

**CBSE Class 9 Mathematics**  
**NCERT Solutions**  
**CHAPTER 2**  
**Polynomials(Ex. 2.3)**

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**1. Find the remainder when  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  is divided by**

**(i)**  $x + 1$

**(ii)**  $x - \frac{1}{2}$

**(iii)**  $x$

**(iv)**  $x + \pi$

**(v)**  $5 + 2x$

**Ans. (i)**  $x + 1$

We need to find the zero of the polynomial  $x + 1$ .

$$x + 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x = -1$$

While applying the remainder theorem, we need to put the zero of the polynomial  $x + 1$  in the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$ , to get

$$p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$p(-1) = (-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 + 3(-1) + 1$$

$$= -1 + 3 - 3 + 1$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, we conclude that on dividing the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  by  $x + 1$ , we will get the remainder as 0.

(ii)  $x - \frac{1}{2}$

We need to find the zero of the polynomial  $x - \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$x - \frac{1}{2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

While applying the remainder theorem, we need to put the zero of the polynomial  $x - \frac{1}{2}$  in the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$ , to get

$$p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} + 3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{3}{2} + 1$$

$$= \frac{1 + 6 + 12 + 8}{8}$$

$$= \frac{27}{8}$$

Therefore, we conclude that on dividing the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  by  $x - \frac{1}{2}$ , we will get the remainder as  $\frac{27}{8}$ .

(iii)  $x$

We need to find the zero of the polynomial  $x$ .

$$x = 0$$

While applying the remainder theorem, we need to put the zero of the polynomial  $x$  in the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$ , to get

$$p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$p(0) = (0)^3 + 3(0)^2 + 3(0) + 1$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 0 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

Therefore, we conclude that on dividing the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  by  $x$ , we will get the remainder as 1.

**(iv)**  $x + \pi$

We need to find the zero of the polynomial  $x + \pi$ .

$$x + \pi = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -\pi$$

While applying the remainder theorem, we need to put the zero of the polynomial  $x + \pi$  in the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$ , to get

$$p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$p(-\pi) = (-\pi)^3 + 3(-\pi)^2 + 3(-\pi) + 1$$

$$= -\pi^3 + 3\pi^2 - 3\pi + 1.$$

Therefore, we conclude that on dividing the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  by  $x + \pi$ , we will get the remainder as  $-\pi^3 + 3\pi^2 - 3\pi + 1$ .

**(v)**  $5 + 2x$

We need to find the zero of the polynomial  $5 + 2x$ .

$$5 + 2x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -\frac{5}{2}$$

While applying the remainder theorem, we need to put the zero of the polynomial  $5 + 2x$  in the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$ , to get

$$p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$p\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) = \left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)^3 + 3\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$= -\frac{125}{8} + 3\left(\frac{25}{4}\right) - \frac{15}{2} + 1$$

$$= -\frac{125}{8} + \frac{75}{4} - \frac{15}{2} + 1$$

$$= \frac{-125 + 150 - 60 + 8}{8}$$

$$= -\frac{27}{4}.$$

Therefore, we conclude that on dividing the polynomial  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$  by  $5 + 2x$ , we will get the remainder as  $-\frac{27}{4}$ .

**2. Find the remainder when  $x^3 - ax^2 + 6x - a$  is divided by  $x - a$ .**

**Ans.** We need to find the zero of the polynomial  $x - a$ .

$$x - a = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x = a$$

While applying the remainder theorem, we need to put the zero of the polynomial  $x - a$  in the polynomial  $x^3 - ax^2 + 6x - a$ , to get

$$p(x) = x^3 - ax^2 + 6x - a$$

$$p(a) = (a)^3 - a(a)^2 + 6(a) - a$$

$$= a^3 - a^3 + 6a - a$$

$$= 5a$$

Therefore, we conclude that on dividing the polynomial  $x^3 - ax^2 + 6x - a$  by  $x - a$ , we will get the remainder as  $5a$ .

**3. Check whether  $7 + 3x$  is a factor of  $3x^3 + 7x$ .**

**Ans.** We know that if the polynomial  $7 + 3x$  is a factor of  $3x^3 + 7x$ , then on dividing the polynomial  $3x^3 + 7x$  by  $7 + 3x$ , we must get the remainder as 0.

We need to find the zero of the polynomial  $7 + 3x$ .

$$7 + 3x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -\frac{7}{3}$$

While applying the remainder theorem, we need to put the zero of the polynomial  $7 + 3x$  in the polynomial  $3x^3 + 7x$ , to get

$$p(x) = 3x^3 + 7x$$

$$= 3\left(-\frac{7}{3}\right)^3 + 7\left(-\frac{7}{3}\right) = 3\left(-\frac{343}{27}\right) - \frac{49}{3}$$

$$= -\frac{343}{9} - \frac{49}{3} = \frac{-343 - 147}{9}$$

$$= \frac{-490}{9}$$

We conclude that on dividing the polynomial  $3x^3 + 7x$  by  $7 + 3x$ , we will get the remainder as  $\frac{-490}{9}$ , which is not 0.

Therefore, we conclude that  $7 + 3x$  is not a factor of  $3x^3 + 7x$ .