

# Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

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→ Theory of equations is that branch of Mathematics which deals with the solution of equation.

Theorem: → (2.1) {Factor Theorem}

If  $\alpha$  is a root of equation  $f(x) = 0$  then the polynomial  $f(x)$  is divisible by  $(x - \alpha)$ . (i.e., there will be no remainder)

conversely

If the polynomial  $f(x)$  be divisible by  $(x - \alpha)$  then  $\alpha$  is a root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$ .

Proof: →

⇒

$$\frac{(x - \alpha) f(x)}{R(x)} = Q(x)$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = (x - \alpha) Q(x) + R(x)$$

Let  $\alpha$  is a root of the equation  $f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f(\alpha) = 0$

divide  
When  $f(x)$  by  $(x - \alpha)$

$$f(x) = (x - \alpha) Q(x) + R(x) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

putting  $x = \alpha$ , we get

$$f(\alpha) = R(\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow R(\alpha) = 0$$

ie; ~~f(x)~~ is divisible by

ie; there will be no remainder and

as such  $f(x)$  is divisible by  $(x-\alpha)$ .

⊕ Let  $f(x)$  is divisible by  $(x-\alpha)$  ie;

$$f(x) = (x-\alpha)Q(x) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

putting  $x=\alpha$

$$f(\alpha) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha$  is a root of equation  $f(x)=0$ .

Remark:  $\rightarrow$

Equation - 1st degree - linear

2nd degree - quadratic

3rd degree - cubic

4th degree - bi-quadratic or ~~quad~~ quartic

5th degree - quintic

6th degree - sextic

7th degree - ~~qu~~ quintic.

Every polynomial equation with real coefficients has at least one root

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**THEOREM:** → In an equation with real coefficient, imaginary roots occur in conjugate pairs.

## Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.

**THEOREM:** →

**Statement:** Every equation of  $n$ th degree has  $n$  roots no more.

**Proof:** → We consider

$$f(x) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + a_2 x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1} x + a_n$$

Let we assume that (1) has at least one root  $\alpha_1$ .

$\therefore f(x)$  is divisible by  $(x - \alpha_1)$ .

$$\therefore f(x) = (x - \alpha_1) Q_1(x),$$

Where  $Q_1(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $(n-1)$ .

$\therefore$  By the above assumption  $Q_1(x) = 0$  also has at least one root  $\alpha_2$ .

$\therefore Q_1(x)$  is divisible by  $(x - \alpha_2)$ .

$$\therefore \varphi_1(x) = (x - \alpha_1) \varphi_2(x)$$

Where  $\varphi_2(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $(n-2)$ .

$$\therefore f(x) \equiv (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2) \varphi_2(x)$$

Similarly,

$$f(x) \equiv (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_3) \varphi_3(x)$$

and so on lastly

$$f(x) \equiv A(x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2) \dots (x - \alpha_n) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Where  $A$  is a constant (independent of  $x$ )

Equating co-efficient of  $x^n$  from both sides of (2)

We have  $a_0 \equiv A$

$$\therefore f(x) = a_0(x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2) \dots (x - \alpha_n)$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 0 \text{ if } x = \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$$

$\therefore \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are  $n$  roots of  $f(x) = 0$ .

Also if  $\alpha$  is different from each one of  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  then

$$\alpha - \alpha_1 \neq 0, \alpha - \alpha_2 \neq 0, \dots, \alpha - \alpha_n \neq 0.$$

$$\therefore f(\alpha) = a_0 (\alpha - \alpha_1) (\alpha - \alpha_2) \dots (\alpha - \alpha_n) \neq 0 \quad (\because a_0 \neq 0)$$

$\therefore \alpha$  is not a root of  $f(x) = 0$

$\therefore \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are only roots of  $f(x) = 0$   
proved.