



Evaluate: Homework and Practice



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Find the rational zeros of each polynomial function. Then write each function in factored form.

1. $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8$

Factors of -8 : $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8$

4 is a zero.

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

$$(x - 4)(x + 2)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 4, x = -2, \text{ or } x = -1$$

$$f(x) = (x - 4)(x + 2)(x + 1)$$

3. $j(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 - 13x - 6$

Factors of -6 : $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$

3 is a zero.

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

$$(x - 3)(2x + 1)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = 3, x = -\frac{1}{2}, \text{ or } x = -2$$

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

5. $h(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 8$

Factors of 8 : $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8$

2 is a zero.

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

$$(x - 2)(x - 4)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 2, x = 4, \text{ or } x = -1$$

$$m(x) = (x - 2)(x - 4)(x + 1)$$

7. $s(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x + 1$

Factors of 1 : ± 1

1 is a zero.

$$(x - 1)(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$(x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = -1$$

$$s(x) = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 1)$$

2. $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 23x - 60$

Factors of -60 : $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 5, \pm 6, \pm 10, \pm 12, \pm 15, \pm 20, \pm 30, \pm 60$

5 is a zero.

$$(x - 5)(x^2 + 7x + 12) = 0$$

$$(x - 5)(x + 3)(x + 4) = 0$$

$$x = 5, x = -3, \text{ or } x = -4$$

$$f(x) = (x - 5)(x + 3)(x + 4)$$

4. $g(x) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 23x - 15$

Factors of -15 : $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15$

1 is a zero.

$$(x - 1)(x^2 - 8x + 15) = 0$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 5)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = 1, x = 5, \text{ or } x = 3$$

$$g(x) = (x - 1)(x - 5)(x - 3)$$

6. $h(x) = 6x^3 - 7x^2 - 9x - 2$

Factors of -2 : $\pm 1, \pm 2$

2 is a zero.

$$(x - 2)(6x^2 + 5x + 1) = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(2x + 1)(3x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 2, x = -\frac{1}{2}, \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

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

8. $t(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 8x - 12$

Factors of -12 : $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 12$

3 is a zero.

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

$$(x - 3)(x + 2)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = 3 \text{ or } x = -2$$

$$t(x) = (x - 3)(x + 2)(x + 2)$$