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Notes

## Lesson 4.5

Fundamental Theorem of Algebra  
and the Rational Root Theorem  
and Synthetic Division

# Day 6

## Checking for Factors

## Using Synthetic Division

$$x^2 - 49 = 0$$

$$(x+7)(x-7) = 0$$

$$x+7=0 \quad x-7=0$$

$$x=-7 \quad x=7$$

If a factor is a zero, then it is a solution to the function, it is an x intercept, so it has as a coordinate

$$(x, 0)$$

Is  $x - 4$  a factor of  $\rightarrow x = 4$   
 $f(x) = 9x^4 - 27x^3 - 20x^2 - 48x - 64$ ?  
 If so, write the coordinate

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4 \overline{) 9x^4 - 27x^3 - 20x^2 - 48x - 64} \\
 \underline{36x^3 \quad 36x^2 \quad 64x \quad 64} \\
 9x^3 \quad 9x^2 \quad 16x \quad 16 \quad \boxed{0}
 \end{array}$$

if remainder is 0, you found a factor/solution

$$f(x) = (x-4)(9x^3 + 9x^2 + 16x + 16)$$

$(4, 0)$  is a root

Integer Root Theorem  
 Helps Factor Using Synthetic Division

*± counting numbers*  
 The Integer Root Theorem is used to determine possible integer factors/roots of a polynomial

Divide the constant term by the leading coefficient of the polynomial. The positive and negative versions of every factor of that quotient are the possible solutions you should start checking for.

*Leading Coefficient* *# in front of highest degree term* *term w/o a variable* *Constant*

Factor:  $2x^4 + 7x^3 - 39x^2 + 62x - 56$

$\frac{-56}{2} = -28$  *±1, ±2, ±4, ±7, ±14, ±28*

$+2 \mid 2x^4 \ 7x^3 \ -39x^2 \ 62x \ -56$   
 $\downarrow \ 4 \ 22 \ -34 \ 56$   
 $x-2$  is a factor  
 $x=2$  is a solution  
 $-7 \mid 2x^3 \ 11x^2 \ -17x \ 28 \ 0$   
 $\downarrow \ -14 \ 21 \ -28$   
 $x+7$  is a factor  
 $x=-7$  is a solution  
 $2 \ -3 \ 4 \ 0$   
 $(x-2)(x+7)(2x^2 - 3x + 4)$

Once you get down to a Quadratic; Factor or use Quadratic Formula

$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$x = \frac{3 \pm i\sqrt{23}}{4}, x = -7, x = 2$

25.  $1x^3 + 1x^2 - 17x + 15 = 0$

$\frac{15}{1} = 15 : \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15$

$x = 1 \mid 1x^3 + 1x^2 - 17x + 15$   
 $\downarrow \ 1 \ 2 \ -15$

$(x-1)(1x^2 + 2x - 15) = 0$

$(x-1)(x+5)(x-3) = 0$

$x-1=0 \quad x+5=0 \quad x-3=0$

$x = 1 \quad x = -5 \quad x = 3$

$$27. \underline{1}x^3 - 10x^2 + 19x + \underline{30} = 0$$

$$\frac{30}{1} = 30 \div 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30$$

$$\boxed{x = -1} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -10 & 19 & 30 \\ \hline & -1 & 11 & -30 \\ \hline 1 & -11 & 30 & 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$(x+1)(x^2 - 11x + 30) = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x-6)(x-5) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = -1, x = 6, x = 5}$$

$$30. \underline{1}x^3 - 16x^2 + 55x + \underline{72} = 0$$

$$\frac{72}{1} = 72 \div 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 72$$

$$x = -1 \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -16 & 55 & 72 \\ \hline & -1 & 17 & -72 \\ \hline 1 & -17 & 72 & 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$(x+1)(x^2 - 17x + 72) = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x-9)(x-8) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = -1, x = 9, x = 8}$$

