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TUE

2.5(part 1) Zeros of Polynomial Functions

* Use Graphing Calculator to find the 1st root.....

ex 1) Find all zeros of $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$.

(GC) → possible roots: $-3, -1, 2$ Test w/ Synthetic ÷

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -3 & 1 & 2 & -5 & -6 \\ & & -3 & 3 & 6 \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

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

$$\begin{array}{l} x-2=0 \\ x=2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x+1=0 \\ x=-1 \end{array}$$

Find the rest of the zeros
(ac, guess, quad formula)

∴ zeros: $-3, -1, 2$

ex 2) Find zeros of $f(x) = x^3 - 8x^2 + 16x - 8$

(GC) → possible roots: 2 blah...

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & -8 & 16 & -8 \\ & & 2 & -12 & 8 \\ \hline & 1 & -6 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 16}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$= 3 \pm \sqrt{5} \quad \therefore \text{zeros: } 2, 3 + \sqrt{5}, 3 - \sqrt{5}$$

ex 3) Zeros? $f(x) = x^3 + 8x^2 + 25x + 26$

(GC) → possible roots: -2 , blah (imag?)...

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & 8 & 25 & 26 \\ & & -2 & -12 & -26 \\ \hline & 1 & 6 & 13 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 13 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 52}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm 4i}{2} = -3 \pm 2i$$

$$\text{zeros: } \{-2, -3 + 2i, -3 - 2i\}$$

Linear Factorization Theorem

→ Build a polynomial from roots ... ! function value
→ stretch factor

$$f(x) = a_n(x - c_1)(x - c_2) \dots (x - c_n)$$

↑ c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n : complex numbers
stretch factor

ex 4) $n=3$. 3 and i are zeros. $f(2)=25$

of complex roots

1st root: 3
2nd root: i
3rd root?: $-i$

clue: stretch factor

Complex Conjugate of 2nd root $\rightarrow a+bi$ & $a-bi$

$$f(x) = a_3 \cdot (x-3)(x-i)(x-(-i))$$

$$f(x) = a_3(x-3)(x^2+1) \quad a_3?$$

$$f(2) = 25 = a_3(2-3)(2^2+1)$$

$$25 = a_3(-1)(5)$$

$$25 = -5a_3$$

$$-5 = a_3$$

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

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

$$f'(x) = -5x^3 + 15x^2 - 5x + 15$$

ex 5) $n=4$. zeros: $3, \frac{1}{3}, 1+2i$. $f(1)=48$

conjugate: $1-2i$

$$f(x) = a_4(x-3)(x-\frac{1}{3})(x-(1+2i))(x-(1-2i))$$

$$f(x) = a_4(x-3)(3x-1)(x-1-2i)(x-1+2i)$$

$$f(x) = a_4(3x^2-x-9x+3)(x^2-2x+5)$$

FOIL

$$f(1) = 48 = a_4(3(1)^2-10(1)+3)((1)^2-2(1)+5)$$

$$48 = a_4(-4)(4)$$

$$48 = -16a_4$$

$$-3 = a_4$$

$$3x^4 - 6x^3 + 15x^2 - 10x^3 + 20x^2 - 50x + 3x^2 - 6x + 15$$

$$f(x) = -3(3x^4 - 16x^3 + 38x^2 - 56x + 15)$$

$$f(x) = -9x^4 + 48x^3 - 114x^2 + 168x - 45$$

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