

Dividing Polynomials

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Ex.1 What is  $107 \div 4$ ?

recall: long division!

$$\begin{array}{r} 26 \\ 4 \overline{) 107} \\ \underline{-8} \phantom{0} \\ 27 \\ \underline{-24} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

$$4 \overline{) 107}$$

3 → remainder of 3  
after division by 4

$$107 \div 4 = 26 R 3$$

$$= 26 + \frac{3}{4}$$

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Ex.2 Determine the quotient and remainder for

$$(3x^3 - 5x^2 - 7x - 1) \div (x - 3)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 4x + 5 \\ x-3 \overline{) 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 7x - 1} \\ \underline{-(3x^3 - 9x^2)} \phantom{-1} \\ 4x^2 - 7x \phantom{-1} \\ \underline{-(4x^2 - 12x)} \phantom{-1} \\ 5x - 1 \\ \underline{5x - 15} \\ 14 \end{array}$$

① focus on highest order terms

14 → R14

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (3x^3 - 5x^2 - 7x - 1) \div (x - 3) \\ = 3x^2 + 4x + 5 + \frac{14}{x - 3} \end{aligned}$$

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Ex.3 Use synthetic division (see p.164 for more detail)

$$(3x^3 - 5x^2 - 7x - 1) \div (x - 3)$$

$x - p, p = 3$

P	3	3	-5	-7	-1	
		9	12	15		
		3	4	5	14	
					R	

$3x^2 + 4x + 5 + \frac{14}{x-3}$

first division

was  $\frac{3x^3}{x} = 3x^2$

$f(x) \div [2(x-3)]$

$= \frac{f(x)}{2} \div (x-3)$

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

← add  
(instead of subtract from long division)

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Notes on synthetic division:

- (1) The divisor must be in the form  $(x - k)$
- (2) All terms must be represented, even if they have a coefficient of zero

If the remainder of the division is zero, then both the quotient and the divisor are factors of the original polynomial.

Ex.4 Is  $(x + 2)$  a factor of  $13x - 2x^3 + x^4 - 6$  ?

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p.168 # 1, 4, 5ace, 6ace, 7ac, 8d, 9ac, 10ace, 11, 12, 14  
 (1i) b

1.(a) (ii)  $x+4$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^3 - 20x^2 + 84x - 326 \\
 \hline
 x+4 \overline{) x^4 - 16x^3 + 4x^2 + 10x - 11} \\
 \underline{x^4 + 4x^3} \phantom{+ 4x^2 + 10x - 11} \\
 -20x^3 + 4x^2 \phantom{+ 10x - 11} \\
 \underline{-20x^3 - 80x^2} \phantom{+ 10x - 11} \\
 84x^2 + 10x \phantom{- 11} \\
 \underline{84x^2 + 336x} \phantom{- 11} \\
 -326x - 11 \\
 \underline{-326x - 1304} \\
 1293
 \end{array}$$

$x^3 - 20x^2 + 84x - 326 + \frac{1293}{x+4}$

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1(a) (ii)

$x+4 \rightarrow k=-4$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 -4 \overline{) 1 \quad -16 \quad 4 \quad 10 \quad -11} \\
 \underline{\phantom{-4} \phantom{)} -4 \quad 80 \quad -336 \quad 1304} \\
 1 \quad -20 \quad 84 \quad -326 \quad 1293 \\
 \hline
 \text{quotient} \qquad \text{remainder}
 \end{array}$$

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4. 
$$\frac{\text{dividend}}{\text{divisor}} = \frac{\text{quotient}}{\text{divisor}} + \frac{R}{\text{divisor}}$$

$$\text{dividend} = \text{divisor} \times \text{quotient} + R$$

$$\frac{\text{dividend}}{\text{divisor}} = \text{quotient} + \frac{R}{\text{divisor}}$$

(a) 
$$\frac{\text{dividend}}{\text{divisor}} = \text{quotient} + \frac{R}{\text{divisor}}$$