$$32. \quad 3x^3 + x^2 - 38x + 24 = 0$$

$$\frac{24}{3} = 8 : \pm 1, 2 \quad \pm 4, 8$$

$$-4 \overline{) 3 \ 1 \ -38 \ 24}$$

$$\quad \underline{-12 \ 44 \ -24}$$

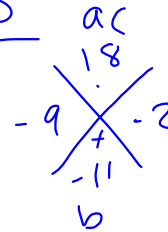
$$(x+4)(3x^2 - 11x + 6) = 0$$

$$(x+4)(3x^2 - 9x - 2x + 6)$$

$$(x+4)[3x(x-3) - 2(x-3)]$$

$$(x+4)(x-3)(3x-2) = 0$$

$$x = -4 \quad x = 3 \quad x = \frac{2}{3}$$



**Rational Root Theorem**

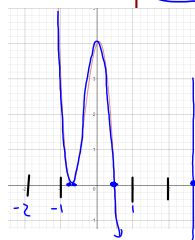
Helps Factor

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Fractions

The Rational Root Theorem is used to determine possible rational factors/roots of a polynomial

Divide the constant term's factors by the leading coefficient of the polynomial's factors. The positive and negative versions of every factor and fraction of that quotient are the possible solutions you should start checking for. [Desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com) Use a graphing calculator to help pick out the rational factors



Leading Coefficient:  $6x^3 - 11x^2 + 2x + 4 = 0$

constant:  $\frac{4}{6} : \pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{1}{6}$

constant:  $\pm 2, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm 4, \pm \frac{4}{3}$

Try:  $-\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\left(x = \frac{1}{2}\right) \begin{array}{r} 6 \ -11 \ -16 \ 2 \ 4 \\ \underline{\phantom{6} \ 3 \ -4 \ -10 \ -4} \end{array}$$

$$6 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \left(x = -\frac{2}{3}\right) \begin{array}{r} 6 \ -8 \ -20 \ -8 \ 0 \\ \underline{\phantom{6} \ -4 \ 8 \ 8} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \ -12 \ -12 \ 0 \end{array}$$

$$3(x) - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 0$$

$$3x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$+2 \ +2$$

$$3x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2x = 1$$

$$2x - 1 = 0$$

$$6x^2 - 12x - 12 = 0$$

$$(3x+2)(2x-1)(6x^2-12x-12) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-(-12) \pm \sqrt{(-12)^2 - 4(6)(-12)}}{2(6)}$$

$$x = \frac{12 \pm \sqrt{432}}{12}, \quad x = -\frac{2}{3}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2}$$

Factor and Solve:  $2x^3 + x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$ 

$$\frac{4}{2} = \pm \frac{1}{1}, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{2}{1}, \pm \frac{4}{1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -\frac{1}{2} & 2 & 1 & 8 & 4 \\ & \downarrow & -1 & 0 & -4 \\ \hline & 2 & 0 & 8 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$(2x+1)(2x^2+8) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2x^2 + 8 = 0$$

$$\frac{2x^2}{2} = -\frac{8}{2}$$

$$x^2 = -4$$

$$x = \pm 2i$$

## Lesson 4.5

Fundamental Theorem of Algebra and the Rational Root Theorem  
and Synthetic Division

# Day 6 pg. 194 # 25-32,

25.  $x = -5, x = 1, \text{ and } x = 3$

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

27.  $x = -1, x = 5, \text{ and } x = 6$

28.  $x = -5, x = -2, \text{ and } x = 3$

29.  $x = -3, x = 4, \text{ and } x = 5$

30.  $x = -1, x = 8, \text{ and } x = 9$

31.  $x = -4, x = -0.5, \text{ and } x = 6$

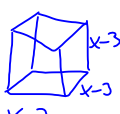
32.  $x = -4, x = \frac{2}{3}, \text{ and } x = 3$

