

## EXERCISE 2.3

Classify the following polynomials as polynomials in one variable, two variables etc.

(i)  $x^2 + x + 1$

(ii)  $y^3 - 5y$

(iii)  $xy + yz + zx$

(iv)  $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 1$

**Solution:**

(i)  $x^2 + x + 1$

Here, the polynomial contains only one variable, i.e., x.

Hence, the given polynomial is a polynomial in **one** variable.

(ii)  $y^3 - 5y$

Here, the polynomial contains only one variable, i.e., y.

Hence, the given polynomial is a polynomial in **one** variable.

(iii)  $xy + yz + zx$

Here, the polynomial contains three variables, i.e., x, y and z.

Hence, the given polynomial is a polynomial in **three** variable.

(iv)  $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 1$

Here, the polynomial contains two variables, i.e., x and y.

Hence, the given polynomial is a polynomial in **two** variable.

**2. Determine the degree of each of the following polynomials:**

(i)  $2x - 1$

(ii)  $-10$

(iii)  $x^3 - 9x + 3x^5$

(iv)  $y^3(1 - y^4)$

**Solution:**

Degree of a polynomial in one variable = highest power of the variable in algebraic expression

(i)  $2x - 1$

Power of x = 1

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 1

Hence, degree of the polynomial  $2x - 1 = 1$

(ii)  $-10$

There is no variable in the given term.

Let us assume that the variable in the given expression is x.

$-10 = -10x^0$

Power of x = 0

Highest power of the variable x in the given expression = 0

Hence, degree of the polynomial  $-10 = 0$

(iii)  $x^3 - 9x + 3x^5$

Powers of  $x = 3, 1$  and  $5$  respectively.

Highest power of the variable  $x$  in the given expression =  $5$

Hence, degree of the polynomial  $x^3 - 9x + 3x^5 = 5$

(iv)  $y^3 (1 - y^4)$

The equation can be written as,

$$y^3 (1 - y^4) = y^3 - y^7$$

Powers of  $y = 3$  and  $7$  respectively.

Highest power of the variable  $y$  in the given expression =  $7$

Hence, degree of the polynomial  $y^3 (1 - y^4) = 7$

**3. For the polynomial**

$$\frac{x^3 + 2x + 1}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6, \text{ write}$$

(i) the degree of the polynomial

(ii) the coefficient of  $x^3$

(iii) the coefficient of  $x^6$

(iv) the constant term

**Solution:**

The given polynomial is

$$\frac{(x^3 + 2x + 1)}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6$$

(i) Powers of  $x = 3, 1, 2$  and  $6$  respectively.

Highest power of the variable  $x$  in the given expression =  $6$

Hence, degree of the polynomial =  $6$

(ii) The given equation can be written as,

$$\frac{(x^3 + 2x + 1)}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6 = \frac{1}{5}x^3 + \frac{2}{5}x + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6$$

Hence, the coefficient of  $x^3$  in the given polynomial is  $1/5$ .

(iii) The coefficient of  $x^6$  in the given polynomial is  $-1$

(iv) Since the given equation can be written as,

$$\frac{(x^3 + 2x + 1)}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6 = \frac{1}{5}x^3 + \frac{2}{5}x + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - x^6$$

The constant term in the given polynomial is  $1/5$  as it has no variable  $x$  associated with it.

**4. Write the coefficient of  $x^2$  in each of the following:**

(i)  $(\pi/6)x + x^2 - 1$

(ii)  $3x - 5$

(iii)  $(x - 1)(3x - 4)$

(iv)  $(2x - 5)(2x^2 - 3x + 1)$

**Solution:**

(i)  $(\pi/6)x + x^2 - 1$

$(\pi/6)x + x^2 - 1 = (\pi/6)x + (1)x^2 - 1$

The coefficient of  $x^2$  in the polynomial  $(\pi/6)x + x^2 - 1 = 1$ .

(ii)  $3x - 5$

$3x - 5 = 0x^2 + 3x - 5$

The coefficient of  $x^2$  in the polynomial  $3x - 5 = 0$ , zero.

