

Exercises:

(1) List all possible rational roots of the following polynomials according to the “Rational zero theorem”.

(a) $p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x - 60$

(b) $q(x) = 2x^7 - 5x^6 + 2x^2 + 3x - 21$

(c) $g(x) = 12x^4 - 15x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$

(d) $f(x) = 3x^6 + 5x^5 - 8x^4 + 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 11x - 40$

(e) $p(x) = 10x^6 - 19x^5 + 6x^4 - 10x^2 + 19x - 6$

(2) Solve the following polynomial equations.

(a) $x^3 + 6x^2 - x - 30 = 0$

(b) $x^4 + 3x^3 - 16x^2 + 19x - 7 = 0$

(c) $x^3 + 9x^2 + 27x + 27 = 0$

(d) $x^4 + x^3 - 7x^2 - x + 6 = 0$

(e) $x^4 + x^3 - 11x^2 + 9x - 180 = 0$

(f) $x^5 - x^4 - 5x^3 + x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$

(g) $x^4 - 7x^3 + 13x^2 + 3x - 18 = 0$

(h) $x^8 - 2x^7 - 9x^6 + 12x^5 + 27x^4 - 18x^3 - 31x^2 + 8x + 12 = 0$

(i) $6x^3 + 41x^2 - 8x - 7 = 0$

(j) $10x^4 + 29x^3 - 15x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$

(k) $12x^4 + 92x^3 + 43x^2 - 88x + 21 = 0$

(l) $10x^6 - 19x^5 + 6x^4 - 10x^2 + 19x - 6 = 0$

(3) **Extra Credit:** Let a, b, c be real numbers. Assume that all the roots of the following polynomial $p(x)$ are rational. Prove $p(x)$ has at least one multiple root.

$$p(x) = x^5 + ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 - 2x + 13$$