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PC: Remainder Theorem and Factor Theorem

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Do now:

1. Let  $P(x) = 3x^5 + 5x^4 - 4x^3 + 7x + 3$ .
  - (a) Find the quotient and remainder when  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x + 2$ .
  - (b) Find  $P(-2)$ .

**Remainder Theorem:**

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

1. Let  $P(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 1$ . Find  $P(3)$  using 2 different methods.

**Factor Theorem:**

A polynomial  $P(x)$  has a factor of  $x - c$  if and only if  $P(c) = 0$ .

2. Show that  $x - 2$  is a factor of  $P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 10$ .

3. (a) Use the factor theorem to show that  $x+3$  is a factor of  $P(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 12$ .  
(b) Factor  $P(x)$  completely.

4. Let  $P(x) = x^3 - 7x + 6$ .  
(a) Show that  $P(1) = 0$ .  
(b) Factor  $P(x)$  completely.

5. Find a polynomial of degree 4 that has zeros  $-3, 0, 1$ , and  $5$ .

## Practice Section A

**1–6** ■ Two polynomials  $P$  and  $D$  are given. Use either synthetic or long division to divide  $P(x)$  by  $D(x)$ , and express  $P$  in the form  $P(x) = D(x) \cdot Q(x) + R(x)$ .

1.  $P(x) = 3x^2 + 5x - 4$ ,  $D(x) = x + 3$
2.  $P(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 6x + 1$ ,  $D(x) = x - 1$
3.  $P(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x$ ,  $D(x) = 2x - 3$
4.  $P(x) = 4x^3 + 7x + 9$ ,  $D(x) = 2x + 1$
5.  $P(x) = x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 2$ ,  $D(x) = x^2 + 3$
6.  $P(x) = 2x^5 + 4x^4 - 4x^3 - x - 3$ ,  $D(x) = x^2 - 2$

**7–12** ■ Two polynomials  $P$  and  $D$  are given. Use either synthetic or long division to divide  $P(x)$  by  $D(x)$ , and express the quotient  $P(x)/D(x)$  in the form

$$\frac{P(x)}{D(x)} = Q(x) + \frac{R(x)}{D(x)}$$

7.  $P(x) = x^2 + 4x - 8$ ,  $D(x) = x + 3$
8.  $P(x) = x^3 + 6x + 5$ ,  $D(x) = x - 4$
9.  $P(x) = 4x^2 - 3x - 7$ ,  $D(x) = 2x - 1$
10.  $P(x) = 6x^3 + x^2 - 12x + 5$ ,  $D(x) = 3x - 4$
11.  $P(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 9x^2$ ,  $D(x) = x^2 + 4$
12.  $P(x) = x^5 + x^4 - 2x^3 + x + 1$ ,  $D(x) = x^2 + x - 1$

**13–22** ■ Find the quotient and remainder using long division.

13.  $\frac{x^2 - 6x - 8}{x - 4}$
14.  $\frac{x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 6}{x - 2}$
15.  $\frac{4x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x - 3}{2x + 1}$
16.  $\frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x + 3}{3x + 6}$
17.  $\frac{x^3 + 6x + 3}{x^2 - 2x + 2}$
18.  $\frac{3x^4 - 5x^3 - 20x - 5}{x^2 + x + 3}$
19.  $\frac{6x^3 + 2x^2 + 22x}{2x^2 + 5}$
20.  $\frac{9x^2 - x + 5}{3x^2 - 7x}$
21.  $\frac{x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 1}$
22.  $\frac{2x^5 - 7x^4 - 13}{4x^2 - 6x + 8}$

**23–36** ■ Find the quotient and remainder using synthetic division.

23.  $\frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x - 3}$
24.  $\frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x - 1}$
25.  $\frac{3x^2 + 5x}{x - 6}$
26.  $\frac{4x^2 - 3}{x + 5}$
27.  $\frac{x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 1}{x + 2}$
28.  $\frac{3x^3 - 12x^2 - 9x + 1}{x - 5}$
29.  $\frac{x^3 - 8x + 2}{x + 3}$
30.  $\frac{x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 2}{x - 2}$

31.  $\frac{x^5 + 3x^3 - 6}{x - 1}$

32.  $\frac{x^3 - 9x^2 + 27x - 27}{x - 3}$

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

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

35.  $\frac{x^3 - 27}{x - 3}$

36.  $\frac{x^4 - 16}{x + 2}$

**37–49** Use synthetic division and the Remainder Theorem to evaluate  $P(c)$ .

37.  $P(x) = 4x^2 + 12x + 5, c = -1$

38.  $P(x) = 2x^2 + 9x + 1, c = \frac{1}{2}$

39.  $P(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 7x + 6, c = 2$

40.  $P(x) = x^3 - x^2 + x + 5, c = -1$

41.  $P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 7, c = -2$

42.  $P(x) = 2x^3 - 21x^2 + 9x - 200, c = 11$

43.  $P(x) = 5x^4 + 30x^3 - 40x^2 + 36x + 14, c = -7$

44.  $P(x) = 6x^5 + 10x^3 + x + 1, c = -2$

45.  $P(x) = x^7 - 3x^2 - 1, c = 3$

46.  $P(x) = -2x^6 + 7x^5 + 40x^4 - 7x^2 + 10x + 112, c = -3$

47.  $P(x) = 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 2x + 1, c = \frac{2}{3}$

48.  $P(x) = x^3 - x + 1, c = \frac{1}{4}$

49.  $P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 8, c = 0.1$

50. Let

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= 6x^7 - 40x^6 + 16x^5 - 200x^4 \\ &\quad - 60x^3 - 69x^2 + 13x - 139 \end{aligned}$$

Calculate  $P(7)$  by (a) using synthetic division and (b) substituting  $x = 7$  into the polynomial and evaluating directly.

