

Rational Roots (C)

Suppose that all the coefficients of a polynomial $p(z)$ are integers. If m and n are integers with no common factors and $p(m/n) = 0$ then m divides the constant term in p and n divides the leading coefficient.

Observe that every polynomial with rational coefficients is a polynomial with integer coefficients divided by a fixed integer, namely the least common multiple of its coefficients.

Exercises List all the possible rational roots of

1.

$$z^9 + 6z + 6;$$

2.

$$z^{12} - 44z^3 - 12;$$

3.

$$4z^4 + 9z - 2;$$

4.

$$(4/3)z^9 + 6z^2 + 11;$$