

Polynomial

Chapter Flowchart

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Polynomial

A polynomial $p(x)$ in one variable x is an algebraic expression in x of the form

$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$, where $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are constants

and $a_n \neq 0$ and n is a positive integer, $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n$, are respectively the coefficients

of $x^0, x, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}, x^n$. Each of $a_n x^n, a_{n-1} x^{n-1}, a_{n-2} x^{n-2}, \dots, a_0$, with $a_n \neq 0$ is called a term of the polynomial $p(x)$.

- **Degree of polynomial:** The highest power of variable x in a polynomial $p(x)$ is called the degree of the polynomial $p(x)$. For example, the degree of polynomial $2x^6 - 2x^5 + x + 3$ is 6.

On the basis of number of terms

- **Monomial:** A polynomial having one term is called a monomial $2x, 5y^2, 7x^3, 3x^2y$ and $2xyz$ are same examples of monomials.
- **Binomial:** A polynomial having two terms is called a binomial. $x + 2, x^2 - 9, x + y, x^2 - y^2$ are some examples of binomials.
- **Trinomial:** A polynomial having three terms is called a trinomial. For example $x^2 + 2xy + y^2, x + y + z$, etc. are trinomials.

On the basis of degree

- **Constant polynomial:** A polynomial of degree zero is called constant polynomial. For example $p(x) = 3, g(x) = -7, f(x) = \frac{3}{4}$, etc. are constant polynomials.
- **Linear polynomial:** A polynomial of degree one is called a linear polynomial, For example, $p(x) = x + 3, g(x) = 2x - 5, f(x) = -3x + 7$, etc. are linear polynomials. In general, $p(x) = ax + b, a \neq 0$ is a linear polynomials.
- **Quadratic polynomial:** A polynomial of degree two is called a quadratic polynomial. For example $p(x) = x^2 + 6x + 9, q(x) = 4y^2 - 20y + 25$, etc. are quadratic polynomials. In general $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c, a \neq 0$ is a quadratic polynomial.
- **Cubic polynomial:** A polynomial of degree three is called a cubic polynomial. For example $p(x) = x^3 + 9x^2 + 27x + 27, q(y) = y^3 - 6y^2 + 12y - 8$, are cubic polynomials. In general $p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d, a \neq 0$ is a cubic polynomial.

Zero of a polynomial : A real number 'a' is zero of a polynomial $p(x)$ if $p(a) = 0$. Here 'a' is called a root of the equation $p(x) = 0$.

Every linear polynomial in one variable has a unique zero.

- A non-zero constant polynomial has no zero and every real number is zero of the zero polynomial.

Remainder theorem : If $p(x)$ is any polynomial of degree greater than or equal to 1 and $p(x)$ is divided by the linear polynomial $x - a$, then the remainder is $p(a)$.

Factor theorem : If $p(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $n \geq 1$ and a is any real number. Then (i) $(x - a)$ is a factor of $p(x)$, if $p(a) = 0$ and (ii) $p(a) = 0$, if $(x - a)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

Some Algebraic Identities :

(i) $(x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$

(ii) $(x - y)^2 = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$

(iii) $(x^2 - y^2) = (x + y)(x - y)$

(iv) $(x + a)(x + b) = x^2 + (a + b)x + ab$

(v) $(x + y + z)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx$

(vi) $(x + y)^3 = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy(x + y) = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$

(vii) $(x - y)^3 = x^3 - y^3 - 3xy(x - y) = x^3 - 3x^2y + 3xy^2 - y^3$

(viii) $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz = (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx)$

If $x + y + z = 0$, then $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 3xyz$

(ix) $x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$

(x) $x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$

Revision Question Bank

- Find the remainder when $4x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x - 4$ is divided by
 - $x - 1$
 - $x + 2$
 - $x + \frac{1}{2}$
- Find the value of k , if $(x - 2)$ is a factor of the polynomial $p(x) = kx^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1$.
- Evaluate $(103)^3$ by using suitable identities.
- Factorise: $3u^3 - 4u^2 - 12u + 16$.
- Expand each of the following
 - $(-x + 2y - 3z)^2$
 - $\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{3}\right)^3$
- For what value of m is $2x^3 + mx^2 + 11x + m + 3$ exactly divisible by $(2x - 1)$?
- If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 7$, then find the value of $x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$.
- Factorise: $\left(2x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$
- The polynomial $p(x) = 4x^3 - 2x^2 + px + 5$ and $q(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + p$, leave the remainders a and b respectively, when divided by $(x + 2)$. Find the value of p , if $a + b = 0$.
- Factorise: $(3a - 5b)^3 + (4c - 3a)^3 + (5b - 4c)^3$.

