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Homework Guide

Find all of the linear solutions:

1. $f(x) = x^3 - 27$

$$(x)^3 - (3)^3$$

$$(x-3) = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

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2. $f(x) = x^3 + 8$

$$x = -2$$

3. $f(x) = 8x^3 + 343$

$$x = \frac{-7}{3}$$

4. $f(x) = 32x^3 - 108$

$$4[8x^3 - 27]$$

$$4[(2x)^3 - (3)^3]$$

$$2x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

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Factor completely:

5. $f(x) = 64x^3 - 1$

$$f(x) = (4x)^3 - (1)^3$$

$$f(x) = (4x-1)(16x^2 + 4x + 1)$$

6. $f(x) = x^3 + 125$

$$f(x) = (x+5)(x^2 + 5x + 25)$$

7. $f(x) = 8x^3 - 27$

$$f(x) = (2x-3)(4x^2 - 6x + 9)$$

8. $f(x) = 2x^3 + 250$

$$f(x) = 2(x^3 + 125)$$

$$f(x) = 2[(x)^3 + (5)^3]$$

$$f(x) = 2(x+5)(x^2 - 5x + 25)$$

Find all of the roots:

9. $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 14x + 24$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -4 & 1 & -1 & -14 & +24 \\ & \downarrow & -4 & +20 & -24 \\ \hline & 1 & -5 & +6 & | \emptyset \end{array}$$

$$(x-2)(x-3) = 0$$

$$x=2 \quad x=3$$

Roots

1. $x = -4$
2. $x = 2$
3. $x = 3$

10. $f(x) = x^3 + 9x^2 + 23x + 15$

Roots

1. $x = -5$
2. $x = -3$
3. $x = -1$

11. $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 8$

Roots

1. $x = 2$
2. $x = -2$
3. $x = \sqrt{2}$
4. $x = -\sqrt{2}$

12. $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + x - 1$

Roots

1. $x = 1$
2. $x = i$
3. $x = -i$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & -1 & +1 & -1 \\ & \downarrow & +1 & 0 & +1 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & +1 & | \emptyset \end{array}$$

$x^2 + 1 = 0$

$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{-1}$

$x = \pm i$

13. $f(x) = 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 35x - 12$

Roots

1. $x = -4$
2. $x = 3$
3. $x = -\frac{1}{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -4 & 3 & +4 & -35 & -12 \\ & \downarrow & -12 & +32 & +12 \\ \hline & 3 & -8 & -3 & | \emptyset \end{array}$$

$3x^2 - 8x - 3 = 0$

$(3x+1)(x-3) = 0$

$x = -\frac{1}{3} \quad x = 3$

14. $f(x) = 5x^4 - 46x^3 + 84x^2 - 50x + 1$

Roots

1. $x = 1$
2. $x = 1$
3. $x = 7$
4. $x = \frac{1}{5}$

15. $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x - 1$

Roots

1. $x = -1$
2. $x = 1$
3. $x = 2 + \sqrt{3}$
4. $x = 2 - \sqrt{3}$

16. $f(x) = 2x^5 - 4x^4 - 2x^3 + 28x^2$

Roots

1. $x = 0$
2. $x = 0$
3. $x = -2$
4. $x = 2 + i\sqrt{3}$
5. $x = 2 - i\sqrt{3}$

$f(x) = x^2(2x^3 - 4x^2 - 2x + 28)$

$x = 0, 0 \quad -2 \mid \begin{array}{r} 2 & -4 & -2 & +28 \\ \downarrow & -4 & +16 & -28 \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{r} 2 & -8 & +14 & | \emptyset \end{array}$

$2x^2 - 8x + 14 = 0$

$2(x^2 - 4x + 7) = 0$

$x^2 - 4x + 7 = -7 + 4$

$\sqrt{(x-2)^2} = \sqrt{-3}$

$x - 2 = \pm i\sqrt{3}$