✓ division → find R, find quotient

d. rearrange

$$\frac{\text{dividend}}{\text{divisor}} - \text{quotient} = \frac{R}{\text{divisor}}$$

$$\text{dividend} - (\text{quotient})(\text{divisor}) = R$$

(b) dividend?

$$\frac{D}{d} = Q + \frac{R}{d}$$

$$D = Qd + R$$

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

$$= 6x^3 + 12x^2 - 10x^2 - 20x + 16x + 32 - 3$$

$$= 6x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x + 29$$

(c) 
$$\frac{D}{d} = Q + \frac{R}{d}$$

$$\frac{6x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x^2 - 11x - 9}{A} = 2x^2 + x - 4 + \frac{-5}{A}$$

$$6x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x^2 - 11x - 9 = (2x^2 + x - 4)A - 5$$

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

$$\frac{6x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x^2 - 11x - 4}{2x^2 + x - 4} = A$$

$$2x^2 + 0x^2 + 2x - 4 \quad \begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + x - 4 \\ 6x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x^2 - 11x - 4 \\ \hline 6x^3 + 0x^2 + 3x^2 - 11x - 4 \\ \hline 2x^2 + 0x^2 + 2x - 4 \\ \hline 2x^2 + 0x^2 + 2x - 4 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

∴ A = 3x + 1

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8(d)

$$(x^2 + 1)(2x^3 - 1) + R = 2x^5 + 2x^3 + x^2 + 1$$

$$\frac{D}{d} = Q + \frac{R}{d}$$

$$D = Qd + R$$

① long way

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

$$R = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

② short way:

$$(x^2 + 1)(2x^3 - 1) + R = 2x^5 + 2x^3 + x^2 + 1$$

$$\cancel{2x^5} - \cancel{x^2} + \cancel{2x^3} - 1 + R = \cancel{2x^5} + \cancel{2x^3} + x^2 + 1$$

$$R = 2x^2 + 2$$

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5(e)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x+1 \\
 \hline
 x^3-x^2-x+1 \big) x^4+0x^3+6x^2-8x+12 \\
 \underline{x^4-x^3-x^2+x} \quad \downarrow \\
 x^3+7x^2-9x+12 \\
 \underline{x^3-x^2-x+1} \\
 8x^2-8x+11 \\
 \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_R
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x^4+6x^2-8x+12}{x^3-x^2-x+1} = x+1 + \frac{8x^2-8x+11}{x^3-x^2-x+1}$$

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$$10(e) \quad 3x+5 \rightarrow 3\left(x+\frac{5}{3}\right) \rightarrow k = -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$3x+5 \big) \overline{\hspace{15em}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|ccccccc}
 -\frac{5}{3} & 3 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 17 & -1 \\
 & \downarrow & -5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -15 & -\frac{10}{3} \\
 \hline
 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 2 & \left(-\frac{13}{3}\right)
 \end{array}$$

$\begin{matrix} = -\frac{13}{3} \\ \nearrow \\ \end{matrix}$

 $R \neq 0 \therefore \text{not a factor}$ 

$$R = -\frac{13}{3}$$

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11.  $V = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$l = (x+3)$     $w = (x+2)$     $h = ?$

$V = l \times w \times h$

$h = \frac{V}{l \times w}$

$h = \frac{V}{(x+3)(x+2)}$

①

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Q} \\ x+3 \overline{) V} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} h \\ x+2 \overline{) Q} \end{array}$$

②

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{x^2+5x+6} \overline{) V} \\ (x+2)(x+3) \\ \underline{x^2+5x+6} \\ \phantom{x^2+5x+6} 0 \end{array}$$

$x+1$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2+5x+6 \overline{) x^3+6x^2+11x+6} \\ \underline{x^3+5x^2+6x} \phantom{+6} \\ x^2+5x+6 \\ \underline{x^2+5x+6} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$V = (x+1)(x+2)(x+3)$

$h \quad w \quad l$

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14.  $f(x) = x^n - 1$

$x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + x^{n-3} + \dots + x + 1$

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

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

$x^3 - 1^3 = (x-1)(x^2+x+1)$

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

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

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

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