**51–54** Use the Factor Theorem to show that  $x - c$  is a factor of  $P(x)$  for the given value(s) of  $c$ .

51.  $P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1, c = 1$

52.  $P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 10, c = 2$

53.  $P(x) = 2x^3 + 7x^2 + 6x - 5, c = \frac{1}{2}$

54.  $P(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - 16x^2 - 27x + 63, c = 3, -3$

**55–56** Show that the given value(s) of  $c$  are zeros of  $P(x)$ , and find all other zeros of  $P(x)$ .

55.  $P(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 11x + 15, c = 3$

56.  $P(x) = 3x^4 - x^3 - 21x^2 - 11x + 6, c = \frac{1}{3}, -2$

**57–60** Find a polynomial of the specified degree that has the given zeros.

57. Degree 3; zeros  $-1, 1, 3$

58. Degree 4; zeros  $-2, 0, 2, 4$

59. Degree 4; zeros  $-1, 1, 3, 5$

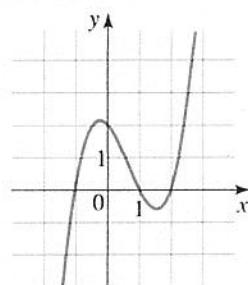
60. Degree 5; zeros  $-2, -1, 0, 1, 2$

61. Find a polynomial of degree 3 that has zeros  $1, -2$ , and  $3$ , and in which the coefficient of  $x^2$  is  $3$ .

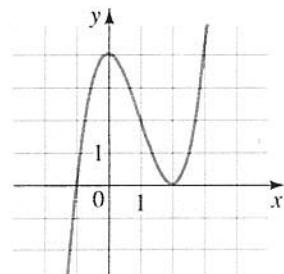
62. Find a polynomial of degree 4 that has integer coefficients and zeros  $1, -1, 2$ , and  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

**63–66** Find the polynomial of the specified degree whose graph is shown.

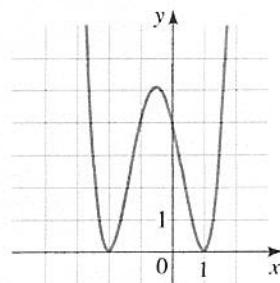
63. Degree 3



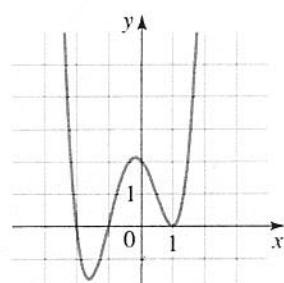
64. Degree 3



65. Degree 4



66. Degree 4



## Discovery • Discussion

67. **Impossible Division?** Suppose you were asked to solve the following two problems on a test:

A. Find the remainder when  $6x^{1000} - 17x^{562} + 12x + 26$  is divided by  $x + 1$ .

B. Is  $x - 1$  a factor of  $x^{567} - 3x^{400} + x^9 + 2$ ?

## Practice Section B

*Use synthetic division and the remainder theorem.*

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| 1. $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 2$ ; find $f(2)$ .       | 2. $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 5$ ; find $f(-1)$ .        |
| 3. $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^2 + x + 2$ ; find $f(3)$ .       | 4. $f(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 - 3x - 1$ ; find $f(-2)$ .        |
| 5. $f(x) = x^5 - x^3 + 2x^2 + x - 3$ ; find $f(1)$ . | 6. $f(x) = 3x^4 + 2x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 7$ ; find $f(-3)$ . |

*Find the remainder for each division by substitution, using the remainder theorem. That is, in Exercise 7 (for example) let  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 5$  and find  $f(2) = r$ .*

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| 7. $(x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 5) \div (x - 2)$    | 8. $(x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 5) \div (x + 2)$         |
| 9. $(2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x + 1) \div (x - 3)$   | 10. $(3x^4 - x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1) \div (x + 3)$  |
| 11. $(4x^5 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 2) \div (x + 1)$ | 12. $(3x^5 - 2x^4 + x^3 - 7x + 1) \div (x - 1)$ |

*Show that the given binomial  $x - c$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , and then factor  $p(x)$  completely.*

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| 13. $p(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$ ; $x + 1$            | 14. $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$ ; $x - 1$          |
| 15. $p(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 - 2x - 24$ ; $x - 2$            | 16. $p(x) = -x^3 + 11x^2 - 23x - 35$ ; $x - 7$       |
| 17. $p(x) = -x^3 + 7x + 6$ ; $x + 2$                   | 18. $p(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 13x + 10$ ; $x + 5$         |
| 19. $p(x) = 6x^3 - 25x^2 - 29x + 20$ ; $x - 5$         | 20. $p(x) = 12x^3 - 22x^2 - 100x - 16$ ; $x + 2$     |
| 21. $p(x) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 4$ ; $x + 2$      | 22. $p(x) = x^4 - 8x^3 + 7x^2 + 72x - 144$ ; $x - 4$ |
| 23. $p(x) = x^6 + 6x^5 + 8x^4 - 6x^3 - 9x^2$ ; $x + 3$ |  |