

Homework 19 for April 12, 2025.

Algebra.

Read the classwork handout.

1. Perform long division of the following polynomials.
 - a. $(x^5 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 4) \div (x^2 - x + 1)$
 - b. $(x^4 - x^2 + 1) \div (x + 1)$
 - c. $(x^7 + 1) \div (x^3 - x + 1)$
 - d. $(6x^6 - 5x^5 + 4x^4 - 3x^3 + 2x - 1) \div (x^2 + 1)$
 - e. $(x^5 - 32) \div (x + 2)$
 - f. $(x^5 - 32) \div (x - 2)$
 - g. $(x^6 + 64) \div (x^2 + 4)$
 - h. $(x^6 + 64) \div (x^2 - 4)$
 - i. $(x^{100} - 1) \div (x^2 - 1)$
2. Can you find coefficients a , b , such that there is no remainder upon division of a polynomial, $x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 - 2x - 10$,
 - a. by $x + 5$
 - b. by $x^2 + x - 1$
3. Prove that,
 - a. for odd n , the polynomial $x^n + 1$ is divisible by $x + 1$
 - b. $2^{100} + 1$ is divisible by 17.
 - c. $2^n + 1$ can only be prime if n is a power of 2 [Primes of this form are called Fermat primes; there are very few of them. How many can you find?]
 - d. for any natural number n , $8^n - 1$ is divisible by 7.
 - e. for any natural number n , $15^n + 6$ is divisible by 7
4. Factor (i.e., write as a product of polynomials of smaller degree) the following polynomials.
 - a. $1 + a + a^2 + a^3$
 - b. $1 - a + a^2 - a^3 + a^4 - a^5$
 - c. $a^3 + 3a^2b + 3b^2a + b^3$
 - d. $x^4 - 3x^2 + 2$

5. Simplify the following expressions using polynomial factorization.

e. $\frac{x+y}{x} - \frac{x}{x-y} + \frac{y^2}{x^2-xy}$

f. $\frac{x^6-1}{x^4+x^2+1}$

g. $\frac{a^3-2a^2+5a+26}{a^3-5a^2+17a-13}$

6. Solve the following equations

h. $\frac{x^2+1}{x} + \frac{x}{x^2+1} = 2.9$ (hint: substitution)

i. $\frac{14}{20-6x-2x^2} + \frac{x^2+4x}{x^2+5x} - \frac{x+3}{x-2} + 3 = 0$ (hint: factorize square polynomials)

7. Write Vieta formulae for the reduced cubic equation, $x^3 + px + q = 0$. Let x_1, x_2 and x_3 be the roots of this equation. Find the following combination in terms of p and q ,

j. $(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^2$

k. $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$

l. $\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3}$

m. $(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^3$

8. The three real numbers x, y, z , satisfy the equations

$$x + y + z = 7$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{7}$$

Prove that then, at least one of x, y, z is equal to 7. [Hint: Vieta formulas]

9. Find all real roots of the following polynomial and factor it:

$$x^4 - x^3 + 5x^2 - x - 6.$$

Geometry.

Read the classwork handout. Additional reading on trigonometric functions is Gelfand & Saul, Trigonometry, Chapter 2 (pp. 42-54) and Chapters 6-8 (pp. 123-163), http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trigonometric_functions <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sine>. Solve the following problems.

1. Derive the following expressions (classwork exercise):

$$\text{a. } \tan \alpha \pm \tan \beta = \frac{\sin(\alpha \pm \beta)}{\cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta)} \quad \cot \alpha \pm \cot \beta = \pm \frac{\sin(\alpha \pm \beta)}{\sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta)}$$

$$\text{b. } \sin^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2\alpha)$$

$$\text{c. } \cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2\alpha)$$

$$\text{d. } = \frac{1}{4}(3 \cos \alpha + \cos 3\alpha)$$

$$\text{e. } \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \alpha)} \quad \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \alpha)}$$

$$\text{f. } \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha}} = \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{\sin \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha}$$

$$\text{g. } \cot \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \alpha}{1 - \cos \alpha}} = \frac{1 + \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{\sin \alpha}{1 - \cos \alpha}$$

$$\text{h. } \sin 2\alpha = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 + \tan^2 \alpha}$$

$$\text{i. } \cos 2\alpha = \frac{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}{1 + \tan^2 \alpha}$$

$$\text{j. } \tan 2\alpha = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}$$

2. Show that

$$\text{a. } \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \alpha\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} - \alpha\right) = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{b. } \sin \alpha + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \alpha\right) + \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{3} + \alpha\right) = 0$$

$$\text{c. } \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin x} - \frac{\cos 3x}{\cos x} = 2$$

3. Without using calculator, find:

$$\text{a. } \sin 75^\circ =$$

b. $\cos 75^\circ =$

c. $\sin \frac{\pi}{8} =$

d. $\cos \frac{\pi}{8} =$

e. $\sin \frac{\pi}{16} =$

f. $\cos \frac{\pi}{16} =$