

Algebra 2

Ch. 6 Handout 6.4 (day 1)

Solving Polynomial Equations

Sum and Difference of Cubes

Sum of cubes: $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$

$$(1st)^3 + (2nd)^3 = ((1st) + (2nd))((1st)^2 - (1st)(2nd) + (2nd)^2)$$

Difference of cubes: $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$

$$(1st)^3 - (2nd)^3 = ((1st) - (2nd))((1st)^2 + (1st)(2nd) + (2nd)^2)$$

Factor the equation: $x^3 - 64$

$$\begin{aligned} & (1^{\text{st}} - 2^{\text{nd}}) (1^{\text{st}})^2 + (1^{\text{st}})(2^{\text{nd}}) + (2^{\text{nd}})^2 \\ x^3 - 64 &= (x - 4) (x^2 + (x)(4) + (4)^2) \\ (x)^3 - (4)^3 & \\ & \boxed{(x-4)(x^2 + 4x + 16)} \end{aligned}$$

Factor the equation: $27x^3 + 125$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{(1st + 2nd)} \quad \text{(1st)}^2 - (1\text{st})(2\text{nd}) + (2\text{nd})^2 \\ 27x^3 + 125 &= (3x + 5) \left((3x)^2 - (3x)(5) + (5)^2 \right) \\ & \text{(3x)}^3 + \text{(5)}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$(3x + 5)(9x^2 - 15x + 25)$

Solve: $x^3 + 8 = 0$

Factor Polynomial First

$$(1^{st} + 2^{nd}) (1^{st})^2 - (1^{st})(2^{nd}) + (2^{nd})^2$$

$$x^3 + 8 = (x + 2)(x^2 - (x)(2) + (2)^2)$$

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

Solve polynomial \rightarrow

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

$$x+2=0$$

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

$$\boxed{x = -2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}$$

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

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 16}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{2} \pm \frac{2i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Solve: $x^4 - 6x^2 - 27 = 0$

$$(x^2 - 9)(x^2 + 3) = 0$$

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

$$x-3=0 \quad x+3=0 \quad x^2+3=0$$

$$x=3 \quad x=-3 \quad \sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{-3}$$

$$x = \pm 3; x = \pm i\sqrt{3}$$

Solve: $27x^3 - 1 = 0$

$(1^{st} - 2^{nd}) (1^{st})^2 + (1^{st})(2^{nd}) + (2^{nd})^2$

$$27x^3 - 1 = (3x - 1)((3x)^2 + (3x)(1) + (1)^2) = 0$$

$(3x)^3 - (1)^3$

$$(3x - 1)(9x^2 + 3x + 1) = 0$$

$$3x - 1 = 0$$

$$9x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$$

$$3x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{(3)^2 - 4(9)(1)}}{2(9)}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 36}}{18}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{-27}}{18}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm 3i\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

$$x = \frac{-3}{18} \pm \frac{3i\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{-1}{6} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

Solve: $x^4 + 3x^2 - 28 = 0$

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

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

$$x^2 + 7 = 0 \quad x - 2 = 0 \quad x + 2 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{-7} \quad x = 2 \quad x = -2$$

$$x = \pm i\sqrt{7}, \quad x = \pm 2$$

Solve: $8x^3 - 1 = 0$

Solve: $x^4 + 11x^2 + 18 = 0$

$$(x^2 + 9)(x^2 + 2) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{-9}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{-2}$$

$$x = \pm 3i ; x = \pm i\sqrt{2}$$

Assignments:

pg 330 (12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57)

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Ch. 6 Handout 6.4 (day 2)

Solving Polynomial Equations

Solve: $x^4 + 7x^2 + 6 = 0$

Solve: $216x^3 - 1 = 0$

Solve: $x^4 - 5x^2 + 4 = 0$

Solve: $x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x - 15 = 0$

Solve: $6x^4 + 24x^2 - 30 = 0$

Solve: $t^3 - 6t^2 - 4t + 24 = 0$

Assignment:

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49, 52, 58)

