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Remainder & Factor Theorem.

Lecture-I

eg: Find the remainder when $x^2 - 5x + 7$ is divided by $x - 2$.

Sol: Let $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 7$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Remainder} &:= f(2) = (2)^2 - 5(2) + 7 \\ &= 4 - 10 + 7 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-3 \\ x-2 \overline{) x^2 - 5x + 7} \\ \underline{x^2 - 2x} \\ -3x + 7 \\ \underline{+3x - 6} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

① $\rightarrow$ Remainder.

eg: Find the remainder when $x^2 - 5x + 7$ is divided by $x - 1$.

Sol: Let $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 7 \rightarrow \text{Remainder} = f(1) = (1)^2 - 5(1) + 7$
 $= 8 - 5 = \underline{\underline{3}}.$

$\rightarrow$ Euclid's Division Lemma.

$$\boxed{\text{Dividend} = \text{Divisor} \times \text{quotient} + \text{Remainder.}}$$

$$(x^2 - 5x + 7) = (x - 2) \times q + r$$

$\hookrightarrow$ Substitute $x = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}(2)^2 - 5(2) + 7 &= (2 - 2) \times q + r \\ 4 - 10 + 7 &= r \Rightarrow \boxed{r = 1}\end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$f(1) = (1)^2 = 1$$

$$f(2) = (2)^2 = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x \rightarrow \boxed{f} \rightarrow f(x) \\ 2 \rightarrow 2^2 \rightarrow 4 \end{array}$$

eg: Find the remainder when $x^2 - 5x + 7$ is divided $x - 3$.

sol: Let $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 7$ then remainder $= f(3) = 3^2 - 5(3) + 7$
 $= 9 - 15 + 7$
 $= 16 - 15 = 1$



Remainder & Factor theorem.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Divisor} \nearrow 3 \overline{) 15} \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{5} \text{Quotient} \\ \xleftarrow{15} \text{Dividend} \\ \xrightarrow{0} \text{Remainder} \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$3 \overline{) 16} \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{5} \\ \xrightarrow{15} \\ \textcircled{1} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Dividend} = \text{Divisor} \times \text{Quotient} + \text{Remainder.}$$

$\uparrow$
Euclid's Division Lemma.

Observation.

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

$$f(2) = (2)^2 - 5(2) + 6 = 4 - 10 + 6 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow x-2 \text{ is a factor of } x^2 - 5x + 6.$$

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

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

$$f(3) = (3)^2 - 5(3) + 6 = 9 - 15 + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-3 \text{ is a factor of } x^2 - 5x + 6.$$

Factor theorem.

For any polynomial $f(x)$ if $f(\alpha) = 0$ then $(x - \alpha)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

Ex: * $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + x - 1$

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - 1^2 + 1 - 1 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x - 1$ is a factor of $x^3 - x^2 + x - 1$

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

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

$x - (-1) = x + 1$ is not a factor of $x^3 - x^2 + x - 1$

* If we divide $x^3 - x^2 + x - 1$ by $x + 1$ then the Remainder $f(-1)$

Remainder Theorem.

If a polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - \alpha)$ then the Remainder is $f(\alpha)$.

Note:

- ① $f(x) / (x - \alpha) \longrightarrow \text{Remainder } f(\alpha)$
 $x - \alpha = 0$
 $x = \alpha$
- ② $f(x) / (x + \alpha) \longrightarrow f(-\alpha)$
 $x + \alpha = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = -\alpha$
- ③ $f(x) / (ax - b) \longrightarrow f\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$
 $ax - b = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{b}{a}$
- ④ $f(x) / (ax + b) \longrightarrow f\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)$
 $ax + b = 0$
 $\Rightarrow ax = -b \Rightarrow x = -\frac{b}{a}$

Lecture-II

Examples.

1) Using Remainder theorem, find the remainder when

(a) $(2x^2 - x + 1)$ is divided by $(x - 2)$

Solⁿ: Let $f(x) = 2x^2 - x + 1$.

If we divide $f(x)$ by $(x - 2)$ then Remainder $f(2)$

$$\text{Remainder} = f(2) = 2(2)^2 - 2 + 1 = 8 - 2 + 1 = \underline{\underline{7}} \text{ Ans.}$$

⑥ $(2x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x + 1)$ is divided by $(x+3)$

Solⁿ: Let $f(x) = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x + 1$

If we divide $f(x)$ by $(x+3)$ then the

$$\text{Remainder} = f(-3) = 2(-3)^3 + 5(-3)^2 - 9(-3) + 1$$

$$= -54 + 45 + 27 + 1$$

$$= \underline{19} \quad \underline{\text{Ans.}}$$



2) Using Remainder theorem, find the remainder when

(a) $(3x^2 + 5x - 9)$ divided by $(3x + 2)$

Solⁿ:

Let $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x - 9$

Remainder := $f(-\frac{2}{3})$ (by Remainder Theorem)

$$f(-\frac{2}{3}) = 3\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + 5\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) - 9$$

$$= \cancel{3} \times \frac{4}{\cancel{9}_3} - \frac{10}{3} - 9$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} - \frac{10}{3} - 9 = \frac{-6}{3} - 9$$

$$= -2 - 9 = \underline{\underline{-11}}$$

(b) $8x^3 - 16x^2 + 14x - 5$ divided by $2x - 1$.

