 14}{x-2}$$

$$= -3x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 7$$

d
$$\begin{array}{r} -5x^4 + 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 7 \\ \hline x-1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5x^2 + 5x^4 \\ 2x^4 + 2x^3 \\ 2x^4 - 2x^3 \\ 4x^3 - 7x^2 \\ 4x^3 - 4x^2 \\ -3x^2 + 10x \\ \hline -3x^2 + 3x \\ 7x - 7 \\ \hline 7x - 7 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{-5x^2 + 7x^4 + 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 10x - 7}{x-1}$$

$$= -5x^2 + 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 7$$

4 a
$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 4 \\ \hline 3x+2 \end{array} \overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^{3x^4 + 8x^3 - 11x^2 + 2x + 8}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^4 + 2x^3 \\ 6x^3 - 11x^2 \\ 6x^3 + 4x^2 \\ -15^2 + 2x \\ \hline -15x^2 - 10x \\ 12x + 8 \\ \hline 12x + 8 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{3x^4 + 8x^3 - 11x^2 + 2x + 8}{3x + 2} = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 4$$

b
$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 1 \\ \hline 4x+1 \end{array} \overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^{4x^4 - 3x^3 + 11x^2 - x - 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^4 + x^3 \\ -4x^3 + 11x^2 \\ -4x^3 - x^2 \\ 12x^2 - x \\ \hline 12x^2 + 3x \\ -4x - 1 \\ \hline -4x - 1 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{4x^4 - 3x^3 + 11x^2 - x - 1}{4x + 1} = x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 1$$

c
$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^3 + 5x + 2 \\ \hline 2x-3 \end{array} \overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^{4x^4 - 6x^3 + 10x^2 - 11x - 6}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^4 - 6x^3 \\ 0 + 10x^2 - 11x \\ 10x^2 - 15x \\ 4x - 6 \\ \hline 4x - 6 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{4x^4 - 6x^3 + 10x^2 - 11x - 6}{2x - 3} = 2x^3 + 5x + 2$$

d
$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^4 + 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 6 \\ \hline 2x+3 \end{array} \overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^{6x^5 + 13x^4 - 4x^3 - 9x^2 + 21x + 18}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^5 + 9x^4 \\ 4x^4 - 4x^3 \\ 4x^4 + 6x^3 \\ -10x^3 - 9x^2 \\ \hline 10x^3 - 15x^2 \\ 6x^2 + 21x \\ 6x^2 + 9x \\ \hline 12x + 18 \\ 12x + 18 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

e
$$\text{So } \frac{6x^5 + 13x^4 - 4x^3 - 9x^2 + 21x + 18}{2x+3} = 3x^4 + 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x - 7 \\ \hline 3x-1 \end{array} \overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^{6x^5 - 8x^4 + 11x^3 + 9x^2 - 25x + 7}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^5 - 2x^4 \\ -6x^4 + 11x^3 \\ -6x^4 + 2x^3 \\ 9x^3 + 9x^2 \\ \hline 9x^3 - 3x^2 \\ 12x^2 - 25x \\ 12x^2 - 4x \\ \hline 12x^2 - 25x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12x^2 - 4x \\ -21x + 7 \\ \hline -21x + 7 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

f
$$\text{So } \frac{6x^5 - 8x^4 + 11x^3 + 9x^2 - 25x + 7}{3x-1} = 2x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x - 7$$

$$\mathbf{4} \text{ f } 2x-5 \overline{)8x^5 - 26x^4 + 11x^3 + 22x^2 - 40x + 25} \quad \begin{array}{r} 4x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 6x - 5 \\ \underline{-8x^5 + 20x^4} \\ -6x^4 + 11x^3 \\ \underline{-6x^4 + 15x^3} \\ -4x^3 + 22x^2 \\ \underline{-4x^3 + 10x^2} \\ 12x^2 - 40x \\ \underline{12x^2 - 30x} \\ -10x + 25 \\ \underline{-10x + 25} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{8x^5 - 26x^4 + 11x^3 + 22x^2 - 40x + 25}{2x-5} = 4x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 6x - 5$$

$$\mathbf{g} \quad 5x+3 \overline{)25x^4 + 75x^3 + 6x^2 - 28x - 6} \quad \begin{array}{r} 5x^3 + 12x^2 - 6x - 2 \\ \underline{25x^4 + 15x^3} \\ 60x^3 + 6x^2 \\ \underline{60x^3 + 36x^2} \\ -30x^2 - 28x \\ \underline{-30x^2 - 18x} \\ -10x - 6 \\ \underline{-10x - 6} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{25x^4 + 75x^3 + 6x^2 - 28x - 6}{5x+3} = 5x^3 + 12x^2 - 6x - 2$$

