

5.6 Complex Zeros

* Fundamental Theorem of Algebra - Every

complex poly function f of degree $n \geq 1$ has at least one complex zero.

* conjugate pairs theorem - Let f be a poly whose coefficients are real numbers. If $r = a + bi$ is a zero of f , the complex conjugate $\bar{r} = a - bi$ is a zero of f .

ex. 1) A poly f of degree 5 whose coefficients are real #s has the zeros $1, 5i$, and $1 + i$. Find the remaining two zeros.

• since $x = 5i$ is a zero \rightarrow $x = -5i$
 • since $x = 1 + i$ is a zero \rightarrow $x = 1 - i$

ex. 2) Find the poly function of f of degree 4 whose zeros are $1, 1$, and $-4 + i$.

$x = 1$ $x = 1$ $x = -4 + i$ $x = -4 - i$
 -1 -1 -1 -1 $+4 - i$

$x - 1 = 0$ $x - 1 = 0$ $x + 4 - i = 0$ $x + 4 + i = 0$

$f(x) = a(x - 1)(x - 1)(x + 4 - i)(x + 4 + i)$

$f(x) = a(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^2 + 8x + 16 - i^2)$

$= a(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^2 + 8x + 17)$

$f(x) = a(x^4 + 16x^3 + 2x^2 - 26x + 17)$

	x^2	$-2x$	1
x^2	x^4	$-2x^3$	x^2
$8x$	$8x^3$	$-16x^2$	$8x$
17	$17x^2$	$-34x$	17

	x	4	$-i$
x	x^2	$4x$	$-ix$
4	$4x$	16	$-4i$
i	ix	$+4i$	$-i^2$

ex.3) find complex zeros of $f(x) = 3x^4 + 5x^3 + 25x^2 + 45x - 18$

↑
at most 4 zeros

• 1 + real zero

• $f(-x) = 3x^4 - 5x^3 + 25x^2 - 45x - 18$

• 3 or 1 - real zero

• possible rational zeros:

$p: \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 18$

$q: \pm 1, \pm 3$

so $\frac{p}{q}: \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 18$

• check: $f(1) = 60$ $f(-1) = -40$ etc...
 $f(2) = 260$ $f(-2) = 0$

• divide:
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} -2 & 3 & 5 & 25 & 45 & -18 \\ & \downarrow & -6 & 2 & -54 & 18 \\ \hline & 3 & -1 & 27 & -9 & 0 \end{array}$$

$(x+2)(3x^3 - 1x^2 + 27x - 9)$

factor

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

$x = -2, -3i, +3i, \frac{1}{3}$

	$3x$	-1
x^2	$3x^3$	$-1x^2$
9	$27x$	-9