(iii)  $(x - 1)(3x - 4)$

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

$= 3x^2 - 7x + 4$

The coefficient of  $x^2$  in the polynomial  $3x^2 - 7x + 4 = 3$ .

(iv)  $(2x - 5)(2x^2 - 3x + 1)$

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

$= 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 10x^2 + 15x - 5$

$= 4x^3 - 16x^2 + 17x - 5$

The coefficient of  $x^2$  in the polynomial  $(2x - 5)(2x^2 - 3x + 1) = -16$

**5. Classify the following as a constant, linear, quadratic and cubic polynomials:**

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

(ii)  $3x^3$

(iii)  $5t - \sqrt{7}$

(iv)  $4 - 5y^2$

(v)  $3$

(vi)  $2 + x$

(vii)  $y^3 - y$

(viii)  $1 + x + x^2$

(ix)  $t^2$

(x)  $\sqrt{2x - 1}$

**Solution:**

Constant polynomials: The polynomial of the degree zero.

Linear polynomials: The polynomial of degree one.

Quadratic polynomials: The polynomial of degree two.

Cubic polynomials: The polynomial of degree three.

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

Powers of  $x = 2$ , and  $3$  respectively.

Highest power of the variable  $x$  in the given expression  $= 3$

Hence, degree of the polynomial  $= 3$

Since it is a polynomial of the degree  $3$ , it is a cubic polynomial.

(ii)  $3x^3$

Power of  $x = 3$ .

Highest power of the variable  $x$  in the given expression  $= 3$

Hence, degree of the polynomial  $= 3$

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 3, it is a cubic polynomial.

(iii)  $5t - \sqrt{7}$

Power of  $t = 1$ .

Highest power of the variable  $t$  in the given expression = 1

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 1

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 1, it is a linear polynomial.

(iv)  $4 - 5y^2$

Power of  $y = 2$ .

Highest power of the variable  $y$  in the given expression = 2

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 2

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 2, it is a quadratic polynomial.

(v) 3

There is no variable in the given expression.

Let us assume that  $x$  is the variable in the given expression.

3 can be written as  $3x^0$ .

i.e.,  $3 = x^0$

Power of  $x = 0$ .

Highest power of the variable  $x$  in the given expression = 0

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 0

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 0, it is a constant polynomial.

(vi)  $2 + x$

Power of  $x = 1$ .

Highest power of the variable  $x$  in the given expression = 1

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 1

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 1, it is a linear polynomial.

(vii)  $y^3 - y$

Powers of  $y = 3$  and 1, respectively.

Highest power of the variable  $x$  in the given expression = 3

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 3

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 3, it is a cubic polynomial.

(viii)  $1 + x + x^2$

Powers of  $x = 1$  and 2, respectively.

Highest power of the variable  $x$  in the given expression = 2

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 2

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 2, it is a quadratic polynomial.

(ix)  $t^2$

Power of  $t = 2$ .

Highest power of the variable  $t$  in the given expression = 2

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 2

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 2, it is a quadratic polynomial.

(x)  $\sqrt{2x} - 1$

Power of  $x = 1$ .

Highest power of the variable  $x$  in the given expression = 1

Hence, degree of the polynomial = 1

Since it is a polynomial of the degree 1, it is a linear polynomial.

**6. Give an example of a polynomial, which is:**

**(i) monomial of degree 1**

**(ii) binomial of degree 20**

**(iii) trinomial of degree 2**

**Solution:**

(i) Monomial = an algebraic expression that contains one term

An example of a polynomial, which is a monomial of degree 1 =  $2t$

(ii) Binomial = an algebraic expression that contains two terms

An example of a polynomial, which is a binomial of degree 20 =  $x^{20} + 5$

(iii) Trinomial = an algebraic expression that contains three terms

An example of a polynomial, which is a trinomial of degree 2 =  $y^2 + 3y + 11$

**7. Find the value of the polynomial  $3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 5$ , when  $x = 3$  and also when  $x = -3$**

