Question

Use the Rational Zeros Theorem to write a list of all potential rational zeros

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 3$$

Solution

Factors of constant term: ±1, ±3.

Factors of leading coefficient: ± 1 , ± 2 .

Possible values of $\frac{p}{q}$: $\pm \frac{1}{1}$, $\pm \frac{1}{2}$, $\pm \frac{3}{1}$, $\pm \frac{3}{2}$. So, potential rational zeros of f are:

$$\pm 1$$
, $\pm \frac{1}{2}$, ± 3 , $\pm \frac{3}{2}$.

Answer. ± 1 , $\pm \frac{1}{2}$, ± 3 , $\pm \frac{3}{2}$.

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