

Synthetic Division

- A simplified way to divide polynomials
- Can only be used when dividing by a LINEAR FACTOR
IE, $x-3$ or $3x-2$ or $x+7$
- Be careful to place 0's for "space savers"

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Let's use a HW problem.

#13 $(x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 3) \div (x - 1)$

$x - 1 = 0$

$x = 1$

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Divide Using Synthetic Division

$x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 3 \div (x - 1)$

Step 1

- Put the zero in the box.

Step 2

- Write coefficients of the polynomial.

Step 3

- Bring down 1st coefficient

Step 4

- Multiply and Add

1 | 1 3 -1 -3
↓ 1 4 3
1 4 3 0
 $x^2 + 4x + 3$ Remainder

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Divide Using Synthetic Division.
Write the resulting polynomial.

$$x^3 - 2x^2 + x + 4 \div (x+1) \quad \begin{matrix} x+1=0 \\ x=-1 \end{matrix}$$

$-1 \mid 1 \quad -2 \quad 1 \quad 4$
 \downarrow
 $\quad -1 \quad 3 \quad -4$

 $1 \quad -3 \quad 4 \quad \boxed{0} \leftarrow \text{Remainder}$
 $\boxed{x^2 - 3x + 4}$

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Use synthetic division and the given factor
to factor the polynomial completely.

$$x^3 - 4x^2 - 7x + 10 \div (x - 5)$$

$5 \mid 1 \quad -4 \quad -7 \quad 10 \quad \begin{matrix} x-5=0 \\ x=5 \end{matrix}$
 $\quad 5 \quad 5 \quad -10$

 $1 \quad 1 \quad -2 \quad \boxed{0} \leftarrow \text{Remainder}$
 $(x^2+x-2)(x-5)$
 $(x+2)(x-1)(x-5)$

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Divide $f(x)$ by $(x+3)$ What is missing?
 $f(x) = 2x^4 + 7x^3 + x - 12$

$$-3 \mid 2 \quad 7 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad -12$$
$$\quad -6 \quad -3 \quad 9 \quad -30$$

$$2 \quad 1 \quad -3 \quad 10 \quad \boxed{-42} \leftarrow \text{Remainder}$$

$f(-3) = 2(-3)^4 + 7(-3)^3 + (-3) - 12 = -42$
What is the value of $f(-3)$?

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Remainder Theorem

If a polynomial, call it $P(x)$, of degree 1 or higher is divided by $(x - a)$, then the remainder is the value of $P(a)$.

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Use Synthetic Division and the Remainder Theorem to determine $P(a)$

$$P(x) = 9x^3 - 48x^2 + 13x + 3; a = 5$$

If $f(x) = 9x^3 - 48x^2 + 13x + 3$ find $f(5)$

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p. 324 #13-33 odd,
49-55 odd, 61, 62, 64

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Example 3
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Divide using synthetic division.


13. $(x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 3) \div (x - 1)$ 14. $(x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x - 4) \div (x - 2)$
 15. $(x^3 - 7x^2 - 5x + 20) \div (x + 4)$ 16. $(x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x - 25) \div (x - 5)$
 17. $(x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6) \div (x - 1)$ 18. $(-2x^3 + 5x^2 - x + 2) \div (x + 2)$
 19. $(x^3 + 3) \div (x - 1)$ 20. $(3x^3 + 17x^2 + 21x - 9) \div (x + 3)$
 21. $(x^3 + 27) \div (x + 3)$ 22. $(6x^3 - 8x - 2) \div (x - 1)$

Example 4
(pages 322-323)

Use synthetic division and the given factor to completely factor each polynomial function.

23. $y = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6; (x + 1)$ 24. $y = x^3 - 4x^2 - 9x + 36; (x + 3)$

25. Geometry Refer to the diagram. The volume in cubic inches of the decorative box can be expressed as the product of the lengths of its sides as $V(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 6x$. Write linear expressions with integer coefficients for the locker's length and height.



Example 5
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Use synthetic division and the Remainder Theorem to find P(a).

26. $P(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 8x - 6; a = -2$ 27. $P(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x; a = -2$
 28. $P(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 15x - 9; a = 3$ 29. $P(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x; a = -2$
 30. $P(x) = 6x^3 - x^2 + 4x + 3; a = 3$ 31. $P(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 + 10x - 5; a = \frac{1}{2}$
 32. $P(x) = 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 10x - 9; a = -3$ 33. $P(x) = 2x^4 + 6x^3 + 5x^2 - 45x - 3$

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Use synthetic division to determine whether each binomial is a factor of $3x^3 + 10x^2 - x - 12$.

48. $x + 3$ 49. $x - 1$ 50. $x + 2$ 51. $x - 4$

Divide using synthetic division.

52. $(x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + x - 1) \div (x - 1)$ 53. $(x^4 - 6x^2 - 27) \div (x + 2)$
 54. $(x^4 - 5x^2 + 4x + 12) \div (x + 2)$ 55. $(x^4 - \frac{9}{2}x^3 + 3x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x) \div (x - \frac{1}{2})$

61. What is the remainder when $x^2 - 5x + 7$ is divided by $x + 1$?
 A. -13 B. -1 C. 1 D. 13

62. Which binomial is NOT a factor of $x^3 - x^2 - 17x - 15$?
 F. $x - 5$ G. $x + 1$ H. $x + 3$ J. $x + 5$

63. Which of the following, when multiplied by $x - 1$, results in a cubic polynomial whose standard form has three terms?
 A. $(x - 1)^2$ B. $x^2 - x$ C. $x^2 - 1$ D. $x - 1$

64. One factor of $x^3 - 7x^2 - x + 7$ is $x - 1$. What are all the zeros of the related polynomial function? Show your work.

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