Solⁿ:

Remainder = $f(\frac{1}{2}) = 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 16\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 14\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 5$

$$= 8\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) - 16\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 14\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 5$$

$$= 1 - 4 + 7 - 5$$

$$= 8 - 9 = \underline{\underline{-1}} \text{ Ans.}$$

3) When divided by $(x-3)$, the polynomial $x^3 - px^2 + x + 6$ & $2x^3 - x^2 - (p+3)x - 6$ leave the same remainder. Find the value of p . Also, find the remainder in each case. (2010)

Sol: Let $f(x) = x^3 - px^2 + x + 6$ &
 $g(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 - (p+3)x - 6$.

When $f(x)$ & $g(x)$ are divided by $(x-3)$ then the remainders are $f(3)$ & $g(3)$ [by Remainder theorem]

Given: $f(3) = g(3)$

$$\Rightarrow (3)^3 - p(3)^2 + 3 + 6 = 2(3)^3 - (3)^2 - (p+3)3 - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 27 - 9p + 9 = 54 - 9 - 3p - 9 - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 36 - 9p = 30 - 3p \Rightarrow 6 = 6p$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p=1} \text{ Ans.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Remainder} &= f(3) = 36 - 9p = 36 - 9 = 27 \\ &= g(3) = 30 - 3p = 30 - 3 = 27 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{Remainder} &= f(3) = 36 - 9p = 36 - 9 = 27 \\ &= g(3) = 30 - 3p = 30 - 3 = 27 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{ Ans.}$$

4) Find a if the two polynomials ax^3+3x^2-9 and $2x^3-5x+a$ leave the same remainder when divided by $x+3$. (2015)

Solⁿ: Let $f(x) = ax^3+3x^2-9$ & $g(x) = 2x^3-5x+a$.

$\therefore$ Remainders are equal

$$\therefore f(-3) = g(-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(-3)^3 + 3(-3)^2 - 9 = 2(-3)^3 - 5(-3) + a$$

$$\Rightarrow -27a + 27 - 9 = -54 + 15 + a$$

$$\Rightarrow -27a + 18 = -39 + a$$

$$\Rightarrow 18 + 39 = a + 27a \Rightarrow 28a = 57$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = \frac{57}{28}}$$

$$\text{Remainder} = f(-3) = -27\left(\frac{57}{28}\right) + 18 =$$

$$g(-3) = -39 + \frac{57}{28} =$$

Lecture - III

Recall: Factor theorem.

$(x - \alpha)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(\alpha) = 0$
 $(x + \alpha)$ — „ — then $f(-\alpha) = 0$

$(ax - b)$ — „ — then $f(\frac{b}{a}) = 0$

$(ax + b)$ — „ — then $f(-\frac{b}{a}) = 0$

1) Show that $(x-1)$ is a factor of $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8$.

Hence, Completely factorise the expression.

Solⁿ:

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8$.

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - 7(1)^2 + 14(1) - 8$$

$$f(1) = 1 - 7 + 14 - 8 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow (x-1)$ is a factor of $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8$.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 6x + 8 \\
 x-1 \overline{) x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8} \\
 \underline{x^3 - x^2} \\
 -6x^2 + 14x - 8 \\
 \underline{+ 6x^2 - 6x} \\
 8x - 8 \\
 \underline{8x - 8} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8 = (x-1)(x^2 - 6x + 8)$$

$$x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8 = (x-1)(x-2)(x-4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 - 6x + 8 &= x^2 - 4x - 2x + 8 \\
 &= x(x-4) - 2(x-4) \\
 &= (x-4)(x-2)
 \end{aligned}$$

2) Show that $(x-1)$ is a factor of $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8$.

Hence, Completely factorise the expression.

Solⁿ: Let $f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8$

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - 7(1)^2 + 14(1) - 8 = 1 - 7 + 14 - 8 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow (x-1)$ is a factor of $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 6x + 8 \\ x-1 \overline{) x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8} \\ \underline{-x^3 + x^2} \\ -6x^2 + 14x - 8 \\ \underline{+6x^2 - 6x} \\ -8x - 8 \\ \underline{+8x + 8} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 55 \\ 3 \overline{) 165} \\ \underline{15} \\ 15 \\ \underline{15} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$165 = 3 \times 55$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8 = (x-1)(x^2 - 6x + 8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 6x + 8 &= x^2 - 4x - 2x + 8 \\ &= x(x-4) - 2(x-4) = (x-4)(x-2) \end{aligned}$$

$$x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8 = (x-1)(x-2)(x-4)$$

(8A)

14) Using the Remainder Theorem, find the remainder when $x^3 + (Kx+8)x + K$ is divided by $x+1$ & $x-2$.