Answers

- (a) -1 (b) -52 (c) $-25/4$ 2. $k = \frac{2\sqrt{2} - 1}{4}$ 3. 1092727
- $(u - 2)(u + 2)(3u - 4)$
- (a) $x^2 + y^2 + 9z^2 - 4xy - 12yz + 6xz$ (b) $\frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{y^3}{27} + \frac{y}{x^2} + \frac{y^2}{3x}$ 6. -7
- 322 8. $\left(3x - \frac{1}{6}\right)\left(x + \frac{5}{6}\right)$
- $P = -19$ 10. $3(3a - 5b)(4c - 3a)(5b - 4c)$

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Previous Years Question Bank

1. If $(x - 1)$ is a factor of $p(x) = x^2 + x + k$, then find the value of k . [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
2. Prove that $9x^2 + 30x + 28$ has no zeroes. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
3. Find the value of $(x - a)^3 + (x - b)^3 + (x - c)^3 - 3(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)$, when $a + b + c = 3x$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
4. Evaluate: $\left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a+b} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{c+b} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{a+c}$ [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
5. Divide the polynomial $x^4 + x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 1$ by $x + 1$ and verify remainder by using remainder theorem. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
6. What are the possible expressions for the dimensions of a cuboid, whose volume = $12kx^3 + 34kx^2 + 10kx$? [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
7. If $a + b + c = 5$ and $ab + bc + ca = 10$, then prove that $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = -25$ [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
8. Find the remainder when the polynomial $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 5$ is divided by $x + 4$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
9. Without actual calculating the cubes, find the value of $(38)^3 - (12)^3$ [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
10. Show that $x + 2$ is a factor of the polynomial $2x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x - 6$. Hence factorise the polynomial. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
11. If $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = 623$, find the value of $x + \frac{1}{x}$, by taking only the positive values of $x + \frac{1}{x}$, $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$, etc. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
12. What should be added to the polynomial $2x^2 - 3x + 3$, so that 1 is a zero of the polynomial? [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
13. Expand $\left[\frac{1}{4}a - \frac{1}{2}b + 1\right]^2$ [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
14. Factorise: $x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 10$ [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
15. Simplify: $(x + y)^3 - (x - y)^3 - 6y(x + y)(x - y)$ [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
16. Verify that $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz = \frac{1}{2}(x + y + z) \left[x - y^2 + y - z^2 + z - x^2 \right]$ [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
17. If $a - b = 7$ and $a^2 + b^2 = 85$, find $a^3 - b^3$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
18. Prove that $\frac{a^{-1}}{a^{-1} + b^{-1}} + \frac{a^{-1}}{a^{-1} - b^{-1}} = \frac{2b^2}{b^2 - a^2}$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
19. If $p(x) = x^2 + bx - 6$ leaves a remainder 36, when divided by $x - 3$, find the value of 'b' and with this value of b, factorise $p(x)$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
20. Show by long division that $2x + 3$ is a factor of $p(x) = 4x^4 + 8x^3 + 5x^2 + x - 3$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
21. Prove that $(x + y)^3 + (y + z)^3 + (z + x)^3 - 3(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) = 2(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
22. Factorise: $125x^3 + y^3$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
23. Expand $(x + 2y - 3z)^2$ [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
24. If $x^a = y$, $y^b = z$ and $z^c = x$, then prove that $abc = 1$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
25. If $(x + a)$ is a factor of each of the polynomials $x^2 + px + q$ and $x^2 + mx + n$, prove that $= \frac{n - q}{m - p}$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]

