

Polynomial discussion problems

1. Find a polynomial $P(x)$ such that $P(x)$ is divisible by $x^2 + 1$ and $P(x) + 1$ is divisible by $x^3 + x^2 + 1$.
2. Let $P(x)$ be a polynomial leaving the remainder A when divided by $x - a$ and the remainder B when divided by $x - b$, $a \neq b$. Find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - a)(x - b)$.
3. Find polynomials $F(x)$ and $G(x)$ such that $(x^8 - 1)F(x) + (x^5 - 1)G(x) = x - 1$.
(Note: It is always possible to find such F, G since $\gcd(x^8 - 1, x^5 - 1) = x - 1$.)
4. (Putnam 1963-B1) For which integer a does $x^2 - x + a$ divide $x^{13} + x + 90$?
(Hint: 90 must be divisible by a .)
5. Let $P(x)$ be a polynomial with integer coefficients.
 - (a) Show that for integers a and b , if $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$, then $F(a) \equiv F(b) \pmod{k}$.
 - (b) (Putnam 1940-A1) Show that if there exists an integer k such that none of the integers $F(1), F(2), \dots, F(k)$ is divisible by k , then $F(x)$ has no integer zero.