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let  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$   
possible zeros are  $\pm 1, \pm 2$

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 1^3 - 2 \times 1^2 - 1 + 2 \\ &= 1 - 2 - 1 + 2 \\ &= 3 - 3 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x-1$  is a factor of  $f(x)$  by factor theorem

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - x - 2 \\ x-1 \overline{) x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2} \\ \underline{x^3 - x^2} \phantom{- x + 2} \\ -x^2 - x + 2 \\ \underline{-x^2 + x} \phantom{+ 2} \\ -2x + 2 \\ \underline{-2x + 2} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(x) &= (x-1)(x^2 - x - 2) \\ &= (x-1)(x^2 - 2x + x - 2) \\ &= (x-1)[x(x-2) + 1(x-2)] \\ &= (x-1)(x+1)(x-2) \\ &= (x-2)(x-1)(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

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$P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5$   
possible zeros are  $\pm 1, \pm 5$

$$\begin{aligned} P(-1) &= (-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 - 9(-1) - 5 \\ &= -1 - 3 + 9 - 5 \\ &= 9 - 9 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x+1$  is a factor of  $P(x)$  by factor theorem

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 4x - 5 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 5} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \phantom{- 9x - 5} \\ -4x^2 - 9x - 5 \\ \underline{-4x^2 - 4x} \phantom{- 5} \\ -5x - 5 \\ \underline{-5x - 5} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= (x+1)(x^2 - 4x - 5) \\ &= (x+1)(x^2 - 5x + x - 5) \\ &= (x+1)[x(x-5) + 1(x-5)] \\ &= (x+1)(x-5)(x+1) \\ &= (x+1)(x+1)(x-5) \end{aligned}$$