

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

**S.2367 Solve for real numbers:**

$$x^3(x+1)^3 + 8x^3 + 8 = 12x^3(x+1)$$

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Using Horner, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}x^3(x+1)^3 + 8x^3 + 8 - 12x^3(x+1) &= x^6 + 3x^5 + 3x^4 - 3x^3 - 12x^2 + 8 \\ &= (x-1)^2(x+1)(x+2)(x^2+2x+4).\end{aligned}$$

It results that real roots are  $x_1 = x_2 = 1, x_3 = -1, x_4 = -2$ .