



TOPIC-POLYNOMIAL

Sub: Mathematics

Class-9

STUDY MATERIAL -4

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DEFINITION :

1. Algebraic expression in which the index of the variable is whole number is called a polynomial.

For example : $2x+3$ is a linear polynomial because the index of x is 1 (whole number).
 $2x^{1/2} - 2$ is not a polynomial because the index of x is $\frac{1}{2}$ (fraction).

2. In a polynomial, the index of the highest power is called the **degree of the polynomial**.

For example : $x^2 + x + 1$ is a polynomial whose degree = 2.

3. One power polynomial is **called linear polynomial**.

For example: $ax + b$, $3x+2$ etc.

4. The polynomial in which only one term is present is **called a monomial**.

For example : $3x$, $7y$, $2x$ etc.

5. The polynomial in which two terms are present is **called a binomial**.

For example : $x+5$, $x^2 + 3x$, etc.

6. The polynomial in which three terms are present is **called a trinomial**.

For example: $x^2 + 2x + 4$ etc.

Notation:

Polynomials are denoted by $f(x)$; $f(y)$; $g(x)$; $p(x)$ etc. according to the variable.

7. REMAINDER THEOREM.

If a polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $(x-a)$ to give $q(x)$ as quotient and R as remainder then,
 $f(x) = (x-a).q(x) + R$.

Since it is an identity therefore putting $x = a$ on both sides we get,

$$f(a) = (a-a).q(x) + R$$

$$= 0 + R$$

$$= R$$

Therefore remainder $= R = f(a)$.

This means that if a polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $(x-a)$, then the remainder will be $f(a)$.

8. If the polynomial is completely divisible by $(x-a)$ then the remainder $R = 0$

Therefore $f(a) = 0$.

9. FACTOR THEOREM :

If $f(x)$ is a polynomial and $f(a) = 0$, then $(x-a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

Conversely, if $(x-a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(a) = 0$.

Again, if $(x+a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(-a) = 0$.

10. If at $x = a$, the polynomial $f(x)$ becomes equal to zero, then $x = a$ is called the zero of the polynomial $f(x)$.

That means, a will be called the zero of the polynomial $f(x)$ if $f(a) = 0$.

For example : Let $f(x) = x - 2$.

Therefore $f(2) = 2 - 2 = 0$.

Hence, 2 is the zero of the polynomial $f(x)$.

11. $f(x) = 0$ is called **the equation of the polynomial $f(x)$** .

12. If $f(a) = 0$ then $x = a$ is **the zero of the polynomial $f(x)$** .

For example : let $f(x) = x - 2$

Since $f(2) = 2 - 2 = 0$, therefore 2 is the zero of the polynomial $f(x)$.

13. $x = a$ is called **the root of the polynomial equation $f(x) = 0$** .

For example : let $f(x) = 2x + 4$

Since $f(-2) = 0$, therefore -2 is a root of the equation $f(x) = 0$.

SOLVED SUMS :

1. Which of the following are the polynomials?

i) $x^2 + 2x$

ii) $x + \frac{1}{x} - 3$

iii) 4

Ans : i) It is a polynomial.

ii) It is not a polynomial.

iii) It is a polynomial.

2. If $f(x) = 2x + 3$ then find the value of $f(x) + f(-x)$.

Ans : $f(x) = 2x + 3$

Therefore, $f(-x) = 2(-x) + 3$
 $= -2x + 3$

Hence, $f(x) + f(-x) = 2x + 3 - 2x + 3$
 $= 6$.

3. What will be the remainder if the polynomial $x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 4$ is divided by $(x+2)$?

Ans : $f(x) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 4$

Therefore, $f(-2) = (-2)^4 + 4(-2)^3 + 6(-2)^2 + 4(-2) + 4$
 $= 16 - 32 + 24 - 8 + 4 = 4.$

4. If the polynomial $x^4 + 2x^3 - 3x^2 + ax + b$ is divided by $(x-1)$ and $(x+1)$, the remainders are 5 and -13. Find the values of a and b .

Ans : let $f(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 - 3x^2 + ax - b.$

If $f(x)$ is divided by $(x-1)$ and $(x+1)$, the remainders will be $f(1)$ and $f(-1)$ respectively.

Now $f(1) = 1^4 + 2.1^3 - 3.1^2 + a.1 - b$
 $= 1 + 2 - 3 + a - b = a - b$

B.T.P. $f(1) = 5$ or $a - b = 5$ -----(i)

Again, $f(-1) = (-1)^4 + 2.(-1)^3 - 3.(-1)^2 + a(-1) - b$
 $= 1 - 2 - 3 + a - b = -4 - a - b$

B.T.P. $f(-1) = -13$ or $-4 - a - b = -13$ or $a + b = 9$ -----(ii)

By solving equation (i) and (ii) we get , $a=7$ and $b=2.$

5. For what values of k the polynomial $k + 4x - 3x^2 + x^3$ will be completely divisible by $(x+3)$?

Ans : Let $f(x) = k + 4x - 3x^2 + x^3.$

Since $f(x)$ is divisible by $(x+3)$ therefore $f(-3) = 0.$

Now, $f(-3) = k + 4(-3) - 3(-3)^2 + (-3)^3$
 $= k - 12 - 27 + 27$
 $= k - 12$

B.T.P. $k - 12 = 0$ or $k = 12.$

6. What will be the remainder if $x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x - 3$ is divided by x ?

Ans : Let $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x - 3$

When $f(x)$ is divided by $x-0$ then the remainder will be $f(0).$

Therefore the required remainder is

$= f(0) = (0)^3 + 4(0)^2 + 4(0) - 3$
 $= -3.$