# Day 7

pg. 194 #33-40, odd only and 50, 51

33. -5, 3, and 4
34. -4, -2, and 6
35. -5, -3, and -2
36. 1, 6, and 7
37. -4, 1.5, and 3
38.  $\frac{4}{3}$ , 2, and 5
39.  $1, \frac{-1 + \sqrt{17}}{2} \approx 1.56$ , and  $\frac{-1 - \sqrt{17}}{2} \approx -2.56$
40.  $4, -\frac{3}{2}$ , and  $-\frac{5}{2}$
41.  $f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 36$
42.  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 22x - 40$
43.  $f(x) = x^3 - 10x - 12$
44.  $f(x) = x^3 - 16x^2 + 77x - 116$
45.  $f(x) = x^4 - 32x^2 + 24x$
46.  $f(x) = x^4 + 5x^3 - 33x^2 - 85x$
50. a.  $(x-3)(x-3)(x-3) = 8$   
 $(x-3)^3 = 8$   
 $x^3 - 9x^2 + 27x - 27 = 8$   
 $x^3 - 9x^2 + 27x - 35 = 0$
- b. The possible rational solutions are  $\pm 1, \pm 5, \pm 7, \pm 35$ .
- c.  $x = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{3}i}{2} = 2 \pm i\sqrt{3}$
- So, no other real solutions exist other than  $x = 5$ .
- d. The dimensions of the cube are 2 centimeters  $\times$  2 centimeters  $\times$  2 centimeters.
51. The block is 3 meters high, 21 meters long, and 15 meters wide.

50.



$V = l \cdot w \cdot h$

$V(x) = (x-3)(x-3)(x-3)$

$(x^2 - 3x - 3x + 9)(x-3)$

$(x^2 - 6x + 9)(x-3)$

$x^3 - 3x^2 - 6x^2 + 18x + 9x - 27$

$V(x) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 27x - 27$

$8 = x^3 - 9x^2 + 27x - 27$

$-8$

$\frac{35}{1} : \frac{\pm 1}{1}, \frac{\pm 5}{1}, \frac{\pm 7}{1}, \frac{\pm 35}{1} \Rightarrow x^3 - 9x^2 + 27x - 35$

(5|0)  $5 \overline{) 1 \ -9 \ 27 \ -35}$

$\downarrow \ 5 \ -20 \ 35$

$(x-5)(x^2 - 4x + 7) = 0$

$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(7)}}{2(1)}$

$x = 5$  (real solution)

$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2}$  (imaginary)

$l = w = h = x - 3 = (5) - 3 = 2$

$2 \times 2 \times 2 \text{ cm}$

$$39. \quad \frac{4x^3 - 20x + 16}{-4x^3 + 0x^2 - 20x + 16} = 0$$

$$\frac{16}{4} : \pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{4}, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm \frac{8}{1}, \pm \frac{16}{1}, \pm$$

$x=1$

$$x=1 \quad \begin{array}{r} 4 \quad 0 \quad -20 \quad 16 \\ -1 \quad -1 \\ \hline x-1=0 \quad \downarrow \quad 4 \quad 4 \quad -16 \end{array}$$

$$(x-1)(4x^2 + 4x - 16) = 0$$

a ↗    b ↗    c ↗

$$X = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(4)(-16)}}{2(4)}$$

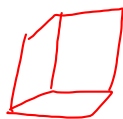
$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{272}}{8}$$

$$x = -1, \quad x = \frac{-4}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{272}}{8}, \quad x = \frac{-4}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{272}}{8}$$

51.

$$V = l \cdot w \cdot h$$

$$V(x) = x \cdot (12x-15)(12x-21)$$



$l = x$

$w = 12x - 15$

$h = 12x - 21$

$V = 945 \text{ cm}^3$

$$V(x) = x(144x^2 - 252x - 180x + 315)$$

$$v(x) = 144x^3 - 432x^2 + 315x$$

$$945 = 144x^3 - 432x^2 + 315x$$

$$0 = 144x^3 - 432x^2 + 315x - 945$$

$$\frac{945}{144} : \pm 3$$

$$3 \overline{) 144 \quad -432 \quad 315 \quad -945}$$

$$\quad \quad \downarrow \quad 432 \quad 0 \quad 945$$

$$(x-3)(144x^2 + 0x + 315) = 0$$

$x = 3$

$$144x^2 + 315 = 0$$

$l = 3$

$w = 21$

$h = 15$

$$144x^2 = -315$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{-315}{144}}$$

$$x = \pm i \frac{\sqrt{315}}{12}$$

Name: Key Rational Root Theorem Practice

$f(x) = 2x^4 - 13x^3 + 12x^2 + 17x - 10$

List the POSSIBLE INTEGER ROOTS  
 $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10}{\pm 1, \pm 2} = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{5}{2}$

