

# Polynomial Division

Ex.  $7 \overline{) 5280}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 754\frac{2}{7} \\ \underline{49} \phantom{0} \\ 38 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{-35} \phantom{0} \\ 30 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{-28} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

Ex. Divide  $6x^3 - 19x^2 + 16x - 4$  by  $x - 2$ , and use the results to factor the polynomial completely.

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^2 - 7x + 2 \\ x-2 \overline{) 6x^3 - 19x^2 + 16x - 4} \\ \underline{-6x^3 + 12x^2} \phantom{-4} \\ -7x^2 + 16x \phantom{-4} \\ \underline{+7x^2 - 14x} \phantom{-4} \\ 2x - 4 \phantom{-4} \\ \underline{-2x + 4} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 6x^3 - 19x^2 + 16x - 4 \\ &= (x-2)(6x^2 - 7x + 2) \\ &= \boxed{(x-2)(3x-2)(2x-1)} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Divide  $x^2 + 3x + 5$  by  $x + 1$ .

$$x + 2 + \frac{3}{x + 1}$$

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

Ex. Divide  $x^3 - 1$  by  $x - 1$ .

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

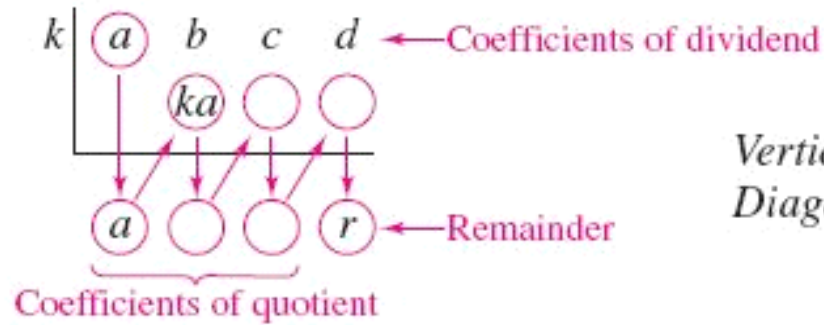
Ex. Divide  $2x^4 + 4x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x - 2$  by  $x^2 + 2x - 3$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 1 \\ x^2 + 2x - 3 \overline{) 2x^4 + 4x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x - 2} \\ \underline{-2x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2} \phantom{+ 3x - 2} \\ x^2 + 3x - 2 \\ \underline{-x^2 + 2x + 3} \\ x + 1 \end{array}$$

$$2x^2 + 1 + \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$$

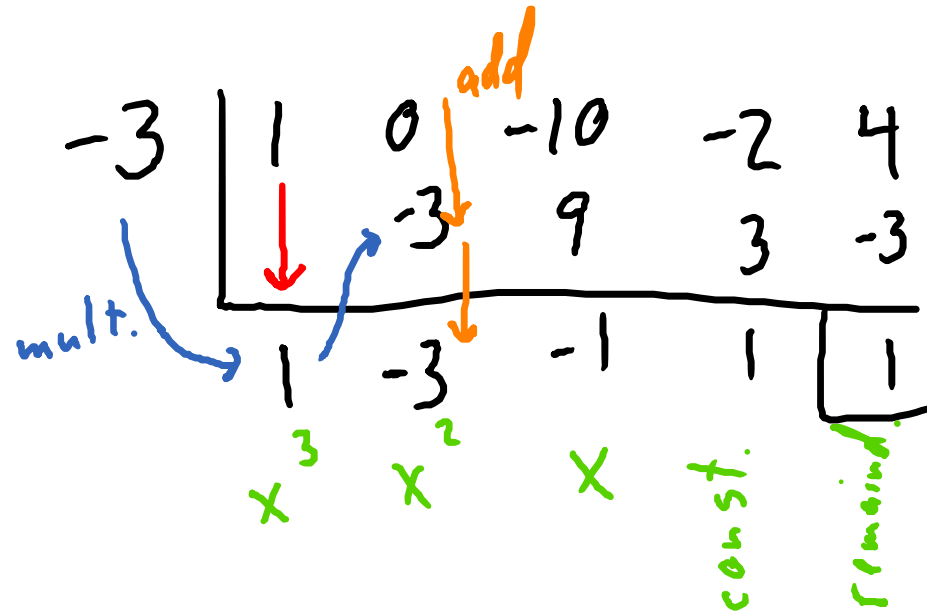
## Synthetic Division (for a Cubic Polynomial)

To divide  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  by  $x - k$ , use the following pattern.



Vertical pattern: Add terms.  
Diagonal pattern: Multiply by  $k$ .

