

Factor Theorem & Polynomials



i. Decide which of the following are factors of the function:

$$f(x) = 8x^4 - 10x^3 - 97x^2 + 27x + 36$$

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

- ii.**
- **Show that $(2x + 3)$ is a factor of $g(x) = 2x^4 + 7x^3 - 20x^2 - 19x + 30$.**
 - **Hence, find the values of p, q, r, s such that $(2x + 3)(px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s) = g(x)$.**
 - **$(x - 1)$ is also a factor of $g(x)$. Hence, factorise $g(x)$ completely.**

iii. • **Use trial and error to find one factor of:**

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6$$

- **Hence, factorise $f(x)$ fully.**

iv. Given that $h(x) = 2x^2 - 5x - 1$:

- **Divide $h(x)$ by $(x - 3)$ using long division.**
- **Hence, show that $h(x)$ can be written in the form $(x - 3)(ax + b) + c$, where a, b, c are integers.**