MX SP Let  $P(x) = qx^3 + rx^2 + rx + q$  where q and r are constants,  $q \ne 0$ . One of the zeros of P(x) is -1. 1

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Given that  $\alpha$  is a zero of P(x),  $\alpha \neq -1$ , which of the following is also a zero?

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A.  $-\frac{1}{\alpha}$ 

B.  $-\frac{q}{\alpha}$ 

C.  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ 

D.  $\frac{q}{\alpha}$ 

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Let the roots be -1,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Product of roots:  $-1(\alpha)(\beta) = -\frac{q}{q}$ 

$$-1\alpha\beta = -1$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

The third root is  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ .

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