Ex. Divide  $x^4 - 10x^2 - 2x + 4$  by  $x + 3$ .



$$x^3 - 3x^2 - 1x + 1 + \frac{1}{x+3}$$

Ex. Show that  $(x - 2)$  and  $(x + 3)$  are factors of  $f(x) = 2x^4 + 7x^3 - 4x^2 - 27x - 18$ , then find the remaining factors.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr}
 2 & 2 & 7 & -4 & -27 & -18 \\
 & & 4 & 22 & 36 & 18 \\
 \hline
 -3 & 2 & 11 & 18 & 9 & 0 \\
 & & -6 & -15 & -9 & \\
 \hline
 & 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 & \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= 2x^4 + 7x^3 - 4x^2 - 27x - 18 \\
 &= (x - 2)(2x^3 + 11x^2 + 18x + 9) \\
 &= (x - 2)(x + 3)(2x^2 + 5x + 3) \\
 &= (x - 2)(x + 3)(2x + 3)(x + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Zeroes of a Polynomial

## Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

If a polynomial has degree  $n$ , then it has exactly  $n$  zeroes.

- This includes repeating zeroes
- Some of the zeroes may be complex numbers
- If  $k$  is a zero, then the polynomial can be divided by  $(x - k)$
- We know that the zeroes exist, though we may not be able to find them



a)  $f(x) = x - 2$  has one zero,  $x = 2$

b)  $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 9$  has two zeroes,  $x = 3$   
and  $x = 3$

c)  $f(x) = x^3 + 4x$  has three zeroes,  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 2i$ ,  
and  $x = -2i$

d)  $f(x) = x^4 - 1$  has four zeroes,  $x = 1$ ,  $x = -1$ ,  
 $x = i$ , and  $x = -i$

To help us find zeroes, we can use:

## Rational Zero Test

If a polynomial has integer coefficients, every rational zero has the form

$$\frac{p}{q}$$

where  $p$  = factor of constant coefficient

$q$  = factor of lead coefficient

Ex. Factor  $f(x) = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - 3x - 6$

$\frac{3}{1}$   $\frac{2}{1}$   $\frac{6}{1}$   $\frac{1}{1}$

$x, 2, 3, 6, -1, -2, -3, -6$

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

$f(-1) = (-1)^4 - (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 3(-1) - 6 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 3 - 6 = 0 \checkmark$

$\rightarrow x = -1$  is a zero  
 $\rightarrow (x+1)$  is a factor

|    |   |    |   |    |    |
|----|---|----|---|----|----|
| -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -3 | -6 |
|    |   | -1 | 2 | -3 | 6  |
|    | 1 | -2 | 3 | -6 | 0  |

$f(2) = 2^4 - 2^3 + 2^2 - 3(2) - 6 = 16 - 8 + 4 - 6 - 6 = 0 \checkmark$

$\rightarrow x = 2$  is a zero  
 $\rightarrow (x-2)$  is a factor

|   |   |    |   |    |
|---|---|----|---|----|
| 2 | 1 | -2 | 3 | -6 |
|   |   | 2  | 0 | 6  |
|   | 1 | 0  | 3 | 0  |

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

Ex. Find all real solutions of  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 8x + 3 = 0$

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

$f(1) = 2(1)^3 + 3(1)^2 - 8(1) + 3 = 2 + 3 - 8 + 3 = 0$   
 $\rightarrow x=1$  is a zero  
 $\rightarrow (x-1)$  is a factor

|   |   |   |    |    |
|---|---|---|----|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | -8 | 3  |
|   |   | 2 | 5  | -3 |
|   | 2 | 5 | -3 | 0  |

$$2x^3 + 3x^2 - 8x + 3 = 0$$

$$(x-1)(2x^2 + 5x - 3) = 0$$

$$(x-1)(2x-1)(x+3) = 0$$

$x=1$     $x=\frac{1}{2}$     $x=-3$

If a complex number is a zero of a polynomial, then so is the conjugate.

Ex. Find a fourth-degree polynomial that has 1, -1, and  $3i \rightarrow -3i$  as zeroes.

| <u>zeroes</u> | <u>factors</u>         |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 1             | $\longrightarrow x-1$  |
| -1            | $\longrightarrow x+1$  |
| $3i$          | $\longrightarrow x-3i$ |
| $-3i$         | $\longrightarrow x+3i$ |

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \underbrace{(x-1)(x+1)} \underbrace{(x-3i)(x+3i)} \\ &= (x^2-1)(x^2-9i^2) \\ &= (x^2-1)(x^2+9) \\ &= \boxed{x^4 + 8x^2 - 9} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Find all zeroes of  $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 + 6x^2 + 2x - 60$  given that  $1 + 3i$  is a zero.

