

SM3 2.4: Synthetic Division and Remainder Thm. Key

Vocabulary Problems: Interpret the results of the synthetic division problem by rewriting the problem as $\frac{\text{dividend}}{\text{divisor}} = \text{quotient}$.

1)
$$\begin{array}{r} [2] & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ \downarrow & & 6 & 22 \\ \hline 3 & 11 & [29] \end{array}$$

2)
$$\begin{array}{r} [-7] & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ \downarrow & & -7 & -35 \\ \hline 1 & -5 & [-31] \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3x^2 + 5x + 7}{x - 2} = 3x + 11 + \frac{29}{x - 2}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x + 7} = x - 5 - \frac{31}{x + 7}$$

3) What is the remainder of $\frac{4x-11}{x-6}$?

$$\begin{array}{r} [6] & 4 & -11 \\ \downarrow & & 24 \\ \hline 4 & [13] \end{array}$$

4) What is the remainder of $\frac{5x^3-2x^2+4x-9}{x+3}$?

$$\begin{array}{r} [-3] & 5 & -2 & 4 & -9 \\ \downarrow & & -15 & 51 & -165 \\ \hline 5 & -17 & 55 & [-174] \end{array}$$

Problems: Simplify each expression into a quotient that contains a polynomial and $\frac{\text{remainder}}{\text{divisor}}$.

5)
$$\frac{x^2 + 10x + 24}{x - 2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} [2] & 1 & 10 & 24 \\ \downarrow & & 2 & 24 \\ \hline 1 & 12 & [48] \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} [4] & 1 & -3 & 7 \\ \downarrow & & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & [11] \end{array}$$

7)
$$\frac{x^2 + 7x - 12}{x - 3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} [3] & 1 & 7 & -12 \\ \downarrow & & 3 & 30 \\ \hline 1 & 10 & [18] \end{array}$$

$$x + 12 + \frac{48}{x - 2}$$

$$x + 1 + \frac{11}{x - 4}$$

$$x + 10 + \frac{18}{x - 3}$$

$$8) \frac{x^2 + x - 30}{x + 6}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-6} & 1 & 1 & -30 \\ & \downarrow & -6 & 30 \\ \hline 1 & -5 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$

$$9) \frac{x^2 + 11x + 8}{x + 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-1} & 1 & 11 & 8 \\ & \downarrow & -1 & -10 \\ \hline 1 & 10 & \boxed{-2} \end{array}$$

$$10) \frac{x^2 + 4x - 5}{x}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{0} & 1 & 4 & -5 \\ & \downarrow & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 4 & \boxed{-5} \end{array}$$

$$x - 5$$

$$x + 10 + \frac{-2}{x + 1}$$

$$x + 4 + \frac{-5}{x}$$

$$11) \frac{3x^2 + x + 6}{x - 8}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{8} & 3 & 1 & 6 \\ & \downarrow & 24 & 200 \\ \hline 3 & 25 & \boxed{206} \end{array}$$

$$12) \frac{-4x^2 - 3x - 1}{x + 6}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-6} & -4 & -3 & -1 \\ & \downarrow & 24 & -126 \\ \hline -4 & 21 & \boxed{-127} \end{array}$$

$$13) \frac{2x^2 - 12}{x - 5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{5} & 2 & 0 & -12 \\ & \downarrow & 10 & 50 \\ \hline 2 & 10 & \boxed{38} \end{array}$$

$$3x + 25 + \frac{206}{x - 8}$$

$$-4x + 21 + \frac{-127}{x + 6}$$

$$2x + 10 + \frac{38}{x - 5}$$

$$14) \frac{x^3 - 5x^2 + 10x - 50}{x - 5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{5} & 1 & -5 & 10 & -50 \\ & \downarrow & 5 & 0 & 50 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 10 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$

$$15) \frac{x^3 + x^2 + x + 1}{x - 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & \downarrow & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & \boxed{4} \end{array}$$

$$16) \frac{2x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x - 5}{x + 3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-3} & 2 & 3 & 4 & -5 \\ & \downarrow & -6 & 9 & -39 \\ \hline 2 & -3 & 13 & \boxed{-44} \end{array}$$

$$x^2 + 10$$

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

$$2x^2 - 3x + 13 + \frac{-44}{x + 3}$$

17)
$$\frac{x^5 - 4x^4 - 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 3}{x - 2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{2} & 1 & -4 & -2 & -6 & 9 & 3 \\ & \downarrow & & & & & \\ & 2 & -4 & -12 & -36 & -54 & \\ \hline 1 & -2 & -6 & -18 & -27 & -51 & \end{array}$$

$$x^4 - 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 18x - 27 + \frac{-51}{x - 2}$$

18)
$$\frac{7 - x^3 - 3x^4 + x^2 - 3x^5}{x + 3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-3} & -3 & -3 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ & \downarrow & & & & & \\ & 9 & -18 & 57 & -174 & 522 & \\ \hline -3 & 6 & -19 & 58 & -174 & 529 & \end{array}$$

$$-3x^4 + 6x^3 - 19x^2 + 58x - 174 + \frac{529}{x + 3}$$

- 19) Prove whether $(x + 5)$ is a factor of $x^2 + 2x - 35$ and write a sentence explaining your reasoning.

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-5} & 1 & 2 & -35 \\ & \downarrow & & \\ & -5 & -15 & \\ \hline 1 & -3 & \boxed{-50} & \end{array}$$

Because the remainder of $\frac{x^2+2x-35}{x+5}$ is not 0, $x + 5$ is not a factor of $x^2 + 2x - 35$.

- 20) Prove whether $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $x^3 - 3x^2 + 4$ and write a sentence explaining your reasoning.

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{2} & 1 & -3 & 0 & 4 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ & 2 & -2 & -4 & \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -2 & \boxed{0} & \end{array}$$

Because the remainder of $\frac{x^3-3x^2+4}{x-2}$ is 0, $x - 2$ is a factor of $x^3 - 3x^2 + 4$.

- 21) Given $f(x) = 4x^5 - 2x^3 + 17x^2 + 4$, find $f(-3)$.

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-3} & 4 & 0 & -2 & 17 & 0 & 4 \\ & \downarrow & & & & & \\ & -12 & 36 & -102 & 255 & -761 & \\ \hline 4 & -12 & 34 & -85 & 255 & \boxed{-761} & \end{array}$$

Since the remainder is -761 , then $f(-3) = -761$.

- 22) Given $f(x) = -7x^3 + 2x^2 + 15x - 26$, find $f(13)$.

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{13} & -7 & 2 & 15 & -26 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ & -91 & -1157 & -14846 & \\ \hline -7 & -89 & -1142 & \boxed{-14872} & \end{array}$$

$$f(13) = -14872$$