

1. Find a cubic polynomial in standard form that has zeros $\frac{2}{3}$, $4 \pm i$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x) &= (x - \frac{2}{3})(x - (4+i))(x - (4-i)) \\
 &= (x - \frac{2}{3})[(x-4) - i][(x-4) + i] \\
 &= (x - \frac{2}{3})[(x-4)^2 - i^2] \\
 &= (x - \frac{2}{3})[x^2 - 8x + 17] \Rightarrow (3x-2)(x^2 - 8x + 17) \\
 &= 3x^3 - 24x^2 + 51x - 2x^2 + 16x - 34 \\
 &= \boxed{3x^3 - 26x^2 + 67x - 34}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find all quartic polynomials with real coefficients that have zeros 4 and $2 - 3i$.

double $2 + 3i$
zeros.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x) &= (x-4)^2(x - (2-3i))(x - (2+3i)) \\
 &= A(x-4)^2[(x-2) + 3i][(x-2) - 3i] \\
 &= A(x^2 - 8x + 16)[x^2 - 4x + 4 + 9] \\
 &= A(x^2 - 8x + 16)(x^2 - 4x + 13) \quad A \in \mathbb{R} \\
 &= A(x^4 - 12x^3 + 61x^2 - 168x + 208)
 \end{aligned}$$

Warm Up

1. Find constants a , b , and c given that

$$6x^3 + 7x^2 - 19x + 7 = (2x-1)(ax^2 + bx + c) \text{ for all } x.$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = \frac{6x^3 + 7x^2 - 19x + 7}{2x-1}$$

$$= 3x^2 + 5x - 7$$

$$\therefore a=3, b=5, c=-7$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} \frac{1}{2} & 6 & 7 & -19 & 7 \\ & \downarrow & 3 & 5 & -7 \\ \hline & 6 & 10 & -14 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 5x - 7$$

2. Find constants a and b if

$$z^4 + 9 = (z^2 + az + 3)(z^2 + bz + 3)$$

See attached.

Example 1) $(x+3)$ is a factor of $p(x) = x^3 + ax^2 - 7x + 6$. Find a where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and the other factors.

$$\frac{x^3 + ax^2 - 7x + 6}{x+3} \Rightarrow \text{Remainder} = 0.$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -3 & 1 & a & -7 & 6 \\ & \downarrow & -3 & 9-3a & 9a-6 \\ \hline & 1 & a-3 & 2-3a & 9a \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow 9a = 0 \\ \boxed{a=0} \end{array}$$

Example 2) $(2x+3)$ and $(x-1)$ are factors of $2x^4 + ax^3 - 3x^2 + bx + 3$. Find constants a and b and all zeros of the polynomial.

$$z^4 + 9 = \cancel{z^4} + \underline{bz^3} + \underline{3z^2} + \underline{az^3} + \underline{abz^2} + \underline{3az} + \underline{3z^2} + \underline{3bz} + \cancel{9}$$

$$0 = (a+b)z^3 + (6+ab)z^2 + (3a+3b)z$$

$$a+b=0$$

$$6+ab=0$$

$$\underline{3a+3b=0}$$

$$a=-b$$

$$ab=-6$$

$$-b^2=-6$$

$$b^2=6$$

$$b=\pm\sqrt{6}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} a=\sqrt{6}, b=\sqrt{6} \\ a=\sqrt{6}, b=-\sqrt{6} \end{array}}$$