$$\mathbf{h} \quad 7x-2 \overline{)21x^5 + 29x^4 - 10x^3 + 42x - 12} \quad \begin{array}{r} 3x^4 + 5x^3 + 6 \\ \underline{21x^5 - 6x^4} \\ 35x^4 - 10x^3 \\ \underline{35x^4 - 10x^3} \\ 0 + 42x - 12 \\ \underline{42x - 12} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{21x^5 + 29x^4 - 10x^3 + 42x - 12}{7x-2} = 3x^4 + 5x^3 + 6$$

$$\mathbf{5} \text{ a } x+2 \overline{x^3 + 0x^2 + x + 10} \quad \begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2x + 5 \\ \underline{x^3 + 2x^2} \\ -2x^2 + x \\ \underline{-2x^2 - 4x} \\ 5x + 10 \\ \underline{5x + 10} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{x^3 + x + 10}{x+2} = x^2 - 2x + 5$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad x+3 \overline{)2x^3 + 0x^2 - 17x + 3} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - 6x + 1 \\ \underline{2x^3 + 6x^2} \\ -6x^2 - 17x \\ \underline{-6x^2 - 18x} \\ x + 3 \\ \underline{x + 3} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{2x^3 - 17x + 3}{x+3} = 2x^2 - 6x + 1$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} \textbf{5 c} \quad x-4 \overline{-3x^3 + 0x^2 + 50x - 8} \\ \underline{-3x^3 + 12x^2} \\ -12x^2 + 50x \\ \underline{-12x^2 + 48x} \\ \quad 2x - 8 \\ \underline{2x - 8} \\ \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{-3x^3 + 50x - 8}{x-4} = -3x^2 - 12x + 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textbf{6 a} \quad x-3 \overline{x^3 + x^2 + 0x - 36} \\ \underline{x^3 - 3x^2} \\ 4x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{4x^2 - 12x} \\ 12x - 36 \\ \underline{12x - 36} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 36}{x-3} = x^2 + 4x + 12$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textbf{b} \quad x+5 \overline{2x^3 + 9x^2 + 0x + 25} \\ \underline{2x^3 + 10x^2} \\ -x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{-x^2 - 5x} \\ 5x + 25 \\ \underline{5x + 25} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{2x^3 + 9x^2 + 25}{x+5} = 2x^2 - x + 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textbf{c} \quad x-2 \overline{-3x^3 + 11x^2 + 0x - 20} \\ \underline{-3x^3 + 6x^2} \\ 5x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{5x^2 - 10x} \\ 10x - 20 \\ \underline{10x - 20} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{-3x^3 + 11x^2 - 20}{x-2} = -3x^2 + 5x + 10$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{7} \quad RHS = (x+2)(x^2 - 5) \\ = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 10 \\ = LHS \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textbf{8 a} \quad x+5 \overline{x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 2} \\ \underline{x^3 + 5x} \\ -x^2 - 3x \\ \underline{-x^2 - 5x} \\ 2x + 2 \\ \underline{2x + 10} \\ -8 \end{array}$$

So the remainder is -8 .

$$\begin{array}{r} \textbf{b} \quad x-6 \overline{3x^3 - 20x^2 + 10x + 5} \\ \underline{3x^3 - 18x^2} \\ -2x^2 + 10x \\ \underline{-2x^2 + 12x} \\ -2x + 5 \\ \underline{-2x + 12} \\ -7 \end{array}$$

So the remainder is -7 .

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$$\begin{array}{r} -2x^2 - 5x - 8 \\ \hline 8 \text{ c } x - 4 \Big) -2x^3 + 3x^2 + 12x + 20 \\ -2x^3 + 8x^2 \\ \hline -5x^2 + 12x \\ -5x^2 + 20x \\ \hline -8x + 20 \\ -8x + 32 \\ \hline -12 \end{array}$$

So the remainder is -12 .

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + x + 1 \\ \hline 9 \quad x - 1 \Big) 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 0x + 4 \\ 3x^3 - 3x^2 \\ \hline x^2 + 0x \\ x^2 - x \\ \hline x + 4 \\ x - 1 \\ \hline 5 \end{array}$$

So the remainder is 5 .

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^3 - 11x^2 + 21x - 24 \\ \hline 10 \quad x + 1 \Big) 3x^4 - 8x^3 + 10x^2 - 3x - 25 \\ 3x^4 + 3x^3 \\ \hline -11x^3 + 10x^2 \\ -11x^3 - 11x^2 \\ \hline 21x^2 - 3x \\ 21x^2 + 21x \\ \hline -24x - 25 \\ -24x - 24 \\ \hline -1 \end{array}$$

So the remainder is -1 .

