

Section 3.3 - Polynomial division

Review: Divide 21345 by 12

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1778 \\
 12 \overline{) 21345} \\
 \underline{-12} \\
 93 \\
 \underline{-84} \\
 94 \\
 \underline{-84} \\
 105 \\
 \underline{-96} \\
 \textcircled{9}
 \end{array}
 \approx \frac{21345}{12} = 1778 + \frac{9}{12}$$

remained

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x+7 \\
 x+3 \overline{) x^2+10x+21} \\
 \underline{-(x^2+3x)} \\
 7x+21 \\
 \underline{-(7x+21)} \\
 0x+\textcircled{0}
 \end{array}
 \approx \frac{x^2+10x+21}{x+3} = x+7$$

Ex: Divide $4-5x-x^2+6x^3$ by $3x-2$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x^2 + x - 1 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

$\frac{6x^3}{3x}$ $\frac{3x^2}{3x}$ $\frac{-3x}{3x}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x^2 + x - 1 \\
 \hline
 3x-2 \overline{) 6x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 4} \\
 \underline{-6x^3 + 4x^2} \quad \downarrow \\
 3x^2 - 5x \quad \downarrow \\
 \underline{-3x^2 + 2x} \quad \downarrow \\
 -3x + 4 \\
 \underline{+3x - 2} \quad \downarrow \\
 2 \quad \leftarrow \text{remainder}
 \end{array}$$

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

$$6x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 4 = (3x - 2)(2x^2 + x - 1) + 2$$

Ex:

Divide: $6x^4 + 5x^3 + 3x - 5$ by $3x^2 - 2x$

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

$$6x^4 + 5x^3 - 2x - 5 = (3x^2 - 2x)(2x^2 + 3x + 2) + \frac{7x - 5}{3x^2 - 2x}$$

$$\frac{6x^4 + 5x^3 + 3x - 5}{3x^2 - 2x} = 2x^2 + 3x + 2 + \frac{7x - 5}{3x^2 - 2x} \quad \text{remainder}$$

$$6x^4 + 5x^3 + 3x - 5 = \underbrace{(3x^2 - 2x)}_{\text{divisor}} \underbrace{(2x^2 + 3x + 2)}_{\text{Quotient}} + 7x - 5$$

Note: Evaluating $6x^4 + 5x^3 + 3x - 5$ at $x=0$, we replace x with 0 on the left side.

What is the function value at $x = \frac{2}{3}$?

Replace x with $\frac{2}{3}$ on the right side:

$$(3x^2 - 2x)(2x^2 + 3x + 2) + 7x - 5$$

$$= x(3x - 2)(2x^2 + 3x + 2) + 7x - 5$$

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

$$= \frac{2}{3} \underbrace{\left(3 \cdot \frac{2}{3} - 2\right)}_{=0} \left(2 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 2\right) + 7 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - 5$$

$$= \frac{14}{3} - 5 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{14}{3} - \frac{10}{3} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

Synthetic division

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 7x + 16 \\ x-3 \overline{) x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x + 5} \\ \underline{-x^3 + 3x^2} \\ 7x^2 - 5x \end{array}$$

| | x^3 | x^2 | x | const |
|---|-------|----------|------------|------------|
| | 1 | 4 | -5 | 5 |
| 3 | ↓ | 3·1 3 | 3·7 21 | 3·16 48 |
| | 1 | 4+3 7 | 21-5 16 | 48+5 53 |

$$\begin{array}{r} -x + 2x \\ \hline 7x^2 - 5x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -7x^2 + 21x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$16x + 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -16x + 48 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$53$$

11 7 16 53 1

Divide: $5x^3 + 6x + 8$ by $x + 2$
 $5x^3 + 0x^2 + 6x + 8$ $x - (-2)$

| | | | | | |
|----|---|-----|----|-----|---------------------|
| | 5 | 0 | 6 | 8 | |
| -2 | | -10 | 20 | -52 | |
| | 5 | -10 | 26 | -44 | ← $5x^2 - 10x + 26$ |

↑ remainder

Thm If the polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $x - c$, then the remainder is $f(c)$.

$$f(x) = 5x^3 + 6x + 8 = (x - (-2))(5x^2 - 10x + 26) + (-44)$$

$$f(-2) = \boxed{-44}$$

Thm: let $f(x)$ be polynomial:

- a) If $f(c) = 0$, then $x - c$ is a factor of $f(x)$
- b) If $x - c$ is a factor of $f(x)$, then $f(c) = 0$.