# Mathematical Modeling

$y$  is directly proportional to  $x$  if  $y = kx$  for some constant  $k$

$k$  is called the constant of proportionality

We also say varies directly

Ex. The state income tax is directly proportional to gross income. If the tax is \$46.05 for an income of \$1500, write a mathematical model for income tax.

$i$  = income

$t$  = tax

$$t = k i$$

$$\frac{46.05}{1500} = k \frac{(1500)}{1500}$$

$$k = .0307$$

$$t = .0307 i$$

$$t = 46.05 \rightarrow i = 1500$$



$y$  is directly proportional to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power to  $x$  if  $y = kx^n$  for some constant  $k$

Ex. The distance a ball rolls down a hill is directly proportional to the square of the time it rolls.

During the first second, the ball rolls 8 ft. Write an equation for this model. How long does it take for the ball to roll 72 ft?

$$\begin{cases} t = 1 \\ d = 8 \end{cases}$$

$d = \text{distance}$   
 $t = \text{time}$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= k t^2 \\ 8 &= k (1)^2 \\ 8 &= k \end{aligned}$$

$$d = 8 t^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{72}{8} &= \frac{8 t^2}{8} \\ \sqrt{9} &= \sqrt{t^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$t = 3$$

$y$  is inversely proportional to  $x$  if  $y = \frac{k}{x}$   
for some constant  $k$

We also say varies inversely

$z$  is jointly proportional to  $x$  and  $y$  if  $z = kxy$   
for some constant  $k$

We also say varies jointly

Ex. The simple interest for a savings account is jointly proportional to the time and the principal. After one quarter, the interest on a principal of \$5000 is \$43.75. Write an equation for this model.

$$i = ktp$$

$$43.75 = k\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)(5000)$$

$$\frac{43.75}{1250} = \frac{k(1250)}{1250}$$

$$k = .035$$


$$i = .035tp$$

$$t = \frac{1}{4}$$

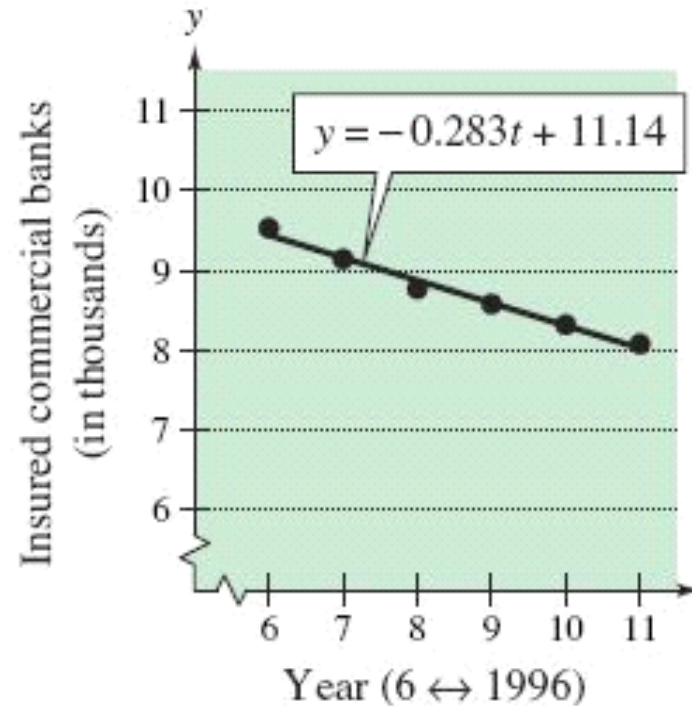
$$p = 5000$$

$$i = 43.75$$

In the real world, you will have data points and will want to find a function to describe the situation.



| Year | Insured commercial banks, $y$ |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 1996 | 9.53                          |
| 1997 | 9.14                          |
| 1998 | 8.77                          |
| 1999 | 8.58                          |
| 2000 | 8.32                          |
| 2001 | 8.08                          |



Ex. Use your calculator to find a linear regression for the data below.



| Year | Prize money, $p$ |
|------|------------------|
| 1995 | 8.06             |
| 1996 | 8.11             |
| 1997 | 8.61             |
| 1998 | 8.72             |
| 1999 | 9.05             |
| 2000 | 9.48             |
| 2001 | 9.61             |
| 2002 | 10.03            |
| 2003 | 10.15            |
| 2004 | 10.25            |