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1. Repetition & exercises
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1. Rep. & exc.

Linear expression
in standard form: $ax+b$

Quadratic expression
on std. form: $a \cdot x^2 + bx + c$

Linear equation: can be written as $ax+b=0$

Quadratic equation: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Quad. eq. have 2, 1 or no solutions

$$b^2 - 4ac \text{ pos, } = 0, \text{ neg.}$$

Find solutions by applying the quadratic formula or by completing the square.

Prob. 4e) solve the eq. $x^2 - 24x = 25$ by completing the square. $\div 2$ we add $(-12)^2$ on both sides

Solution: $(x - 12)^2 = 25 + (-12)^2$

$$(x - 12)^2 = 169$$

$$x - 12 = \sqrt{169} = 13 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 12 = -\sqrt{169} = -13$$

that is: $x = \underline{\underline{25}}$ or $x = \underline{\underline{-1}}$

Factorisation and roots (zeros)

Prob. 3e) We know that $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ has the solutions $x = 3 \pm \sqrt{5}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + bx + c &= (x - \overbrace{(3 - \sqrt{5})}^{r_1}) \cdot (x - \overbrace{(3 + \sqrt{5})}^{r_2}) \\&= x^2 - (3 + \sqrt{5})x - (3 - \sqrt{5})x + (3^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2) \\&= x^2 - (3 + \sqrt{5} + 3 - \sqrt{5})x + 4 \\&= \underline{\underline{x^2 - 6x + 4}} \quad (b = -6, c = 4)\end{aligned}$$

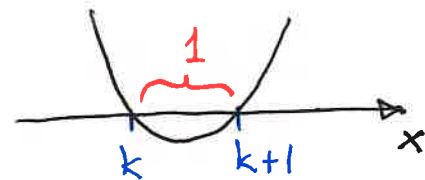
Parameters: numbers without explicit values
- used to describe many situations simultaneously

Ex: The price of a product is p kroner

Prob. 7a) All polynomials $x^2 + bx + c$ which have two zeros of distance 1

can be written as

$$\underbrace{(x - k)}_{\text{zero: } x = k} \cdot \underbrace{(x - (k+1))}_{\text{zero: } x = k+1}$$



where k is the smallest zero.

$$\text{Then } (x - k)(x - (k+1)) = \underline{\underline{x^2 - (2k+1)x + k(k+1)}}$$

2. Polynomial division

Want to divide a polynomial $f(x)$
with a polynomial $g(x)$
and get a polynomial $q(x)$
with a remainder $r(x)$

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = q(x) + \frac{r(x)}{g(x)} \quad | \cdot g(x)$$

gives $f(x) = q(x) \cdot g(x) + r(x)$

Ex: $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$

$g(x) = x - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{3x^2} + 2x + 1 : (\boxed{x} - 2) = 3x + 8 + \frac{17}{(x-2)} \\ \underline{-(3x^2 - 6x)} \\ \boxed{8x} + 1 \\ \underline{-(8x - 16)} \\ 17 \end{array}$$

Annotations:
- Blue arrows: $3x^2 : x$ and $8x : x$
- Purple arrows: multiply (from $3x$ to $3x^2 - 6x$ and from 8 to $8x - 16$)
- Red arrows: answer (from $3x$ and 8)
- Note: 17 the remainder (since $\deg(17) = 0 < 1 = \deg(x-2)$)

So $q(x) = 3x + 8$ and $r(x) = 17$

$$\left(3x + 8 + \frac{17}{x-2}\right) \cdot (x-2)$$

$$= 3x^2 + 8x - 6x - 16 + \frac{17}{x-2} \cdot \cancel{(x-2)}$$

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

$$\text{So } 3x^2 + 2x + 1 = (3x + 8)(x - 2) + 17$$

Two applications of polynomial division

A) To find asymptotes of rational functions.

$$\frac{3x^2 + 2x + 1}{x - 2} = 3x + 8 + \frac{17}{x - 2}$$

has a vertical asymptote $x = 2$ ←

and a non-vertical asymptote $y = 3x + 8$

B) To factorise a polynomial as a product of degree 1 (linear) polynomials.