**Solution:**

Given that,

$$p(x) = 3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 5$$

According to the question,

When  $x = 3$ ,

$$p(x) = p(3)$$

$$p(x) = 3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 5$$

Substituting  $x = 3$ ,

$$p(3) = 3(3)^3 - 4(3)^2 + 7(3) - 5$$

$$p(3) = 3(3)^3 - 4(3)^2 + 7(3) - 5$$

$$= 3(27) - 4(9) + 21 - 5$$

$$= 81 - 36 + 21 - 5$$

$$= 102 - 41$$

$$= 61$$

When  $x = -3$ ,

$$p(x) = p(-3)$$

$$p(x) = 3x^3 - 4x^2 + 7x - 5$$

Substituting  $x = -3$ ,

$$p(-3) = 3(-3)^3 - 4(-3)^2 + 7(-3) - 5$$

$$p(-3) = 3(-3)^3 - 4(-3)^2 + 7(-3) - 5$$

$$= 3(-27) - 4(9) - 21 - 5$$

$$= -81 - 36 - 21 - 5$$

$$= -143$$

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8. If  $p(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$ , evaluate:  $p(2) - p(-1) + p(\frac{1}{2})$ .

Given that,

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

According to the question,

When  $x = 2$ ,

$$p(x) = p(2)$$

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

Substituting  $x = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(2) &= (2)^2 - 4(2) + 3 \\ &= 4 - 8 + 3 \\ &= -4 + 3 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

When  $x = -1$ ,

$$p(x) = p(-1)$$

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

Substituting  $x = -1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(-1) &= (-1)^2 - 4(-1) + 3 \\ &= 1 + 4 + 3 \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$p(x) = p(\frac{1}{2})$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} p(\frac{1}{2}) &= (\frac{1}{2})^2 - 4(\frac{1}{2}) + 3 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - 2 + 3 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + 1 \\ &= \frac{5}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} p(2) - p(-1) + p(\frac{1}{2}) &= -1 - 8 + (\frac{5}{4}) \\ &= -9 + (\frac{5}{4}) \\ &= (-36 + 5)/4 \\ &= -31/4 \end{aligned}$$

9. Find  $p(0)$ ,  $p(1)$ ,  $p(-2)$  for the following polynomials:

(i)  $p(x) = 10x - 4x^2 - 3$

(ii)  $p(x) = (x + 2)(x - 2)$

**Solution:**

(i) According to the question,

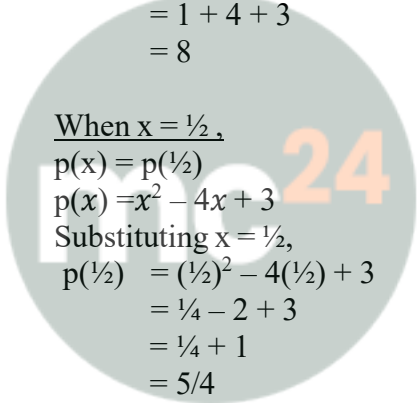
$$p(x) = 10x - 4x^2 - 3$$

When  $x = 0$ ,

$$p(x) = p(0)$$

Substituting  $x = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(0) &= 10(0) - 4(0)^2 - 3 \\ &= 0 - 0 - 3 \end{aligned}$$



$$= -3$$

When  $x = 1$ ,

$$p(x) = p(1)$$

Substituting  $x = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(1) &= 10(1) - 4(1)^2 - 3 \\ &= 10 - 4 - 3 \\ &= 6 - 3 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

When  $x = -2$ ,

$$p(x) = p(-2)$$

Substituting  $x = -2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(-2) &= 10(-2) - 4(-2)^2 - 3 \\ &= -20 - 16 - 3 \\ &= -36 - 3 \\ &= -39 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) According to the question,

$$p(y) = (y + 2)(y - 2)$$

When  $y = 0$ ,

$$p(y) = p(0)$$

Substituting  $y = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(0) &= (0 + 2)(0 - 2) \\ &= (2)(-2) \\ &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

When  $y = 1$ ,

$$p(y) = p(1)$$

Substituting  $y = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(1) &= (1 + 2)(1 - 2) \\ &= (3)(-1) \\ &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

