

Work on as many problems as you can together with your group members. Towards the end of lecture your group will be asked to present problems correctly to receive classwork points.

1. Divide using long division. State the quotient, $q(x)$, and the remainder, $r(x)$.

(a) $(8x^3 - 12x^2 - 14x - 15) \div (2x - 5)$

(b) $(6x^3 - 2x^2 + 10x - 14) \div (2x - 2)$

(c) $(9x^3 + 6x^2 - 9x - 6) \div (3x - 3)$

(d) $(4x^3 + 4x^2 - 9x - 9) \div (2x - 3)$

(e) $(4x^3 + 12x^2 + 7x - 7) \div (2x - 1)$

Solution

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(a)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 4x^2 + 4x + 3 \\
 2x - 5 \overline{) 8x^3 - 12x^2 - 14x - 15} \\
 \underline{- 8x^3 + 20x^2} \\
 8x^2 - 14x \\
 \underline{- 8x^2 + 20x} \\
 6x - 15 \\
 \underline{- 6x + 15} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 4x^2 + 4x + 3$ and $r(x) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(b)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 3x^2 + 2x + 7 \\
 2x - 2 \overline{) 6x^3 - 2x^2 + 10x - 14} \\
 \underline{- 6x^3 + 6x^2} \\
 4x^2 + 10x \\
 \underline{- 4x^2 + 4x} \\
 14x - 14 \\
 \underline{- 14x + 14} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 7$ and $r(x) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(c)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 3x^2 + 5x + 2 \\
 3x - 3 \overline{) 9x^3 + 6x^2 - 9x - 6} \\
 \underline{- 9x^3 + 9x^2} \\
 15x^2 - 9x \\
 \underline{- 15x^2 + 15x} \\
 6x - 6 \\
 \underline{- 6x + 6} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 3x^2 + 5x + 2$ and $r(x) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(d)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 2x^2 + 5x + 3 \\
 2x - 3 \overline{) 4x^3 + 4x^2 - 9x - 9} \\
 \underline{- 4x^3 + 6x^2} \\
 10x^2 - 9x \\
 \underline{- 10x^2 + 15x} \\
 6x - 9 \\
 \underline{- 6x + 9} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 2x^2 + 5x + 3$ and $r(x) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(e)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 2x^2 + 7x + 7 \\
 2x - 1 \overline{) 4x^3 + 12x^2 + 7x - 7} \\
 \underline{- 4x^3 + 2x^2} \\
 14x^2 + 7x \\
 \underline{- 14x^2 + 7x} \\
 14x - 7 \\
 \underline{- 14x + 7} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 2x^2 + 7x + 7$ and $r(x) = 0$

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2. Divide using long division. State the quotient, $q(x)$, and the remainder, $r(x)$.

