

OBJECTIVE: I can find all rational and irrational zeros,

Rational Zero Theorem: all factors of constant (p) divide it by all factors of leading coef (q), then put \pm on all #'s $\frac{p}{q}$ gives you all possible rat zeros

- Steps:
- ① find $\frac{p}{q}$ & put \pm
 - ② use synthetic \div , long \div , remainder Thm, or factor
 - ③ repeat until all zeros are found

EXAMPLE:

Use the Rational Zeros Theorem to write a list of all potential rational zeros.

1. $f(x) = x^2 + 7x + 12$ $\frac{p}{q}$ $\pm 1 \pm 2 \pm 3 \pm 4 \pm 6 \pm 12$

2. $f(x) = 3x^4 - 8x^3 - 37x^2 + 2x + 40$ $\frac{p}{q}$ $\frac{p}{1}$ $\frac{p}{3}$

$\pm 1 \pm 2 \pm 4 \pm 5 \pm 8 \pm 10 \pm 20 \pm 40$
 $\pm \frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{2}{3} \pm \frac{4}{3} \pm \frac{5}{3} \pm \frac{8}{3} \pm \frac{10}{3} \pm \frac{20}{3} \pm \frac{40}{3}$

Use the Rational Zeros Theorem to write a list of all potential rational zeros. Then determine which ones, if any, are zeros. Show your work on a separate piece of paper.

1. $f(x) = x^2 + 7x + 12$ $\pm 1 \pm 2 \pm 3 \pm 4 \pm 6 \pm 12$ $x = -3, -4$

~~1) $\begin{array}{r|rrr} 1 & 1 & 7 & 12 \\ & & 1 & 8 \\ \hline & 1 & 8 & 20 \end{array}$ upper bound~~

~~2) $\begin{array}{r|rrr} 1 & 1 & 7 & 12 \\ & & -2 & -10 \\ \hline & 1 & 5 & 2 \end{array}$ $x+5 + \frac{2}{x+2}$~~

~~1) $\begin{array}{r|rrr} 1 & 1 & 7 & 12 \\ & & -1 & -6 \\ \hline & 1 & 6 & 6 \end{array}$ upper bound~~

~~3) $\begin{array}{r|rrr} 1 & 1 & 7 & 12 \\ & & 3 & 30 \\ \hline & 1 & 10 & 42 \end{array}$~~

~~2) $\begin{array}{r|rrr} 1 & 1 & 7 & 12 \\ & & 2 & 18 \\ \hline & 1 & 9 & 30 \end{array}$~~

~~3) $\begin{array}{r|rrr} 1 & 1 & 7 & 12 \\ & & -3 & -12 \\ \hline & 1 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$ $x+4=0$~~

2. $f(x) = 3x^4 - 8x^3 - 37x^2 + 2x + 40$

$x = 1, -2, 5, -\frac{4}{3}$

$f(x) = (x-1)(x+2)(x-5)(3x+4)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \mid 3 \quad -8 \quad -37 \quad 2 \quad 40 \\ \quad \quad 3 \quad -8 \quad -42 \quad -40 \\ \hline 3 \quad -5 \quad -42 \quad -40 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$3x^3 - 5x^2 - 42x - 40$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \mid 3 \quad -5 \quad -42 \quad -40 \\ \quad \quad -3 \quad 8 \quad 34 \\ \hline 3 \quad -8 \quad -34 \quad -6 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \mid 3 \quad -5 \quad -42 \quad -40 \\ \quad \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad -80 \\ \hline 3 \quad 1 \quad -40 \quad -120 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \mid 3 \quad -5 \quad -42 \quad -40 \\ \quad \quad -6 \quad 22 \quad 40 \\ \hline 3 \quad -11 \quad -20 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$3x^2 - 11x - 20 = 0$
 $(3x+4)(x-5) = 0$

Upper Bounds: if synthetic \div ans. are all positive, then no #'s above the zero will work.

Lower Bounds: if synthetic \div ans are alternating, then no #'s below the zero will work.

~~Steps:~~

EXAMPLE:

Prove the real zeros lie in the interval $[-2, 5]$.

1. $f(x) = 2x^4 - 7x^3 - 8x^2 + 14x + 8$

$-2x^4 + 7x^3 + 8x^2 - 14x - 8$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \mid 2 \quad -7 \quad -8 \quad 14 \quad 8 \\ \quad \quad 10 \quad 15 \quad 35 \quad 245 \\ \hline 2 \quad 3 \quad 7 \quad 49 \quad 253 \\ \text{all pos} - \text{upper bound} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \mid -2 \quad 7 \quad 8 \quad -14 \quad -8 \\ \quad \quad -10 \quad -15 \quad -35 \quad -245 \\ \hline -2 \quad -3 \quad -7 \quad -49 \quad -253 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \mid 2 \quad -7 \quad -8 \quad 14 \quad 8 \\ \quad \quad -4 \quad 22 \quad -28 \quad 28 \\ \hline 2 \quad -11 \quad 14 \quad -14 \quad 32 \\ \text{alt signs} - \text{lower bounds} \end{array}$$

*****Complex zeros ^{and irrational zeros ($\sqrt{}$)} ALWAYS come in pairs called conjugates!

If you have $x = 3 + i$, then you must have $3 - i$.

$$x = \sqrt{5} \quad x = -\sqrt{5}$$

$$x = 1 - \sqrt{2} \quad x = 1 + \sqrt{2}$$

EXAMPLE using everything from this lesson to make finding the zeros easier and less work.

Find all of the real zeros of the function, finding exact values whenever possible. Identify each zero as rational or irrational.

1. $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 6$

$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}$

$x = \frac{3}{2}, \sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}$

$f(x) = (2x-3)(x+\sqrt{2})(x-\sqrt{2})$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \mid 2 \quad -3 \quad -4 \quad 6 \\ \quad 2 \quad -1 \quad -3 \\ \hline 2 \quad -1 \quad -5 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \mid 2 \quad -3 \quad -4 \quad 6 \\ \quad 6 \quad 9 \quad 15 \\ \hline 2 \quad 3 \quad 5 \quad 21 \end{array}$$

upper bound

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \mid 2 \quad -3 \quad -4 \quad 6 \\ \quad -2 \quad 5 \quad -1 \\ \hline 2 \quad -5 \quad 1 \quad 5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{3}{2} \mid 2 \quad -3 \quad -4 \quad 6 \\ \quad 3 \quad 0 \quad -6 \\ \hline 2 \quad 0 \quad -4 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$2x^2 - 4 = 0$
 $2x^2 = 4$
 $x^2 = 2$
 $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \mid 2 \quad -3 \quad -4 \quad 6 \\ \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad -4 \\ \hline 2 \quad 1 \quad -2 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \mid 2 \quad -3 \quad -4 \quad 6 \\ \quad -4 \quad 14 \quad -20 \\ \hline 2 \quad -7 \quad 10 \quad -14 \end{array}$$

lower bound