When  $y = -2$ ,

$$p(y) = p(-2)$$

Substituting  $y = -2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(-2) &= (-2 + 2)(-2 - 2) \\ &= (0)(-4) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**10. Verify whether the following are true or false:**

(i)  $-3$  is a zero of  $x - 3$

(ii)  $-1/3$  is a zero of  $3x + 1$

(iii)  $-4/5$  is a zero of  $4 - 5y$

(iv) 0 and 2 are the zeroes of  $t^2 - 2t$

(v) -3 is a zero of  $y^2 + y - 6$

**Solution:**

(i) -3 is a zero of  $x - 3$

False

Zero of  $x - 3$  is given by,

$$x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

(ii)  $-1/3$  is a zero of  $3x + 1$

True

Zero of  $3x + 1$  is given by,

$$3x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1/3$$

(iii)  $-4/5$  is a zero of  $4 - 5y$

False

Zero of  $4 - 5y$  is given by,

$$4 - 5y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -5y = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4/5$$

(iv) 0 and 2 are the zeroes of  $t^2 - 2t$

True

Zeros of  $t^2 - 2t$  is given by,

$$t^2 - 2t = t(t - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 0 \text{ or } 2$$

(v) -3 is a zero of  $y^2 + y - 6$

True

Zero of  $y^2 + y - 6$  is given by,

$$y^2 + y - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 3y - 2y - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(y + 3) - 2(y + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 2)(y + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2 \text{ or } -3$$

**11. Find the zeroes of the polynomial in each of the following:**

(i)  $p(x) = x - 4$

(ii)  $g(x) = 3 - 6x$

(iii)  $q(x) = 2x - 7$

(iv)  $h(y) = 2y$

**Solution:**

(i)  $p(x) = x - 4$

Zero of the polynomial  $p(x) \Rightarrow p(x) = 0$

$$P(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4$$

Therefore, the zero of the polynomial is 4.

(ii)  $g(x) = 3 - 6x$   
 Zero of the polynomial  $g(x) \Rightarrow g(x) = 0$   
 $g(x) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 3 - 6x = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 3/6 = 1/2$

Therefore, the zero of the polynomial is  $1/2$

(iii)  $q(x) = 2x - 7$   
 Zero of the polynomial  $q(x) \Rightarrow q(x) = 0$   
 $q(x) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x - 7 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 7/2$

Therefore, the zero of the polynomial is  $7/2$

(iv)  $h(y) = 2y$   
 Zero of the polynomial  $h(y) \Rightarrow h(y) = 0$   
 $h(y) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2y = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow y = 0$   
 Therefore, the zero of the polynomial is 0

**12. Find the zeroes of the polynomial:**

$$p(x) = (x - 2)^2 - (x + 2)^2$$

**Solution:**

$$p(x) = (x - 2)^2 - (x + 2)^2$$

We know that,  
 Zero of the polynomial  $p(x) = 0$   
 Hence, we get,  
 $\Rightarrow (x - 2)^2 - (x + 2)^2 = 0$   
 Expanding using the identity,  $a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$   
 $\Rightarrow (x - 2 + x + 2)(x - 2 - x - 2) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x(-4) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -8x = 0$   
 Therefore, the zero of the polynomial = 0

**13. By actual division, find the quotient and the remainder when the first polynomial is divided by the second polynomial:  $x^4 + 1$ ;  $x - 1$**

**Solution:**

Performing the long division method, we get,

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

Hence, from the above long division method, we get,  
 Quotient =  $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$   
 Remainder = 2.