(a) $(15x^4 + 18x^3 + x^2) \div (3x^2 + 2)$

(b) $(18x^4 + 12x^3 + 17x^2) \div (2x^2 + 3)$

(c) $(24x^4 + 9x^3 + 5x^2) \div (3x^2 + 1)$

(d) $(4x^4 + 8x^3 + 4x^2) \div (2x^2 + 3)$

(e) $(10x^4 + 10x^3 + 11x^2) \div (2x^2 + 3)$

Solution

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(a)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 5x^2 + 6x - 3 \\
 3x^2 + 2 \overline{) 15x^4 + 18x^3 + x^2 + 0x + 0} \\
 \underline{-15x^4} \qquad \qquad \underline{-10x^2} \\
 18x^3 - 9x^2 + 0x \\
 \underline{-18x^3} \qquad \qquad \underline{-12x} \\
 -9x^2 - 12x + 0 \\
 \underline{9x^2} \qquad \qquad \underline{+6} \\
 -12x + 6
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 5x^2 + 6x - 3$ and $r(x) = -12x + 6$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(b)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 9x^2 + 6x - 5 \\
 2x^2 + 3 \overline{) 18x^4 + 12x^3 + 17x^2 + 0x + 0} \\
 \underline{-18x^4} \qquad \qquad \underline{-27x^2} \\
 12x^3 - 10x^2 + 0x \\
 \underline{-12x^3} \qquad \qquad \underline{-18x} \\
 -10x^2 - 18x + 0 \\
 \underline{10x^2} \qquad \qquad \underline{+15} \\
 -18x + 15
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 5$ and $r(x) = -18x + 15$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(c)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 8x^2 + 3x - 1 \\
 3x^2 + 1 \overline{) 24x^4 + 9x^3 + 5x^2 + 0x + 0} \\
 \underline{-24x^4} \qquad \qquad \underline{-8x^2} \\
 9x^3 - 3x^2 + 0x \\
 \underline{-9x^3} \qquad \qquad \underline{-3x} \\
 -3x^2 - 3x + 0 \\
 \underline{3x^2} \qquad \qquad \underline{+1} \\
 -3x + 1
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 8x^2 + 3x - 1$ and $r(x) = -3x + 1$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(d)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 2x^2 + 4x - 1 \\
 2x^2 + 3) \quad \underline{4x^4 + 8x^3 + 4x^2 + 0x + 0} \\
 \qquad \qquad \quad - 4x^4 \qquad \quad - 6x^2 \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad \underline{8x^3 - 2x^2 + 0x} \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad - 8x^3 \qquad \quad - 12x \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad \underline{- 2x^2 - 12x + 0} \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad \quad 2x^2 \qquad \quad + 3 \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad \quad \underline{- 12x + 3}
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 2x^2 + 4x - 1$ and $r(x) = -12x + 3$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(e)} \qquad \qquad \qquad 5x^2 + 5x - 2 \\
 2x^2 + 3) \quad \underline{10x^4 + 10x^3 + 11x^2 + 0x + 0} \\
 \qquad \qquad \quad - 10x^4 \qquad \quad - 15x^2 \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad \underline{10x^3 - 4x^2 + 0x} \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad - 10x^3 \qquad \quad - 15x \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad \underline{- 4x^2 - 15x + 0} \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad \quad 4x^2 \qquad \quad + 6 \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \quad \quad \underline{- 15x + 6}
 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 5x^2 + 5x - 2$ and $r(x) = -15x + 6$

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3. Divide using synthetic division.

(a) $(4x^5 - 2x^3 + 6x^2 - 7x + 6) \div (x - 2)$

(b) $(5x^5 - 4x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 7) \div (x - 2)$

(c) $(6x^5 - 4x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x + 2) \div (x - 2)$

(d) $(3x^5 - 5x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 3) \div (x - 2)$

(e) $(6x^5 - 5x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 5) \div (x - 2)$

Solution

(a)

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} 2 & 4 & 0 & -2 & 6 & -7 & 6 \\ & & 8 & 16 & 28 & 68 & 122 \\ \hline & 4 & 8 & 14 & 34 & 61 & 128 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 4x^4 + 8x^3 + 14x^2 + 34x + 61$ and $r(x) = 128$

(b)

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} 2 & 5 & 0 & -4 & 4 & -3 & 7 \\ & & 10 & 20 & 32 & 72 & 138 \\ \hline & 5 & 10 & 16 & 36 & 69 & 145 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 16x^2 + 36x + 69$ and $r(x) = 145$

(c)

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} 2 & 6 & 0 & -4 & 5 & -4 & 2 \\ & & 12 & 24 & 40 & 90 & 172 \\ \hline & 6 & 12 & 20 & 45 & 86 & 174 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 6x^4 + 12x^3 + 20x^2 + 45x + 86$ and $r(x) = 174$

(d)

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} 2 & 3 & 0 & -5 & 3 & -4 & 3 \\ & & 6 & 12 & 14 & 34 & 60 \\ \hline & 3 & 6 & 7 & 17 & 30 & 63 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 3x^4 + 6x^3 + 7x^2 + 17x + 30$ and $r(x) = 63$

(e)

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} 2 & 6 & 0 & -5 & 4 & -3 & 5 \\ & & 12 & 24 & 38 & 84 & 162 \\ \hline & 6 & 12 & 19 & 42 & 81 & 167 \end{array}$$

Thus $q(x) = 6x^4 + 12x^3 + 19x^2 + 42x + 81$ and $r(x) = 167$

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4. Use synthetic division and the remainder theorem to find the indicated function value.

