

Exercise 1D

1 a $f(x) = 4x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}f(2) &= 4(2)^3 - 5(2)^2 + 7(2) + 1 \\&= 4(8) - 5(4) + 7(2) + 1 \\&= 32 - 20 + 14 + 1 \\&= 27\end{aligned}$$

b $f(x) = 2x^5 - 32x^3 + x - 10$

$$\begin{aligned}f(4) &= 2(4)^5 - 32(4)^3 + 4 - 10 \\&= 2(1024) - 32(64) - 6 \\&= 2048 - 2048 - 6 \\&= -6\end{aligned}$$

c $f(x) = -2x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x - 3$

$$\begin{aligned}f(-1) &= -2(-1)^3 + 6(-1)^2 + 5(-1) - 3 \\&= -2(-1) + 6(1) + 5(-1) - 3 \\&= 2 + 6 - 5 - 3 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

d $f(x) = 7x^3 + 6x^2 - 45x + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}f(-3) &= 7(-3)^3 + 6(-3)^2 - 45(-3) + 1 \\&= 7(-27) + 6(9) - 45(-3) + 1 \\&= -189 + 54 + 135 + 1 \\&= 1\end{aligned}$$

e $f(x) = 4x^4 - 4x^2 + 8x - 1$

$$\begin{aligned}f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 4x^4 - 4x^2 + 8x - 1 \\&= 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 - 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 1 \\&= 4\left(\frac{1}{16}\right) - 4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 1 \\&= \frac{1}{4} - 1 + 4 - 1 \\&= \frac{9}{4}\end{aligned}$$

1 f $f(x) = 243x^4 - 27x^3 - 3x + 7$

$$\begin{aligned}f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) &= 243\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 - 27\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 - 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 7 \\&= 243\left(\frac{1}{81}\right) - 27\left(\frac{1}{27}\right) - 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 7 \\&= 3 - 1 - 1 + 7 \\&= 8\end{aligned}$$

g $f(x) = 64x^3 + 32x^2 - 16x + 9$

$$\begin{aligned}f\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) &= 64\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 + 32\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - 16\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + 9 \\&= 64\left(-\frac{27}{64}\right) + 32\left(\frac{9}{16}\right) - 16\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + 9 \\&= -27 + 18 + 12 + 9 \\&= 12\end{aligned}$$

h $f(x) = 81x^3 - 81x^2 + 9x + 6$

$$\begin{aligned}f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) &= 81\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 - 81\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + 9\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 6 \\&= 81\left(\frac{8}{27}\right) - 81\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) + 9\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 6 \\&= 24 - 36 + 6 + 6 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

i $f(x) = 243x^6 - 780x^2 + 6$

$$\begin{aligned}f\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) &= 243\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^6 - 780\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 + 6 \\&= 243\left(\frac{4096}{729}\right) - 780\left(\frac{16}{9}\right) + 6 \\&= \frac{4096}{3} - \frac{4160}{3} + \frac{18}{3} \\&= -\frac{46}{3}\end{aligned}$$

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1 j $f(x) = 125x^4 + 5x^3 - 9x$

$$\begin{aligned}f\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) &= 125\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)^4 + 5\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)^3 - 9\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) \\&= 125\left(\frac{81}{625}\right) + 5\left(-\frac{27}{125}\right) - 9\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) \\&= \frac{81}{5} - \frac{27}{25} + \frac{27}{5} \\&= \frac{513}{25}\end{aligned}$$

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

Since $f(1) = -4$

$$2(1)^3 - 3(1)^2 - 2(1) + a = -4$$

$$2 - 3 - 2 + a = -4$$

$$a = -1$$

3 $f(x) = -3x^3 + 4x^2 + bx + 6$

Since $f(-2) = 10$

$$-3(-2)^3 + 4(-2)^2 + b(-2) + 6 = 10$$

$$-3(-8) + 4(4) + b(-2) + 6 = 10$$

$$24 + 16 - 2b + 6 = 10$$

$$2b = 36$$

$$b = 18$$

4 $f(x) = 216x^3 - 32x^2 + cx - 8$

Since $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$

$$216\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 32\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + c\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 8 = 1$$

$$216\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) - 32\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + c\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 8 = 1$$

$$27 - 8 + \frac{1}{2}c - 8 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}c = -10$$

$$c = -20$$

5 $f(x) = x^6 - 36x^3 + 243$

$$\begin{aligned}f(3) &= (3)^6 - 36(3)^3 + 243 \\&= 729 - 972 + 243 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

Since $f(3) = 0$, $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

6 $f(x) = 2x^3 + 17x^2 + 31x - 20$

$$\begin{aligned}f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + 17\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 31\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 20 \\&= 2\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) + 17\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 31\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 20 \\&= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{17}{4} + \frac{31}{2} - 20 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

Since $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$, $(2x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

7 $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + q$

Since $f(2) = 3$,

$$(2)^2 + 3(2) + q = 3$$

$$10 + q = 3$$

$$q = -7$$

so

$$f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 7$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(-2) &= (-2)^2 + 3(-2) - 7 \\&= 4 - 6 - 7 \\&= -9\end{aligned}$$

8 $g(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + 3x + 6$

Since $g(-1) = 2$,

$$(-1)^3 + a(-1)^2 + 3(-1) + 6 = 2$$

$$-1 + a - 3 + 6 = 2$$

$$a = 0$$

so

$$g(x) = x^3 + 3x + 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}g\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 6 \\&= \frac{8}{27} + 2 + 6 \\&= \frac{224}{27}\end{aligned}$$

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9 $f(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 + ax + b$
 $f(2) = 14$
So
 $2(2)^3 - (2)^2 + a(2) + b = 14$
 $2(8) - (4) + a(2) + b = 14$
 $16 - 4 + 2a + b = 14$
 $2a + b = 2 \quad (1)$
 $f(-3) = -86$

So
 $2(-3)^3 - (-3)^2 + a(-3) + b = -86$
 $2(-27) - (9) + a(-3) + b = -86$
 $-54 - 9 - 3a + b = -86$
 $-3a + b = -23 \quad (2)$
Multiply equation (2) by -1 then add it to
equation (1)
 $2a + b = 2$
 $3a - b = 23$
 $5a = 25$
 $a = 5$
When $a = 5, b = -8$

10 $f(x) = 3x^3 + 2x^2 - px + q$
 $f(1) = 0$
So
 $3(1)^3 + 2(1)^2 - p(1) + q = 0$
 $3 + 2 - p + q = 0$
 $p - q = 5 \quad (1)$
 $f(-1) = 10$
So
 $3(-1)^3 + 2(-1)^2 - p(-1) + q = 10$
 $-3 + 2 + p + q = 10$
 $p + q = 11 \quad (2)$
Adding equations (1) and (2) gives
 $p - q = 5$
 $p + q = 11$
 $2p = 16$
 $p = 8$
When $p = 8, q = 3$