

- Galileo in 1620
- Descartes in 1650
- Newton and Leibniz. Newton discovered it first, but Leibniz was the first to publish it.

4. $x^3 + 6x - 7 = 0$ $x = u + v$

$$(u+v)^3 + 6(u+v) - 7 = 0$$

$$u^3 + 3u^2v + 3uv^2 + v^3 + 6(u+v) - 7 = 0$$

$$u^3 + v^3 + 3uv(u+v) + 6(u+v) - 7 = 0$$

$$u^3 + v^3 + (uv)(3uv + 6) - 7 = 0$$

Wishful thinking make $(uv)(3uv + 6) = 0$

so $3uv + 6 = 0 \rightarrow uv = -2$ so $u^3v^3 = -8$

What's left: $u^3 + v^3 - 7 = 0 \Rightarrow u^3 + v^3 = 7$

$$z^2 - 7z - 8 = 0$$

$$(z - 8)(z + 1) = 0 \quad u^3 = 8 \text{ and } v^3 = -1$$

$$z = 8, z = -1 \quad \text{so } u = 2 \text{ and } v = -1$$

so $x = 2 - 1 = 1$ is one root

To find the other two roots:

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + x + 7 \\ (x-1) \overline{) x^3 + 6x - 7} \\ \underline{-x^3 + x^2} \end{array}$$

$$x^2 + 6x - 7$$

$$x^2 + x$$

$$\underline{-7x + 7}$$

$$0$$

$$0$$

$$0$$

it would be the roots of the equation $x^2 + x + 7$

Using the quadratic formula!

$$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(7)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-27}}{2}$$

$\frac{-1 \pm i3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ are the other two roots.