

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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