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x^2 - 20x + 7 \\ \hline 11 \quad x + 4 \Big) 5x^3 + 0x^2 - 73x + 28 \\ 5x^3 + 20x \\ \hline -20x^2 - 73x \\ -20x^2 - 80x \\ \hline 7x + 28 \\ 7x + 28 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

The remainder is 0 , so $(x + 4)$ is a factor of $5x^3 - 73x + 28$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 6x + 4 \\ \hline 12 \quad x - 2 \Big) 3x^3 + 0x^2 - 8x - 8 \\ 3x^3 - 6x^2 \\ \hline 6x^2 - 8x \\ 6x^2 - 12x \\ \hline 4x - 8 \\ 4x - 8 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{3x^3 - 8x - 8}{x - 2} = 3x^2 + 6x + 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + x + 1 \\ \hline 13 \quad x - 1 \Big) x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x - 1 \\ x^3 - x^2 \\ \hline x^2 + 0x \\ x^2 - x \\ \hline x - 1 \\ x - 1 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} = x^2 + x + 1$$

$$\mathbf{14} \quad x+2 \overline{)x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x - 16}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^4 + 2x^3 \\ -2x^3 + 0x^2 \\ \hline -2x^3 - 4x^2 \\ 4x^2 + 0x \\ \hline 4x^2 + 8x \\ -8x - 16 \\ \hline -8x - 16 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So $\frac{x^4 - 16}{x+2} = x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 8$

$$\mathbf{15} \quad 5x+4 \overline{)10x^3 + 43x^2 - 2x - 10}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 7x - 6 \\ 10x^3 + 8x^2 \\ 35x^2 - 2x \\ \hline 35x^2 + 28x \\ -30x - 10 \\ \hline -30x - 24 \\ 14 \end{array}$$

So the remainder is 14.

$$\mathbf{16 \text{ a}} \quad x-3 \overline{)3x^3 - 14x^2 - 47x - 14}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 5x - 62 \\ 3x^3 - 9x^2 \\ -5x^2 - 47x \\ \hline -5x^2 + 15x \\ -62x - 14 \\ \hline -62x + 186 \\ -200 \end{array}$$

So the remainder is -200.

$$\mathbf{b} \quad x+2 \overline{)3x^3 - 14x^2 - 47x - 14}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 20x - 7 \\ 3x^3 + 6x^2 \\ -20x^2 - 47x \\ \hline -20x^2 - 40x \\ -7x - 14 \\ \hline -7x - 14 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 3x^3 - 14x^2 - 47x - 14 \\ &= (x+2)(3x^2 - 20x - 7) \\ &= (x+2)(3x+1)(x-7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{17 \text{ a i}} \quad x-2 \overline{)x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x - 12}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 8x + 21 \\ x^3 - 2x^2 \\ 8x^2 + 5x \\ \hline 8x^2 - 16x \\ 21x - 12 \\ \hline 21x - 42 \\ 30 \end{array}$$

So the remainder is 30.

$$\mathbf{ii} \quad x+3 \overline{)x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x - 12}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 3x - 4 \\ x^3 + 3x^2 \\ 3x^2 + 5x \\ \hline 3x^2 + 9x \\ -4x - 12 \\ \hline -4x - 12 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So the remainder is 0.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \quad f(x) &= x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x - 12 \\ &= (x+3)(x^2 + 3x - 4) \\ &= (x+3)(x+4)(x-1) \\ \text{So} \quad x &= -3, x = -4, x = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x - 3 \\ \hline 2x-1) 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 8x + 3 \\ \underline{2x^3 - x^2} \\ 4x^2 - 8x \\ \underline{4x^2 - 2x} \\ -6x + 3 \\ \underline{-6x + 3} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 8x + 3$$

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

$$a = 1, b = 2, c = -3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \quad f(x) &= 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 8x + 3 \\ &= (2x-1)(x^2 + 2x - 3) \\ &= (2x-1)(x-1)(x+3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{c} \quad (2x-1)(x-1)(x+3) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}, x = 1 \text{ and } x = -3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ \hline 4x-1) 12x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 1 \\ \underline{12x^3 - 3x^2} \\ 8x^2 + 2x \\ \underline{8x^2 - 2x} \\ 4x - 1 \\ \underline{4x - 1} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

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

$$a = 3, b = 2, c = 1$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad (4x-1)(3x^2 + 2x + 1) = 0$$

Using the discriminant for

$$3x^2 + 2x + 1: b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4(3)(1) \text{ so } = -8 \leq 0$$

there are no real solutions.

So $f(x)$ has only one real solution,

$$x = \frac{1}{4}$$