

# Dividing Polynomials

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Dividend

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \frac{38}{7} = 5 + \frac{3}{7} \leftarrow \text{remainder} \end{array}$$

$\uparrow$  Divisor       $\uparrow$  quotient

Dividend

$\downarrow$

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Divisor

quotient

$\downarrow$

$\downarrow$

remainder

$$X = YD + R \Rightarrow X = YD + YR$$

## Long division of polynomials

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x + 2 \\ x-4 \overline{) 6x^2 - 26x + 12} \\ \underline{- 6x^2 + 24x} \phantom{+ 12} \\ 0 - 2x + 12 \\ \underline{- 2x + 8} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

$$= 6x - 12 + \frac{4}{x-4}$$

$$\frac{6x^2 - 26x + 12}{x-4} = 6x - 12 + \frac{4}{x-4} \leftarrow \text{remainder}$$

or

$$6x^2 - 26x + 12 = (x-4)(6x-12) + 4$$

$$P(x) = 3x^2 + 5x - 4$$

$$D(x) = x + 3$$

Express in the form

$$P(x) = D(x) \cdot Q(x) + R(x)$$

Quotient

$$\frac{3x - 4}{x+3} + \frac{8}{x+3}$$

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

$$3x^2 + 5x - 4 = (x+3)(3x-4) + 8$$

$$\underline{-4x - 4}$$

$$\underline{+4x + 11}$$

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$$\frac{3x^4 - 5x^3 - 20x - 5}{x^2 + x + 3} = 3x^2 - 8x + 1 + \frac{5x - 2}{x^2 + x + 3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x^2 - 8x + 1 \\
 \hline
 x^2 + x + 3 \sqrt{3x^4 - 5x^3 + 0x^2 - 20x - 5} \\
 \underline{-3x^4 + 3x^3 - 9x^2} \\
 -8x^3 - 9x^2 - 20x - 5 \\
 \underline{+8x^3 + 8x^2 + 24x} \\
 x^2 + 4x - 5 \\
 \underline{x^2 + x + 3} \\
 5x - 2
 \end{array}$$

Synthetic Division - can only be used when the divisor is in the form  $(x-c)$

long division

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x^2 - x - 3 \quad - r. -4 \\
 x-3 \overline{) 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 0x + 5} \\
 \underline{-2x^3 + 6x^2} \phantom{+ 0x + 5} \\
 -x^2 + 0x \phantom{+ 5} \\
 \underline{+x^2 + 3x} \phantom{+ 5} \\
 -3x + 5 \\
 \underline{+3x + 9} \\
 -4
 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2x^3 - 7x^2 + 5}{x-3} = (2x^2 - x - 3) + \frac{-4}{x-3}$$

Synthetic

coefficients of  $2x^3 - 7x^2 + 0x + 5$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3 \overline{) 2 \quad -7 \quad 0 \quad 5} \\
 \underline{6 \quad -3 \quad -9} \\
 2 \quad -1 \quad -3 \quad -4
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 x^2 & x & c & r \\
 2 & -1 & -3 & -4
 \end{array} = \boxed{2x^2 - x - 3 - \frac{4}{x-3}}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x - 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrr} 1 & 1 & -5 & 4 \\ & & 1 & -4 \\ \hline & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ \hline x & C & R & \end{array}$$

$$= x - 4$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = (x - 1)(x - 4)$$

$$\frac{6x^4 + 10x^3 + 5x^2 + x + 1}{x + \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= 6x^3 + 6x^2 + x + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{x + \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -\frac{2}{3} & 6 & 10 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\ & & -4 & -4 & -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \hline & 6 & 6 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \hline x^2 & x^2 & x & C & R & \end{array}$$

Recall from yesterday that

$$P(x) = (x-c)Q(x) + R$$

Dividend      Divisor      Quotient      Remainder

IF WE PLUS IN  $P(c)$

Then

$$P(c) = (c-c)Q(c) + R$$

$$P(c) = R$$

### Remainder Theorem

IF The polynomial is divided by  $x-c$ , then the remainder is the value  $P(c)$ .

in other words  $P(c) = \text{Remainder}$

Use Synthetic Division and Remainder Theorem  
to evaluate  $P(c)$

$$P(x) = 2x^2 + 9x + 1$$

$$c = 1/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(1/2) &= 2(1/2)^2 + 9(1/2) + 1 \\ &= 2(1/4) + 9/2 + 1 \\ &= 1/2 + 9/2 + 1 = 6 \end{aligned}$$

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$1/2$	2	9	1	1
		1		5
	2	10	6	6
	X	C	R	

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So remainder = 6

$$P(x) = 5x^4 + 30x^3 - 40x^2 + 36x + 14$$

$$c = -7$$

$-7$	5	30	-40	36	14	
		-35	35	-35	-497	
	5	-5	-5	71	-483	-483

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$$P(-7) = 7$$

## Factor Theorem

$c$  is a zero of  $P(x)$  if and only if  $x-c$  is a factor of  $P(x)$ .

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Q3 What does this mean.

$c$  is a zero of  $P(x)$  if  $\frac{P(x)}{x-c}$  has remainder 0

or

$c$  is a zero of  $P(x)$  if  $P(c) = 0$

$(x-c)$  is a factor of  $P(x)$  if  $P(c) = 0$  ~~is~~

Q4 Show that  $x-c$  is a factor of  $P(x)$  for the given value of  $c$ .

$$P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 10 \quad c = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & 2 & -3 & -10 \\ & & 2 & 8 & 10 \\ \hline & 1 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ x^2 & x & c & R & \end{array}$$

$\therefore$  From Factor Theorem  $(x-2)$  is a factor

48) Show that the given value of  $c$  are zeros of  $P(x)$  and find all other zeros

$$P(x) = 3x^4 - x^3 - 21x^2 - 11x + 6$$

$$c = \frac{1}{3}, -2$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} \frac{1}{3} & 3 & -1 & -21 & -11 & 6 \\ & & 1 & 0 & -7 & -6 \\ \hline & 3 & 0 & -21 & -18 & 0 \\ \hline & x^3 & x^2 & x & c & r \end{array}$$

Then  $(x - \frac{1}{3})$  is a factor.

$$3x^4 - x^3 - 21x^2 - 11x = (x - \frac{1}{3})(3x^3 - 21x - 18)$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 3 & 0 & -21 & -18 \\ & & -6 & 12 & 18 \\ \hline & 3 & -6 & -9 & 0 \\ \hline & x^2 & x & c & r \end{array}$$

$$3x^4 - x^3 - 21x^2 - 11x = (x - \frac{1}{3})(x - 2)(3x^2 - 6x - 9)$$

$$= (x - \frac{1}{3})(x - 2)3(x^2 - 2x - 3)$$

$$= (x - \frac{1}{3})(x - 2)3(x - 3)(x + 1)$$

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Impossible Division

FIND the Remainder when  $6x^{1000} - 17x^{562} + 12x + 26$  is divided by  $x+1$ ?

$$P(-1) = 6(-1)^{1000} - 17(-1)^{562} + 12(-1) + 26$$

$$= 6 - 17 - 12 + 26$$

$$= 9$$

Remainder =  $\frac{9}{x+1}$

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Does?

$$P(1) = 0$$

$$P(1) = (1)^{567} - 3(1)^{400} + 1^9 + 1$$

$$= 1 - 3 + 1 + 1$$

$$= 0$$

So yes?