Ex: Factorise $x^3 - 4x^2 - 11x + 30$ into linear factors.

Solution: Three steps.

I) Guess an integer solution (zero)

[note: has to divide 30]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I try } x = -3 : & (-3)^3 - 4 \cdot (-3)^2 - 11 \cdot (-3) + 30 \\ & = -27 - 36 + 33 + 30 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then $(x - (-3))$ is a factor in the polynomial!

II) Use polynomial division to factorise the polynomial as a product of $(x - (-3)) = (x + 3)$ and a polynomial of degree 2.

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{x^3} - 4x^2 - 11x + 30 : \boxed{x+3} = \overset{x^3 : x}{x^2} - \overset{-7x^2 : x}{7x} + \overset{10x : x}{10} \\ \underline{-(x^3 + 3x^2)} \\ \boxed{-7x^2} - 11x + 30 \\ \underline{-(-7x^2 - 21x)} \\ \boxed{10x} + 30 \\ \underline{-(10x + 30)} \\ 0 \text{ remainder} \end{array}$$

This means: $x^3 - 4x^2 - 11x + 30 = (x^2 - 7x + 10)(x + 3)$

III) We find the roots (zeros) of $x^2 - 7x + 10$. They are $x = 2$, $x = 5$. So $x^2 - 7x + 10 = (x - 2) \cdot (x - 5)$

$$\text{Then: } \underline{\underline{x^3 - 4x^2 - 11x + 30 = (x - 2)(x - 5)(x + 3)}}$$

Note 1: Not always possible to factorise second degree polynomials

Ex: $x^2 + 5$, $x^2 + 2x + 3$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 = 4 - 12 < 0$$

Note 2: It can be difficult to guess a root - it doesn't have to be an integer.

3. Rational and radical equations

A rational equation: $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = 0$ $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are polynomials

Ex 1: $\frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x+3)} = 0$ so $x+1=0$
(and $x \neq 1$, $x \neq -3$)

Ex 2: $\frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x+3)} = 2$

subtract 2 from b. sides.

$$\frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x+3)} - 2 = 0$$

multiply -2 with $\frac{(x-1)(x+3)}{(x-1)(x+3)}$

(which is 1)

$$\frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x+3)} - 2 \cdot \frac{(x-1)(x+3)}{(x-1)(x+3)} = 0$$

$$\frac{x+1 - 2(x^2+2x-3)}{(x-1)(x+3)} = 0$$

$$\frac{x+1 - 2x^2 - 4x + 6}{(x-1)(x+3)} = 0$$

$$\frac{-2x^2 - 3x + 7}{(x-1)(x+3)} = 0$$

that is: $-2x^2 - 3x + 7 = 0$

which you
can solve.
($x \neq 1, x \neq -3$)

Radical equations

- the unknown is under the root.

Ex: $2\sqrt{x+1} = x-2$

square b.s.

$$4 \cdot (x+1) = x^2 - 4x + 4$$

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

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

$$x(x-8) = 0$$

so $x = \underline{0}$ or $x = \underline{8}$

Note: Not all of these need to be solutions of the first equation.

We have to test the candidates:

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{x=0} \quad \text{l.h.s.} \quad 2\sqrt{0+1} = 2\sqrt{1} = 2 \cdot 1 = 2 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{r.h.s.} \quad 0 - 2 = -2 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \underline{x=0} \\ \text{l.h.s.} \\ \text{r.h.s.} \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{not equal,} \\ x=0 \text{ is} \\ \text{not a} \\ \text{solution} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{x=8} \quad \text{l.h.s.} \quad 2\sqrt{8+1} = 2\sqrt{9} = 2 \cdot 3 = 6 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{r.h.s.} \quad 8 - 2 = 6 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \underline{x=8} \\ \text{l.h.s.} \\ \text{r.h.s.} \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{equal and} \\ \text{so} \\ x = \underline{8} \text{ is} \\ \text{the only} \\ \text{solution.} \end{array}$$

4. Inequalities

$-2 < -1$ read: 'minus two is less than minus one'

$\frac{1}{9} > \frac{1}{12}$ read: 'one ninth is bigger than one twelfth'

All: \leq and \geq

An inequality is a claim that one expression (number) is

$>$, $<$, \geq , \leq another expression (number)

The solutions of an inequality are those values of x which makes the claim true.