Hence find K if the sum of the two remainders is 1.

Sol.: Let $f(x) = x^3 + (Kx+8)x + K = x^3 + Kx^2 + 8x + K$

Remainder: $f(x)/(x+1) \rightarrow f(-1) = (-1)^3 + K(-1)^2 + 8(-1) + K$
 $= -1 + K - 8 + K$
 $f(-1) = 2K - 9$

Remainder: $f(x)/(x-2) \rightarrow f(2) = (2)^3 + K(2)^2 + 8(2) + K$
 $= 8 + 4K + 16 + K$
 $f(2) = 5K + 24$

Given: $f(-1) + f(2) = 1 \Rightarrow 2K - 9 + 5K + 24 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 7K + 15 = 1 \Rightarrow 7K = -14$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{K = -2} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans.}}}$$

2) Using factor theorem, Show that $(3x-2)$ is a factor of $3x^3+x^2-20x+12$ & Hence factorise it Completely.

Solⁿ: Let $f(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 - 20x + 12$.

$$f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - 20\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 12$$

$$= 3\left(\frac{8}{27}\right) + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{40}{3} + 12$$

$$= \frac{8 + 4 - 120 + 108}{9}$$

$$= \frac{120 - 120}{9} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow 3x-2$ is a factor of $3x^3+x^2-20x+12$.

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 3x-2 & 3x^3+x^2-20x+12 \\ & \underline{-3x^3+2x^2} \\ & 3x^2-20x+12 \\ & \underline{-3x^2+2x} \\ & -18x+12 \\ & \underline{-18x+12} \\ & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^3+x^2-20x+12 = (3x-2)(\underbrace{x^2+x-6}) = (3x-2)(x+3)(x-2)$$

3) If $x^3 - 2x^2 + ax + b$ has a factor $(x+2)$ & leaves a remainder 9 when divided by $(x+1)$, find the values of a & b . With these values of a & b , factorise the given polynomial completely.

Solⁿ: Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + ax + b$.

* $\because x+2$ is a factor of $f(x) \therefore f(-2) = 0$

$$(-2)^3 - 2(-2)^2 + a(-2) + b = 0$$

$$-8 - 8 - 2a + b = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{-2a + b = 16}$$

** $\because$ Remainder of $f(x)$ when divided by $x+1$ is 9

$$\therefore f(-1) = 9 \Rightarrow (-1)^3 - 2(-1)^2 + a(-1) + b = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 - 2 - a + b = 9$$

$$\boxed{-a + b = 12}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2a + b = 16 \\ + a + b = -12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$-a = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = -4}$$

$$-(-4) + b = 12$$

$$\boxed{b = 8}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 4x + 4 \\
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 x+2 \overline{) x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 8} \\
 \underline{-(x^3 + 2x^2)} \\
 -4x^2 - 4x + 8 \\
 \underline{-(4x^2 + 8x)} \\
 4x + 8 \\
 \underline{-(4x + 8)} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow (x)^2 - 2(2)(x) + (2)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 8 &= (x+2)(x^2 - 4x + 4) \\
 &= (x+2)(x-2)^2 \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans.}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hit and Trial Method.

1) Use the factor Theorem to factorise completely

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

Sol. Let $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4$.

Substitute $x=1$, $f(1) = (1)^3 + (1)^2 - 4 - 4 = -6$

Substitute $x=-1$, $f(-1) = (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 4(-1) - 4$
 $= -1 + 1 + 4 - 4 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 \text{ is a factor of } f(x).$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 4 \\
 (x+1) \overline{) x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4} \\
 \underline{-x^3 + x^2} \\
 -4x - 4 \\
 \underline{+4x + 4} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

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

Ans.

2) Using factor theorem, factorise completely.

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 19x^2 + 38x + 21$$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(-1) &= 2(-1)^3 + 19(-1)^2 + 38(-1) + 21 \\
 &= -2 + 19 - 38 + 21 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow x+1$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x^2 + 17x + 21 \\
 x+1 \overline{) 2x^3 + 19x^2 + 38x + 21}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= (x+1)(2x^2 + 17x + 21) \\
 &= (x+1)(2x^2 + 14x + 3x + 21) \\
 &= (x+1)(2x(x+7) + 3(x+7)) \\
 &= (x+1)(x+7)(2x+3) \quad \underline{\text{Ans.}}
 \end{aligned}$$