Show how either synthetic division or the rational root theorem can be used to look for roots of  $f(x)$

Are all the roots present? **Yes**

Are any of the roots irrational? **No**

Are any of the roots complex? **No**

List A, B, C, and D as coordinates  
**A (-1,0) B (1/2,0)**  
**C (2,0) D (5,0)**

$f(x) = 2x^4 + 13x^3 + 13x^2 - 22x + 6$

List the POSSIBLE INTEGER ROOTS  
 $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6}{\pm 1, \pm 2} = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}$

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Are all the roots present? **Yes**

Are any of the roots irrational? **Yes**

Are any of the roots complex? **No**

List A, B, C, and D as coordinates  
**A (1/2, 0) B (3, 0)**

$f(x) = 2x^4 + x^3 + 17x^2 + 9x - 9$

List the POSSIBLE INTEGER ROOTS  
 $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 9}{\pm 1, \pm 2} = \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 9, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{9}{2}$

Show how either synthetic division or the rational root theorem can be used to look for roots of  $f(x)$

Are all the roots present? **No**

Are any of the roots irrational? **No**

Are any of the roots complex? **Yes**

List A and B as coordinates  
**A (-1,0) B (1/2,0)**

$f(x) = 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 7x + 21$

List the POSSIBLE INTEGER ROOTS  
 $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 7, \pm 21}{\pm 1, \pm 2} = \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 7, \pm 21, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{7}{2}, \pm \frac{21}{2}$

Show how either synthetic division or the rational root theorem can be used to look for roots of  $f(x)$

Are all the roots present? **Yes**

Are any of the roots irrational? **Yes**

Are any of the roots complex? **No**

List A, B, and C as coordinates  
**A (-1.871, 0) B (1.871, 0)**  
**C (3, 0)**

$f(x) = 3x^4 - 20x^3 + 39x^2 - 30x + 8$

List the POSSIBLE INTEGER ROOTS  
 $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8}{\pm 1, \pm 3} = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm \frac{4}{3}, \pm \frac{8}{3}$

Show how either synthetic division or the rational root theorem can be used to look for roots of  $f(x)$

Are all the roots present? **Yes**

Are any of the roots irrational? **No**

Are any of the roots complex? **No**

List A, B, and C as coordinates  
**A (2/3, 0) B (1, 0) C (4, 0)**

$f(x) = 6x^4 - 31x^3 + 40x^2 - x - 6$

List the POSSIBLE INTEGER ROOTS  
 $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6}{\pm 1, \pm 6} = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm \frac{1}{6}, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{1}{2}$

Show how either synthetic division or the rational root theorem can be used to look for roots of  $f(x)$

Are all the roots present? **Yes**

Are any of the roots irrational? **No**

Are any of the roots complex? **No**

List A, B, C, and D as coordinates  
**A (-1/3, 0) B (1/2, 0) C (2, 0) D (3, 0)**

$f(x) = 3x^4 - 8x^3 - 18x^2 + 40x + 15$

List the POSSIBLE INTEGER ROOTS  
 $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15}{\pm 1, \pm 3} = \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{5}{3}$

Show how either synthetic division or the rational root theorem can be used to look for roots of  $f(x)$

Are all the roots present? **Yes**

Are any of the roots irrational? **No**

Are any of the roots complex? **No**

List A, B, C, and D as coordinates  
**A (-2.236, 0) B (-1/3, 0)**  
**C (2.236, 0) D (3, 0)**

$f(x) = 2x^4 + 9x^3 + 12x^2 + 9x + 10$

List the POSSIBLE INTEGER ROOTS  
 $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10}{\pm 1, \pm 2} = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{5}{2}$

Show how either synthetic division or the rational root theorem can be used to look for roots of  $f(x)$

Are all the roots present? **No**

Are any of the roots irrational? **No**

Are any of the roots complex? **Yes**

List A, B, C, and D as coordinates  
**A (-5/2, 0) B (-2.5, 0)**