

★ Review Synthetic with a factor given
(x-a) → a = zero

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

Rational Root Theorem

- Given a polynomial that is NOT readily factorable
- How do we come up with solutions?

$\frac{p}{q}$ will give us possible roots

p = factors of the constant term

q = factors of the first term

Example: $x^3 + 10x^2 + 17x = 28$ Find solutions.

- Must be in standard form → set = to 0
- Doesn't appear to be factorable

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1 \pm 28 \pm 2 \pm 14 \pm 4 \pm 7}{\pm 1}$$

- These are all of the possible roots we could check with synthetic division.
- 1 looks like an easy root to check

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & 10 & 17 & -28 \\ & \downarrow & 1 & 11 & 28 \\ \hline & 1 & 11 & 28 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$= x^2 + 11x + 28$$

$$(x+4)(x+7)$$

$$x+4=0$$

$$x+7=0$$

$$\boxed{x=1}$$

$$\boxed{x=-4}$$

$$\boxed{x=-7}$$

- Can we factor this?
YES!

- These are our 3 roots/solutions.
- Correlation between degree and # of zeros

Example Find all the real roots of
 $4x^4 - 21x^3 + 18x^2 + 19x - 6$

• Use Rational Root Theorem

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1 \pm 2 \pm 3 \pm 6}{\pm 1 \pm 2 \pm 4} = \pm 1 \pm 2 \pm 3 \pm 6 \pm \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{3}{4}$$

• Graph on calculator

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 2 & 4 & -21 & 18 & 19 & -6 \\ & \downarrow & 8 & -26 & -16 & 6 \\ \hline & 4 & -13 & -8 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$= 4x^3 - 13x^2 - 8x + 3$$

We still can't factor this.

Look at root between 3 and 4

Does it match up to anything? NO

Try $\frac{1}{4}$ using synthetic. \rightarrow Doesn't work.

Just means $\frac{1}{4}$ isn't a root.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -3/4 & 4 & -13 & -8 & 3 \\ & \downarrow & -3 & 12 & -3 \\ \hline & 4 & -16 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$= 4x^2 - 16x + 4$$

• Now we have a quadratic

• We can use quadratic formula.

• Solve out. \rightarrow Get 4 zeros.

$(2 \pm \sqrt{3})$

Matches our original degree.

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