

The task:

25.) Use the Rational Roots Theorem to solve the equation for the rational roots.

$$4y^5 + 8y^4 - 29y^3 - 42y^2 + 45y + 54 = 0$$

Solution:

Let's use Horner's scheme, will be sought roots of the divisors of the free term, 54. That is $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 18, \pm 27, \pm 54$

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|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| | 4 | 8 | -29 | -42 | 45 | 54 |
| 1 | 4 | 12 | -17 | -59 | -14 | $40 \neq 0$ |
| -1 | 4 | 4 | -33 | -9 | 54 | 0 |

That means that $4y^5 + 8y^4 - 29y^3 - 42y^2 + 45y + 54 = (y + 1)(4y^4 + 4y^3 - 33y^2 - 9y + 54)$

Analogically

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|----|---|----|-----|-----|----------|
| | 4 | 4 | -33 | -9 | 54 |
| 1 | 4 | 8 | -25 | -34 | $\neq 0$ |
| -1 | 4 | 0 | -33 | 24 | $\neq 0$ |
| 2 | 4 | 12 | -9 | -27 | 0 |

So, $4y^5 + 8y^4 - 29y^3 - 42y^2 + 45y + 54 = (y + 1)(y - 2)(4y^3 + 12y^2 - 9y - 27)$

Consider the next polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} 4y^3 + 12y^2 - 9y - 27 &= 4y^2(y + 3) - 9(y + 3) = (y + 3)(4y^2 - 9) \\ &= (y + 3)(2y - 3)(2y + 3) \end{aligned}$$

So, $4y^5 + 8y^4 - 29y^3 - 42y^2 + 45y + 54 = (y + 1)(y - 2)(y + 3)(2y - 3)(2y + 3) = 0$

Expression is equal to 0 if at least one of the factors is 0

$$\begin{bmatrix} y = -1 \\ y = 2 \\ y = -3 \\ y = \frac{3}{2} \\ y = -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer: -1; 2; -3; $\pm(3/2)$