

## Polynomials with integer coefficients

0.  $P(x)=x^2+x+41$ . Is it true that  $P(x)$  is prime for any integer  $x$ ?
1. Let  $P$  be a polynomials with integer coefficients (in short,  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ). Prove that  $(a-b)|(P(a)-P(b)) \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
2. Let  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ,  $P(2)=1$ ,  $n$  is positive integer,  $P(n)=0$ . Find  $n$ .
3. Let  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  Prove that if  $a$  and  $b$  are integers of the same parity (i.e. are both odd or both even) then  $P(a)$  and  $P(b)$  are of the same parity.
4. Let  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ,  $6|P(2)$ ,  $6|P(3)$ . Prove that  $6|P(5)$ .
5. A polynomial  $P$  is such that  $P(7)=11$  and  $P(11)=13$ . Prove that at least one of the coefficients of  $P$  is not integer.
6. Does there exist  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ,  $P \neq const$  such that  $P(x)$  is a prime number for any positive integer  $x$ ?
7. Let  $H(x)=a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  be the polynomial with integer coefficients and  $\frac{p}{q}$  an irreducible fraction such that  $H(\frac{p}{q})=0$ . Prove that **a)**  $p|a_0$  and **b)**  $q|a_n$

**Definition.** Fix a set  $K$  of coefficients, e.g.,  $K = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $K[x]$  be the set of polynomials with coefficients in  $K$ . A polynomial of  $K[x]$  is said to be *irreducible* over  $K$  if it does not split into the product of lesser degree polynomials of  $K[x]$ .

8. Over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , factorize the polynomials **a)**  $x^4+64$  **b)**  $x^4+1$  **c)**  $x^6-11x^4+36x^2$  into irreducible polynomials.

### Extra problems

- PIC1.** On the graph of a polynomial with integer coefficients two points with integer coordinates are marked. Prove that if the distance between them is integer, then the segment connecting them is parallel to the  $x$ -axis.
- PIC2.**  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ,  $m/n$  is irreducible fraction,  $P(m/n)=0$ . Prove that there exists  $Q \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that  $P(x)=(nx-m)Q(x)$ .
- PIC3.** Let  $P$  be a nonconstant polynomial with integer coefficients. Prove that among numbers  $P(1), P(2), P(3), \dots$  there are infinitely many nonprime numbers.
- PIC4.**  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that there exist  $Q \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that  $P(Q)$  is reducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- PIC5.** Let  $p$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients and let  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_k$  be integers.
- a)** Prove that there exists  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $p(a_i)$  divides  $p(a)$  for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ .
- b)** Does there exist  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that the product  $p(a_1) \cdot p(a_2) \cdot \dots \cdot p(a_k)$  divides  $p(a)$ ?

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