14. By Remainder Theorem find the remainder, when  $p(x)$  is divided by  $g(x)$ , where

(i)  $p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 1$ ,  $g(x) = x + 1$

(ii)  $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 50$ ,  $g(x) = x - 3$

(iii)  $p(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 14x - 3$ ,  $g(x) = 2x - 1$

(iv)  $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4$ ,  $g(x) = 1 - 3/2 x$

Solution:

(i) Given  $p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 1$  and  $g(x) = x + 1$

Here zero of  $g(x) = -1$

By using the remainder theorem

$P(x)$  divided by  $g(x) = p(-1)$

$P(-1) = (-1)^3 - 2(-1)^2 - 4(-1) - 1 = 0$

Therefore, the remainder = 0

(ii) given  $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 50$ ,  $g(x) = x - 3$

Here zero of  $g(x) = 3$

By using the remainder theorem  $p(x)$  divided by  $g(x) = p(3)$

$p(3) = 3^3 - 3 \times (3)^2 + 4 \times 3 + 50 = 62$

Therefore, the remainder = 62

(iii)  $p(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 14x - 3$ ,  $g(x) = 2x - 1$

Here zero of  $g(x) = 1/2$

By using the remainder theorem  $p(x)$  divided by  $g(x) = p(1/2)$

$P(1/2) = 4(1/2)^3 - 12(1/2)^2 + 14(1/2) - 3$

$= 4/8 - 12/4 + 14/2 - 3$

$= 1/2 + 1$

$= 3/2$

Therefore, the remainder =  $3/2$

(iv)  $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4$ ,  $g(x) = 1 - 3/2 x$

Here zero of  $g(x) = 2/3$

By using the remainder theorem  $p(x)$  divided by  $g(x) = p(2/3)$

$$p(2/3) = (2/3)^3 - 6(2/3)^2 + 2(2/3) - 4$$

$$= -136/27$$

Therefore, the remainder =  $-136/27$

**15. Check whether  $p(x)$  is a multiple of  $g(x)$  or not:**

(i)  $p(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x - 3$ ,  $g(x) = x - 2$

(ii)  $p(x) = 2x^3 - 11x^2 - 4x + 5$ ,  $g(x) = 2x + 1$

**Solution:**

(i)

According to the question,

$$g(x) = x - 2,$$

Then, zero of  $g(x)$ ,

$$g(x) = 0$$

$$x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

Therefore, zero of  $g(x) = 2$

So, substituting the value of  $x$  in  $p(x)$ , we get,

$$p(2) = (2)^3 - 5(2)^2 + 4(2) - 3$$

$$= 8 - 20 + 8 - 3$$

$$= -7 \neq 0$$

Hence,  $p(x)$  is not the multiple of  $g(x)$  since the remainder  $\neq 0$ .

(ii)

According to the question,

$$g(x) = 2x + 1$$

Then, zero of  $g(x)$ ,

$$g(x) = 0$$

$$2x + 1 = 0$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$x = -1/2$$

Therefore, zero of  $g(x) = -1/2$

So, substituting the value of  $x$  in  $p(x)$ , we get,

$$p(-1/2) = 2 \times (-1/2)^3 - 11 \times (-1/2)^2 - 4 \times (-1/2) + 5$$

$$= -1/4 - 11/4 + 7$$

$$= 16/4$$

$$= 4 \neq 0$$

Hence,  $p(x)$  is not the multiple of  $g(x)$  since the remainder  $\neq 0$ .

**16. Show that:**

(i)  $x + 3$  is a factor of  $6x^3 + 11x^2 - x^3 + x^3$ .

(ii)  $2x - 3$  is a factor of  $x^3 + 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 1$

**Solution:**

(i) According to the question,

Let  $p(x) = 69 + 11x - x^2 + x^3$  and  $g(x) = x + 3$

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

zero of  $g(x) \Rightarrow g(x) = 0$

$$x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = -3$$

Therefore, zero of  $g(x) = -3$

So, substituting the value of  $x$  in  $p(x)$ , we get,

$$p(-3) = 69 + 11(-3) - (-3)^2 + (-3)^3$$

$$= 69 - 69$$

$$= 0$$

Since, the remainder = zero,

We can say that,

$g(x) = x + 3$  is factor of  $p(x) = 69 + 11x - x^2 + x^3$

(ii) According to the question,

Let  $p(x) = x + 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12$  and  $g(x) = 2x - 3$

$$g(x) = 2x - 3$$

zero of  $g(x) \Rightarrow g(x) = 0$

$$2x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = 3/2$$

Therefore, zero of  $g(x) = 3/2$

So, substituting the value of  $x$  in  $p(x)$ , we get,

$$P(3/2) = 3/2 + 2(3/2)^3 - 9(3/2)^2 + 12$$

$$= (81 - 81) / 4$$

$$= 0$$

Since, the remainder = zero,

We can say that,

$g(x) = 2x - 3$  is factor of  $p(x) = x + 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12$

**17. Determine which of the following polynomials has  $x - 2$  a factor:**

(i)  $3x^2 + 6x - 24$ .

