

## Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

If  $P(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n \geq 1$  with complex coefficients, then  $P(x) = 0$  has at least one complex root.

## Number of Roots Theorem

If  $P(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n \geq 1$  with complex coefficients, then  $P(x) = 0$  has exactly  $n$  roots.

**Ex 1** Find a polynomial  $f(x)$  of degree 4 such that  
- 3, -1 and 2 are zeros, 2 is of multiplicity 2 and  
 $f(1) = 32$ .

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

$$32 = a(1 + 3)(1 + 1)(1 - 2)^2$$

$$32 = a \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

$$32 = 8a$$

$$a = 4$$

$$f(x) = 4(x + 3)(x + 1)(x - 2)^2$$

## EX 2

Find the zeros of  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$ . *then* write  $f(x)$  as a product of linear factors.

$$x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm 2i}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm i$$

Root	Factor
$2+i$	$x-2-i$
$2-i$	$x-2+i$

$$\frac{x-2+i}{x-2-i} = 0$$

$$f(x) = (x-2-i)(x-2+i)$$

### Ex 3

Find a polynomial with real coefficients whose zeros include the numbers  $-3$  and  $2 - i$ ,  $2 + i$

\* If  $a + bi$  is a zero, then  $a - bi$  is a zero.

$$(x+3)(x-2+i)(x-2-i)$$

$$(x+3)(x^2 - 2x - xi - 2x + 4 + 2i + x - xi - i)$$
$$(x+3)(x^2 - 4x + 5)$$





**Hw:**

**p. 313 # 11, 13, 15, 23, 27, 31, 49-55(odds)**