

Homework

Q Show that (without multiplying it out),

$$\frac{b-c}{a} + \frac{c-a}{b} + \frac{a-b}{c} = \frac{(a-b)(b-c)(a-c)}{abc}$$

Ans:-  $f(x) = \frac{b-c}{x} + \frac{c-x}{b} + \frac{x-b}{c}$

$$f(b) = \frac{b-c}{b} + \frac{c-b}{b} + \frac{b-b}{c} = \frac{b-c}{b} \cdot \frac{b-c}{b} + 0 = 0$$

$$f(c) = \frac{b-c}{c} + \frac{c-c}{b} + \frac{c-b}{c} = 0$$

$$f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{xbc} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Polynomial} \\ \text{because denominator has } x, b, c \\ \text{in } f(x) \text{ and numerator will} \\ \text{be a polynomial} \end{array}$$

$$P(b) = P(c) = 0$$

$$P(x) = (x-b)(x-c)Q(x) \rightarrow Q \text{ is another polynomial}$$

$$f(a) = \frac{(a-b)(a-c)Q(a)}{abc} = \frac{b-c}{a} + \frac{c-a}{b} + \frac{a-b}{c} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{x-c}{a} + \frac{c-a}{x} + \frac{a-x}{c}$$

$$g(a) = g(c) = 0$$

$$g(b) = \frac{(b-a)(b-c)R(b)}{abc} = \frac{b-c}{a} + \frac{c-a}{b} + \frac{a-b}{c} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

We know order of P is  $\leq 3$

So  $Q \times R$  is of degree 0 or 1

So for  $Q \times R$  of degree 0 case is invalid

So  $Q \times R$  of degree 1.

$$\Rightarrow f(a) = g(b) \quad \text{--- by (1) \& (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a-b)(a-c)Q(a)}{abc} = \frac{(b-a)(b-c)R(b)}{abc} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

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$$\Rightarrow (a-c)Q(a) = (c-b)R(b) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From (3) & (4), we get,

$$\frac{b-c}{a} + \frac{c-a}{b} + \frac{a-b}{c} = k \left( \frac{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}{abc} \right)$$

→ k is a constant

Put  $a = -1, b = 1, c = 2$

$$\frac{-1}{-1} + \frac{3}{1} + \frac{-2}{2} = k \left( \frac{(-2)(-1)(3)}{(-1)(1)(2)} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3 - 1 = k(-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b-c}{a} + \frac{c-a}{b} + \frac{a-b}{c} = \frac{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}{abc}$$

Definition:- Polynomials over set A is defined as polynomials of the form  $a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$  where  $a_i \in A, n \in \mathbb{N} + \{0\}$

A is a set.

$A[x]$  is the set of polynomials over A.

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$\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{N}$  are such sets.

$$P_1(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n = \sum a_i x^i$$

$$P_2(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_mx^m = \sum b_i x^i$$

$$P_3(x) = P_1(x)P_2(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_{m+n}x^{m+n} = \sum c_i x^i$$

$$\Rightarrow c_i = a_0b_i + a_1b_{i-1} + \dots + a_ib_0 = \sum_{\substack{h+q=i \\ h, q \geq 0}} a_h b_q$$

$\hookrightarrow$  coefficient of  $x^i$  in  $P_3$  -

(\*) Let  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be polynomials in  $A[x]$  where  $A$  is one of  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . Then

$$f(x) = Q(x)g(x) + R(x)$$

where  $Q(x), R(x) \in A[x]$  and  $R(x)$  has degree less than that of  $g(x)$ .  $Q(x)$  is the quotient and  $R(x)$  is the remainder.

Example 1 -  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 7$   
 $g(x) = x^2 + 3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[x]$

$$f(x) = (x+1)g(x) + (-3x+4) \rightarrow \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \quad \leftarrow \quad x+1 \\ x^2+3 \overline{) x^3+x^2+7} \\ \underline{-x^3+3x} \phantom{+7} \\ x^2-3x+7 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x^3 + 3x \\ \hline x^2 - 3x + 7 \\ \hline x^2 + 3 \\ \hline 3x + 4 \end{array}$$

Q) What is the largest integer value  $x$  can take such that  $x^3 + 100$  is divisible by  $x + 10$ .

Ans:-  $x^3 + 100 = (x + 10)(x^2 - 10x + 100) - 900$

$$\Rightarrow x + 10 \mid -900$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 10 = 900 \text{ for largest value } \Rightarrow x = 890$$

\* Remainder Theorem:-

If a polynomial  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x - a$  then the remainder will be  $P(a)$

$$P(x) = (x - a)Q(x) + R(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(a) = 0 + R(a)$$

as  $x - a$  is of order 1

$R(a) = P(a)$  must be constant

so  $R(a) = R(x)$  so  $P(a)$  is remainder

\* Factor Theorem:-

If  $a$  is a zero of polynomial  $P(x)$ , then,  $x - a$  must be a factor of  $P(x)$ , i.e.,

$P(x) = (x - a)Q(x)$  where  $Q(x)$  is another polynomial.

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⊛ Fundamental Theorem of Algebra!:-

Every polynomial in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  has at least one complex zero.

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⊛ Any  $n$ -th degree polynomial has exactly  $n$  complex zeros, although some of them may not be distinct.

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Q> If  $P(x)$  denotes polynomial of degree  $n$  such that  $P(k) = \frac{k}{k+1}$  for  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  determine  $P(n+1)$ .

Ans:- Homework. Hint:- Use the zeros of the polynomial

Q> Prove that the polynomial

$x^{2n} - 2n x^{2n-1} - 3n x^{2n-2} - \dots - 2n x + 2n + 1$  has no real roots.

Ans:- Homework