

$x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1$ を整式の範囲で因数分解せよ。

(解答)

$f(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1$ とおくと、

$f(0) = 0^4 + 2 \cdot 0^3 + 3 \cdot 0^2 + 2 \cdot 0 + 1 = 1 \neq 0$ より

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^2 \left(x^2 + 2x + 3 + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) \\ &= x^2 \left\{ \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 + 2 \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) + 1 \right\} \\ &= x^2 \left\{ \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) + 1 \right\}^2 \\ &= (x^2 + x + 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$