(a) $f(x) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x - 6; f(4)$

(b) $f(x) = 6x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x + 1; f(-1)$

(c) $f(x) = 4x^3 - 3x^2 - 5x + 4; f(-1)$

(d) $f(x) = 3x^3 - 13x^2 + 3x - 3; f(3)$

(e) $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x - 4; f(4)$

Solution

(a)

$$4 \left| \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -2 & -6 \\ & 4 & 32 & 140 & 552 \\ \hline 1 & 8 & 35 & 138 & 546 \end{array} \right.$$

Thus $f(4) = 546$

(b)

$$-1 \left| \begin{array}{cccc|c} 6 & -2 & -3 & 1 & \\ & -6 & 8 & -5 & \\ \hline 6 & -8 & 5 & -4 & \end{array} \right.$$

Thus $f(-1) = -4$

(c)

$$-1 \left| \begin{array}{cccc|c} 4 & -3 & -5 & 4 & \\ & -4 & 7 & -2 & \\ \hline 4 & -7 & 2 & 2 & \end{array} \right.$$

Thus $f(-1) = 2$

(d)

$$3 \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -13 & 3 & -3 \\ & 9 & -12 & -27 \\ \hline 3 & -4 & -9 & -30 \end{array} \right.$$

Thus $f(3) = -30$

(e)

$$4 \left| \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & -7 & -4 \\ & 4 & 28 & 132 & 500 \\ \hline 1 & 7 & 33 & 125 & 496 \end{array} \right.$$

Thus $f(4) = 496$

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5. Solve the equation $f(x) = 0$ given that a is a zero of $f(x)$.

(a) $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 8, a = -1$

(b) $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6, a = 2$

(c) $f(x) = x^3 - 13x^2 + 47x - 35, a = 1$

(d) $f(x) = 9x^3 + 9x^2 - x - 1, a = -\frac{1}{3}$

(e) $f(x) = 16x^3 + 16x^2 - x - 1, a = -\frac{1}{4}$

Solution

(a)

$$-1 \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -5 & 2 & 8 \\ & -1 & 6 & -8 \\ \hline & 1 & -6 & 8 & 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Thus we have

$$x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 8 = (x + 1)(x^2 - 6x + 8) = (x + 1)(x - 4)(x - 2)$$

So the solutions are

$$x = -1, 4, 2$$

(b)

$$2 \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -5 & -6 \\ & 2 & 8 & 6 \\ \hline & 1 & 4 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Thus we have

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

So the solutions are

$$x = 2, -3, -1$$

(c)

$$1 \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -13 & 47 & -35 \\ & 1 & -12 & 35 \\ \hline & 1 & -12 & 35 & 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Thus we have

$$x^3 - 13x^2 + 47x - 35 = (x - 1)(x^2 - 12x + 35) = (x - 1)(x - 5)(x - 7)$$

So the solutions are

$$x = 1, 5, 7$$

(d)

$$-\frac{1}{3} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 9 & 9 & -1 & -1 \\ & -3 & -2 & 1 \\ \hline 9 & 6 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right|$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} 9x^3 + 9x^2 - x - 1 &= \left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)(9x^2 + 6x - 3) \\ &= 3\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)(3x^2 + 2x - 1) \\ &= 3\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)(3x - 1)(x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

So the solutions are

$$x = -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -1$$

(e)

$$-\frac{1}{4} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 16 & 16 & -1 & -1 \\ & -4 & -3 & 1 \\ \hline 16 & 12 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right|$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} 16x^3 + 16x^2 - x - 1 &= \left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)(16x^2 + 12x - 4) \\ &= 4\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)(4x^2 + 3x - 1) \\ &= 4\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)(4x - 1)(x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

So the solutions are

$$x = -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, -1$$

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