26. Find what must be subtracted from the polynomial $4y^4 + 12y^3 + 6y^2 + 50y + 26$ so that the obtained polynomial is exactly divisible by $y^2 + 4y + 2$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
27. Find the value of $8a^3 - 27b^3 + 90ab + 125$, if $2a = 3b - 5$. [CBSE Schools 2016-17]
28. Examine which of the numbers 1, -1 and -3 are zeroes of the polynomial $2x^4 + 9x^3 + 11x^2 + 4x - 6$. [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
29. Find the quotient when $x^2 - 7x + 12$ is divided by $x - 3$. [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
30. Divide polynomial $p(x) = x^4 - 13x^3 + 29x^2 + 12x - 30$ by $q(x) = x + 1$. Also find what should be subtracted from $p(x)$ so that it is divisible by $q(x)$. [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
31. Simplify: $\frac{x^3 - 4 - x + 4x^2}{x^2 + 3x - 4}$ [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
32. Find the value of 'k'. If $x - 1$ is a factor of $p(x) = 2x^2 + kx + \sqrt{2}$ [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
33. If $x^2 + y^2 = 221$ and $x - y = 1$, then find the value of $x^3 - y^3$. [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
34. If $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 90$ and $a + b + c = 20$, then find the value of $ab + bc + ca$. [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
35. Prove that: $(x + y)^3 + (y + z)^3 + (z + x)^3 - 3(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) = 2(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$ [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
36. Factorise: $27a^3 - \frac{1}{64b^3} - \frac{27a^2}{4b} + \frac{9a}{16b^2}$. [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
37. Find the product $(5a - 3b)(25a^2 + 15ab + 9b^2)$. [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
38. Without actually calculating the cubes, find the value of $(-1)^3 + (-2)^3 + (-3)^3 + (-4)^3 + 2(5)^3$. Also write the identity used. [CBSE Schools 2015-16]
39. If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 7$, then find the value of $x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
40. Find the value of $(81)^{0.16} \times (81)^{0.09}$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
41. Factorise : $36x^2 + 60xy + 25y^2$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
42. If $x^2 + y^2 = 221$ and $x - y = 1$, then find the value of $x^3 - y^3$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
43. Factorise: $2y^3 + y^2 - 1$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
44. Prove that : $(x + y)^3 + (y + z)^3 + (z + x)^3 - 3(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) = 2(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$ [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
45. If $a + b + c = 0$, then prove that $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = 2(b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2)$ [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
46. Express $\frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 - 4}$ into lowest terms. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
47. Simplify : $(2x + p - c)^2 - (2x - p + c)^2$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
48. Factorise : $x^3 + 13x^2 + 32x + 20$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
49. Divide polynomial $p(x) = x^4 - 13x^3 + 29x^2 + 12x - 30$ by $q(x) = x + 1$. Also what should be subtracted from $p(x)$ so that it is divisible by $q(x)$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
50. If -2 is a zero of the polynomial $\sqrt{2}x + p$ and is also the zero of the polynomial $px^2 + kx + 2 + 2\sqrt{2}$, then find the value of k. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
51. Find the value of m so that $2x - 1$ be a factor of $8x^4 + 4x^3 - 16x^2 + 10x + m$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
52. Factorise : $27a^3 + 343b^3$.
53. If $x = 2\sqrt{3} - 11$, find the value of $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]

54. Find the value of $x^3 - 8y^3 - 36xy - 216$, when $x = 2y + 6$. [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
55. When $x^3 + kx^2 - x + 6$ is divided by $x - 2$ leaves no remainder but when the division $x - 3$, find what remainder it will leave? [CBSE Schools 2014-15]
56. The polynomial $p(x) = ax^3 - 3x^2 + 4$ and $q(x) = 2x^3 - 5x + a$ when divided by $(x - 2)$ leaves remainder as m and n . If $m - 2n = 4$, find a . [CBSE Schools 2014-15]

Chapter Test

Maximum Marks: 30

Maximum Time: 1 hr.

1. If $x^{40} + x^{51} + 5$ is divisible by $x + 1$, then find the remainder. [2]
2. If $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 1$, then evaluate: $f(2) - f(-1) + f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$. [2]
3. Using suitable identity, evaluate : 101×102 . [2]
4. Expand : $\left(4 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^3$ [2]
5. If $x + 1$ is a factor of $ax^3 + x^2 - 2x + 4a - 9$, find the value of a . [2]
6. Factorise: (i) $36a^3b - 60a^2bc$ (ii) $5x^2 - 20xy$ [3]
7. Find the value of $64x^3 - 125y^3$, if
 $4x - 5y = 16$
and $xy = 12$ [3]
8. If $(x - 3)$ and $\left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)$ are both factors of $ax^2 + 5x + b$, then show that $a = b$. [3]
9. Factorise: $a^8 - b^8$. [3]
10. Simplify $(a + b)^3 - (a - b)^3 - 6b(a^2 - b^2)$. [4]
11. Find the zeroes of the polynomial $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 11x - 6$. [4]

Answers

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| 1. 5 | 6. (i) $12a^2b(3a - 5c)$ (ii) $5x(x - 4y)$ | 2. $-\frac{113}{9}$ | 7. 15616 |
| 3. 10302 | 9. $(a-b)(a+b)(a^2+b^2)(a^2+b^2 - \sqrt{2}ab)(a^2+b^2 + \sqrt{2}ab)$ | | |
| 4. $65 - \frac{16}{x} + \frac{4}{3x^2} - \frac{1}{27x^3}$ | 10. $8b^3$ | 5. $a = 2$ | 11. 2, -3, -1/2 |

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