Ex: $x-1 \geq 2$ is a claim

- is true for $x = 5$ since $5-1 \geq 2$.

- is not true for $x = 2$ since $2-1 \geq 2$
is not true!

The solutions of the inequality
are all the values of x such that

$$\underline{\underline{x \geq 3}}$$

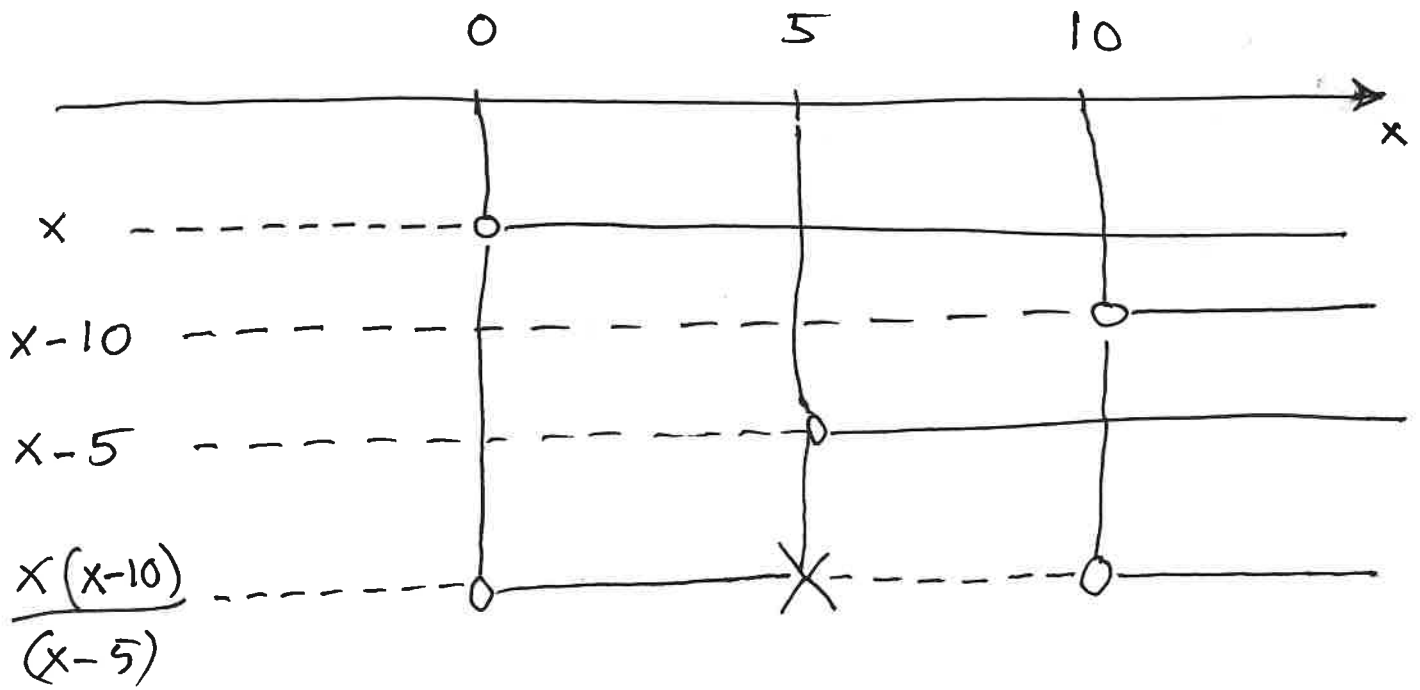
- an infinite set of numbers!

We also write $x \in [3, \infty)$

$$x \in [3, \rightarrow)$$

Ex: Solve the inequality $\frac{x(x-10)}{(x-5)} \geq 0$

Solution: Since we have 0 on the r.h.s
and a factorised fraction we
can apply the sign diagram
immediately.



that is $0 \leq x < 5$ or $x \geq 10$

alternate way of writing: $x \in [0, 5)$ or $x \in [10, \infty)$