

Prime numbers and irreducible polynomials

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1. Is the polynomial $X^2 + 4X + 3$ irreducible? What about $X^2 + 3X + 4$?
2. Show that $X^3 - 5X + 14$ is irreducible. What about $X^3 - 51X + 14$?
3. Show that $X^4 + 1$ is irreducible, but $X^4 + 4$ is reducible.

4. Show that the polynomial

$$X^5 + 2X^3 + 2X + 4$$

is irreducible.

5. Show that the polynomial

$$X^5 + 6X^4 + 6X^3 + 24X + 72$$

is irreducible.

6. Show that if p is a prime number and q is not divisible by p , then $X^n - pq$ is irreducible.

7. Show that the polynomial

$$X^n + 5X^{n-1} + 3$$

is irreducible.

8. Let p be a prime number. Show that

$$X^{p-1} + X^{p-2} + \cdots + X + 1$$

is irreducible.

9. Let p be a prime number, and a an integer not divisible by p . Show that the polynomial

$$X^p - X + a$$

is irreducible.

10. Show that the polynomial $(X^2 + X)^{2^n} + 1$ is irreducible.

Challenge: Show that if p is a prime number, then

$$\frac{(X+1)^{2p} - X^{2p} - 1}{X}$$

is an irreducible polynomial.