(ii)  $4x^2 + x - 2$ .

**Solution:**

(i) According to the question,

Let  $p(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 24$  and  $g(x) = x - 2$

$$g(x) = x - 2$$

zero of  $g(x) \Rightarrow g(x) = 0$

$$x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

Therefore, zero of  $g(x) = 2$

So, substituting the value of  $x$  in  $p(x)$ , we get,

$$p(2) = 3(2)^2 + 6(2) - 24$$

$$= 12 + 12 - 24$$

$$= 0$$

Since, the remainder = zero,

We can say that,

$g(x) = x - 2$  is factor of  $p(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 24$

(ii) According to the question,

Let  $p(x) = 4x^2 + x - 2$  and  $g(x) = x - 2$

$g(x) = x - 2$

zero of  $g(x) \Rightarrow g(x) = 0$

$x - 2 = 0$

$x = 2$

Therefore, zero of  $g(x) = 2$

So, substituting the value of  $x$  in  $p(x)$ , we get,

$p(2) = 4(2)^2 + 2 - 2$

$= 16 \neq 0$

Since, the remainder  $\neq$  zero,

We can say that,

$g(x) = x - 2$  is not a factor of  $p(x) = 4x^2 + x - 2$

**18. Show that  $p - 1$  is a factor of  $p^{10} - 1$  and also of  $p^{11} - 1$ .**

**Solution:**

According to the question,

Let  $h(p) = p^{10} - 1$ , and  $g(p) = p - 1$

zero of  $g(p) \Rightarrow g(p) = 0$

$p - 1 = 0$

$p = 1$

Therefore, zero of  $g(x) = 1$

We know that,

According to factor theorem if  $g(p)$  is a factor of  $h(p)$ , then  $h(1)$  should be zero

So,

$h(1) = (1)^{10} - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow g(p)$  is a factor of  $h(p)$ .

Now, we have  $h(p) = p^{11} - 1$ ,  $g(p) = p - 1$

Putting  $g(p) = 0 \Rightarrow p - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow p = 1$

According to factor theorem if  $g(p)$  is a factor of  $h(p)$ ,

Then  $h(1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (1)^{11} - 1 = 0$

Therefore,  $g(p) = p - 1$  is the factor of  $h(p) = p^{10} - 1$

**19. For what value of  $m$  is  $x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$  divisible by  $x + 2$**

**Solution:**

According to the question,

Let  $p(x) = x^3 - 2mx^2 + 16$ , and  $g(x) = x + 2$

$g(x) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x + 2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = -2$

Therefore, zero of  $g(x) = -2$

We know that,

According to factor theorem,

if  $p(x)$  is divisible by  $g(x)$ , then the remainder  $p(-2)$  should be zero.

So, substituting the value of  $x$  in  $p(x)$ , we get,

$$p(-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2)^3 - 2m(-2)^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 - 8 - 8m + 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8m = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1$$

20. If  $x + 2a$  is a factor of  $x^5 - 4a^2x^3 + 2x + 2a + 3$ , find  $a$ .

**Solution:**

According to the question,

Let  $p(x) = x^5 - 4a^2x^3 + 2x + 2a + 3$  and  $g(x) = x + 2a$

$$g(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2a$$

Therefore, zero of  $g(x) = -2a$

We know that,

According to the factor theorem,

If  $g(x)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then  $p(-2a) = 0$

So, substituting the value of  $x$  in  $p(x)$ , we get,

$$p(-2a) = (-2a)^5 - 4a^2(-2a)^3 + 2(-2a) + 2a + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -32a^5 + 32a^5 - 2a + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2a = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3/2$$

