

Solve each equation by “grouping”.

1) $2x^3 + 7x^2 - 18x - 63 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^3 - 18x + 7x^2 - 63 &= 0 \\ 2x(x^2 - 9) + 7(x^2 - 9) &= 0 \\ (2x + 7)(x^2 - 9) &= 0 \\ (2x + 7)(x - 3)(x + 3) &= 0 \\ \mathbf{x = -7/2, x = \pm 3} \end{aligned}$$

2) $3x^5 - 1 + x^3 - 3x^2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^5 + x^3 - 3x^2 - 1 &= 0 \\ x^3(3x^2 + 1) - 1(3x^2 + 1) &= 0 \\ (x^3 - 1)(3x^2 + 1) &= 0 \\ (x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)(3x^2 + 1) &= 0 \\ x = 1, \text{ use quad formula or program} \\ \mathbf{x = 1, x = -0.5 \pm 0.9i, x = \pm 0.6i} \end{aligned}$$

Solve each equation using quadratic “substitution”.

3) $2x^4 - 7x^2 - 4 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 2y^2 - 7y - 4 &= 0 \\ (2y + 1)(y - 4) &= 0 \\ y = -1/2, \quad y = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 = -1/2 & & x^2 = 4 \\ \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{-1/2} & & \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{4} \\ \mathbf{x = \pm 0.7i} & & \mathbf{x = \pm 2} \end{aligned}$$

4) $x - x^{1/2} = 30$

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 - y - 30 &= 0 \\ (y - 6)(y + 5) &= 0 \\ y = 6, \quad y = -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^{1/2} = 6 & & x^{1/2} = -5 \\ \sqrt{x} = 6 & & \sqrt{x} = -5 \\ \mathbf{x = 36} & & \mathbf{\emptyset} \end{aligned}$$

List all possible p’s, q’s and p/q’s for the following polynomial equations. Do not solve.

5) $3x^4 + 6x^2 - x - 6 = 0$

p: ± 1, 2, 3, 6

q: ± 1, 3

p/q: ± 1, 2, 3, 6, 1/3, 2/3

6) $4x^3 + 9x^2 = 10$

p: ± 1, 2, 5, 10

q: ± 1, 2, 4

p/q: ± 1, 2, 5, 10, 1/2, 1/4, 5/2, 5/4

Solve each equation using the rational root theorem (mind your p’s & q’s).

7) $3x^3 - 4x^2 - 35x + 12 = 0$

p/q: ± 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, 1/3, 2/3, 4/3

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{4} \quad 3 \quad -4 \quad -35 \quad 12 \\ \underline{ \quad 12 \quad 32 \quad -12} \\ 3 \quad 8 \quad -3 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^2 + 8x - 3 &= 0 \\ (3x - 1)(x + 3) &= 0 \\ \mathbf{x = 4, x = 1/3, x = -3} \end{aligned}$$

8) $2x^4 + 18x^3 + 32x^2 - 36x = 16$

$2(x^4 + 9x^3 + 16x^2 - 18x - 8) = 0$ p/q: ± 1, 2, 4, 8

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{1} \quad 1 \quad 9 \quad 16 \quad -18 \quad -8 \\ \underline{ \quad 1 \quad 10 \quad 26 \quad 8} \\ 1 \quad 10 \quad 26 \quad 8 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-4} \quad \quad -4 \quad -24 \quad -8 \\ \underline{ \quad 1 \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad 0} \\ 1 \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

quadratic formula or program
 $\mathbf{x = 1, x = -4, x = -0.4, x = -5.6}$

9) $2x^5 + 14x^4 + 28x^3 + 56x^2 + 80x = 0$

$2x(x^4 + 7x^3 + 14x^2 + 28x + 40) = 0$ p/q: ± 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-2} \quad 1 \quad 7 \quad 14 \quad 28 \quad 40 \\ \underline{ \quad -2 \quad -10 \quad -8 \quad -40} \\ 1 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 20 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-5} \quad 1 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 20 \\ \underline{ \quad -5 \quad 0 \quad -20} \\ 1 \quad 0 \quad 4 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 4 &= 0 \\ x^2 &= -4 \\ x &= \pm 2i \quad \mathbf{x = 0, -2, -5, \pm 2i} \end{aligned}$$

Find the sum and product of the roots for each equation.

10) $8y^2 + 6y - 3 = 0$

sum = $\frac{-b/a}{-6/8} = -3/4$

prod = $\frac{c/a}{-3/8}$

11) $x^3 + x^2 - x + 12 = 0$

sum = $\frac{-b/a}{-1/1} = -1$

prod = $\frac{-c/a}{-12/1} = -12$

12) $10x^6 - 3x^4 + x - 8 = 0$

sum = $\frac{-b/a}{0/10} = 0$

prod = $\frac{c/a}{-8/10} = -4/5$

13) $9n^5 + 6n^4 + n^3 = 24$

sum = $\frac{-b/a}{-6/9} = -2/3$

prod = $\frac{-c/a}{-(-24)/9} = 8/3$

Use the sum and product formulas to write a quadratic equation for the given roots.

14) $1/2$ and $3/5$

sum: $1/2 + 3/5 = 11/10$

prod: $(1/2)(3/5) = 3/10$

$a = 10, b = -11, c = 3$

$10x^2 - 11x + 3 = 0$

15) $-4 \pm 3i$

sum: $-4 + 3i + -4 - 3i = -8$ or $-8/1$

prod: $(-4 + 3i)(-4 - 3i) = 16 - 9i^2$

$= 16 + 9 = 25$ or $25/1$

$a = 1, b = 8, c = 25$

$x^2 + 8x + 25 = 0$

16) $4 \pm \sqrt{7}$

sum: $4 + \sqrt{7} + 4 - \sqrt{7} = 8$ or $8/1$

prod: $(4 + \sqrt{7})(4 - \sqrt{7}) = 16 - 7 = 9$ or $9/1$

$a = 1, b = -8, c = 9$

$x^2 - 8x + 9 = 0$

17) $\frac{6 \pm 2i\sqrt{3}}{5}$

sum: $\frac{6 + 2i\sqrt{3}}{5} + \frac{6 - 2i\sqrt{3}}{5} = \frac{12}{5} = \frac{60}{25}$

prod:

$\frac{6 + 2i\sqrt{3}}{5} \cdot \frac{6 - 2i\sqrt{3}}{5} = \frac{36 - 4i^2\sqrt{9}}{25} = \frac{36 + 12}{25} = \frac{48}{25}$

$a = 25, b = -60, c = 48$

$25x^2 - 60x + 48 = 0$

Write the cubic equation that has the given roots.

18) $7 \pm \sqrt{5}$ and -2

sum: $7 + \sqrt{5} + 7 - \sqrt{5} = 14$ or $14/1$

prod: $(7 + \sqrt{5})(7 - \sqrt{5}) = 49 - 5 = 44$ or $44/1$

$a = 1, b = -14, c = 44$

$= (x^2 - 14x + 44)(x + 2)$

x	x^3	$-14x^2$	$44x$
2	$2x^2$	$-28x$	88

$x^3 - 12x^2 + 16x + 88 = 0$

19) $\frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and 3

sum: $\frac{1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$

prod: $\frac{1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1 - i^2\sqrt{9}}{4} = \frac{1 + 3}{4} = 1$

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

x	x^3	$-x^2$	x
-3	$-3x^2$	$3x$	-3

$x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x - 3 = 0$