

Pre-Calc 2.5b Notes  
Fundamental Theorem of Algebra Part II

**Recall** → If  $x = 4$  is a zero, then  $(x - 4)$  is the factor  
If  $x = 1+2i$  is a zero, then  $1-2i$  is also a zero

**Recall** Write the linear factorization for the given zeros:  $-2, 3, 2i$

$(x+2)(x-3)(x-2i)(x+2i)$

Linear factorization  $f(x) = a_n(x-c_1)(x-c_2)(x-c_3)\dots(x-c_n)$   $n$  linear factors  
Poly equation  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$  power of  $n$

**Example 1:** Find a polynomial function with real coefficients that has the given zeros.

$3, 4i, -4i$

$\downarrow$        $\downarrow$        $\downarrow$   
 $a(x-3)(x-4i)(x+4i)$   
 mult. here first  
 FOIL

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

$i^2 = (-1)$   
 $= a(x-3)(x^2 - 16(-1))$   
 $= a(x-3)(x^2 + 16)$   
 FOIL again  
 let  $a=1$   
 $a(x^3 + 16x - 3x^2 - 48)$   
 $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 16x - 48$

**Example 2:** Write a polynomial function that has the given information.

Degree: 4 Zeros: 1, 4,  $\sqrt{3}i$ , Solution point:  $f(0) = -6$

$$f(x) = a(x-1)(x-4)(x-\sqrt{3}i)(x+\sqrt{3}i)$$

conjugate  
 $-\sqrt{3}i$

apply at the end

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$= a(x^2 - 4x - 1x + 4)(x^2 + \sqrt{3}xi - \sqrt{3}xi - \sqrt{9}i^2)$$

$$a(x^2 - 5x + 4)(x^2 + 3)$$

multiply

$$= a(x^2 - 5x + 4)(x^2 + 3)$$

$$= a(x^4 + 3x^2 - 5x^3 - 15x + 4x^2 + 12)$$

$$f(x) = a(x^4 - 5x^3 + 7x^2 - 15x + 12)$$

$$f(0) = -6$$

$$f(0) = a(0)^4 - 5(0)^3 + 7(0)^2 - 15(0) + 12 = -6$$

$$a(0 - 0 + 0 - 0 + 12) = -6$$

$$12a = -6$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{2}$$

So

$$= -\frac{1}{2}(x^4 - 5x^3 + 7x^2 - 15x + 12)$$

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{7}{2}x^2 + \frac{15}{2}x - 6$$

and

$$-\frac{1}{2}(x-1)(x-4)(x-\sqrt{3}i)(x+\sqrt{3}i)$$



**Example 3:** Use the given zero to find all the zeros of the function.

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 23x^2 + 34x - 10$$

zero:  $-3+i$ ,  $-3-i$   
must have a conjugate pair

use these zeros to set up factors

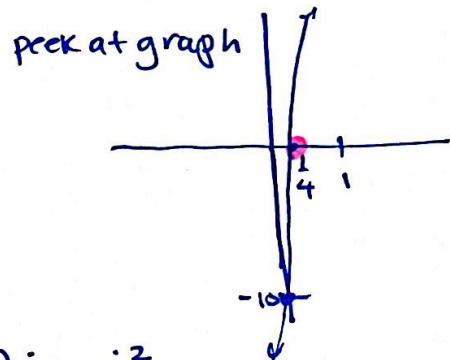
$$(x - (-3+i))(x - (-3-i))$$

$$(x+3-i)(x+3+i)$$

mult out or mult with grouping

$$\begin{aligned} &+3x + xi + 3x + 9 + 3i - xi - 3i - i^2 \\ &x^2 + 6x + 9 + 1 \\ &x^2 + 6x + 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &[(x+3)-i][(x+3)+i] \\ &(x+3)^2 + (x+3)i - (x+3)i - i^2 \\ &x^2 + 6x + 9 - (-1) \\ &x^2 + 6x + 10 \end{aligned}$$



now use long division, divide  $x^2+6x+10$  into  $4x^3 + 23x^2 + 34x - 10$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 1 \\ \hline x^2 + 6x + 10 \overline{) 4x^3 + 23x^2 + 34x - 10} \\ \underline{-4x^3 + 24x^2 + 40x} \phantom{-10} \\ -x^2 - 6x - 10 \\ \underline{+x^2 + 6x + 10} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

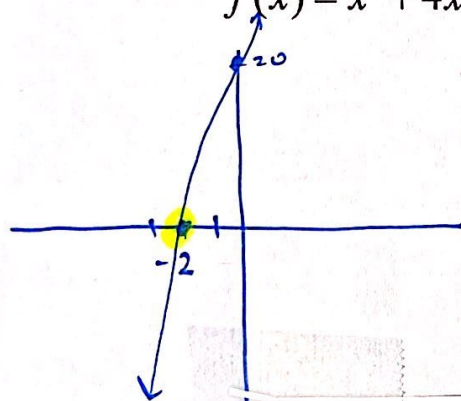
○ ← shows we found the factor

$$\begin{aligned} 4x - 1 &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Zeros:  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $-3+i$ ,  $-3-i$

**Example 4:** Use a graphing utility to find the <sup>(a)</sup> real zeros of the function, and then use the <sup>(b)</sup> real zeros to find the exact values of the imaginary roots.

$$f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + 14x + 20$$



(a) real zero is located at **-2**

(b) use synthetic division

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 -2 & 1 & 4 & 14 & 20 \\
 & & -2 & -4 & -20 \\
 \hline
 & 1 & 2 & 10 & 0 \\
 \hline
 & & & & x^2 + 2x + 10
 \end{array}$$

use Q.F.  $x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 4(1)(10)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 40}}{2}$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 6i}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm 3i}{1}$$

imaginary roots

hmk  $\rightarrow$  p. 140-141  $\rightarrow$  (43-53 odd, 59-65 odd, 69)