

NOTES: Section 5.5 – Apply the Remainder and Factor Theorems

Goals: #1 - I can perform polynomial long division.



#2 - I can divide polynomials synthetically.

#3 - I can factor a 3rd degree polynomial when one factor is given.

#4 - I can find the zeros of a 3rd degree polynomial when one zero is given.

Homework: Lesson 5.5 Worksheet

Exploration #1: Work with a partner and answer the following questions.

1. Use long division to find the following quotients.

a. Divide 258 by 6.

$$\begin{array}{r} 43 \\ 6 \overline{) 258} \\ \underline{24} \\ 18 \\ \underline{-18} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

b. Divide 1122 by 17.

$$\begin{array}{r} 66 \\ 17 \overline{) 1122} \\ \underline{102} \\ 102 \\ \underline{-102} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

c. Divide 289 by 8.

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ 8 \overline{) 289} \\ \underline{24} \\ 49 \\ \underline{-48} \\ 1 \end{array} \quad 36 \frac{1}{8}$$

d. Divide 1704 by 18.

$$\begin{array}{r} 94 \\ 18 \overline{) 1704} \\ \underline{162} \\ 84 \\ \underline{-72} \\ 12 \end{array} \quad 94 \frac{12}{18} \quad 94 \frac{2}{3}$$

Notes:

One way to divide polynomials is called polynomial long division

Example #1: Divide using polynomial long division.

1. $(x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x + 2) \div (x - 2)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 7x + 7 \\ x - 2 \overline{) x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x + 2} \\ \underline{-x^3 + 2x^2} \\ 7x^2 - 7x \\ \underline{-7x^2 + 14x} \\ 7x - 7 \\ \underline{-7x + 14} \\ 16 \end{array}$$

$x^2 + 7x + 7 + \frac{16}{x-2}$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 4x - 3 \\ x^2 - 3x + 5 \overline{) 3x^4 - 5x^3 + 0x^2 + 4x - 6} \\ \underline{-3x^4 + 9x^3 - 15x^2} \\ 4x^3 - 15x^2 + 4x \\ \underline{-4x^3 + 12x^2 - 20x} \\ -3x^2 - 16x - 6 \\ \underline{-3x^2 + 9x - 15} \\ -25x + 9 \end{array} \quad -25x + 9 R$$

$3x^2 + 4x - 3 + \frac{-25x + 9}{x^2 - 3x + 5}$

You practice: Divide using polynomial long division.

1. $(2x^4 + x^3 + x - 1) \div (x^2 + 2x - 1)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x - 1 \overline{) 2x^4 + x^3 + 0x^2 + x - 1} \\ \underline{2x^4 + 4x^3 - 2x^2} \\ -3x^3 + 2x^2 + x \\ \underline{-3x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x} \\ 8x^2 - 2x - 1 \end{array}$$

$$2x^2 - 3x + 8 + \frac{-18x + 7}{x^2 + 2x - 1} = \frac{8x^2 - 2x - 1}{8x^2 + 16x - 8} - \frac{-18x + 7}{-18x + 7} R$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 2 \overline{) x^3 - x^2 + 4x - 10} \\ \underline{x^3 + 2x^2} \\ -3x^2 + 4x \\ \underline{-3x^2 - 6x} \\ 10x - 10 \\ \underline{10x + 20} \\ -30 R \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 10 + \frac{-30}{x+2} = \frac{10x - 10}{10x + 20} - \frac{-30}{-30} R$$

Notes:

Another way to divide polynomials is called synthetic division

THIS ONLY WORKS WHEN DIVIDING BY A LINEAR POLYNOMIAL!

$$\begin{array}{l} \div (x - 2) \quad * x - k \\ \div (x + 1) \end{array}$$

Example #2: Divide using synthetic division.

1. $(x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x + 2) \div (x - 2)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & 5 & -7 & 2 \\ & \downarrow & 2 & 14 & 14 \\ \hline & 1 & 7 & 7 & 16 \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ \hline & x^2 & + 7x & + 7 & + \frac{16}{x-2} \end{array}$$

2. $(2x^3 + x^2 - 8x + 5) \div (x + 3)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -3 & 2 & 1 & -8 & 5 \\ & \downarrow & -6 & 15 & -21 \\ \hline & 2 & -5 & 7 & -16 \\ \hline & 2x^2 & - 5x & + 7 & + \frac{-16}{x+3} \end{array}$$

You practice: Divide using synthetic division.

1. $(x^3 - x^2 + 4x - 10) \div (x + 2)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & -1 & 4 & -10 \\ & \downarrow & -2 & 6 & -20 \\ \hline & 1 & -3 & 10 & -30 \\ \hline & x^2 & - 3x & + 10 & + \frac{-30}{x+2} \end{array}$$

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

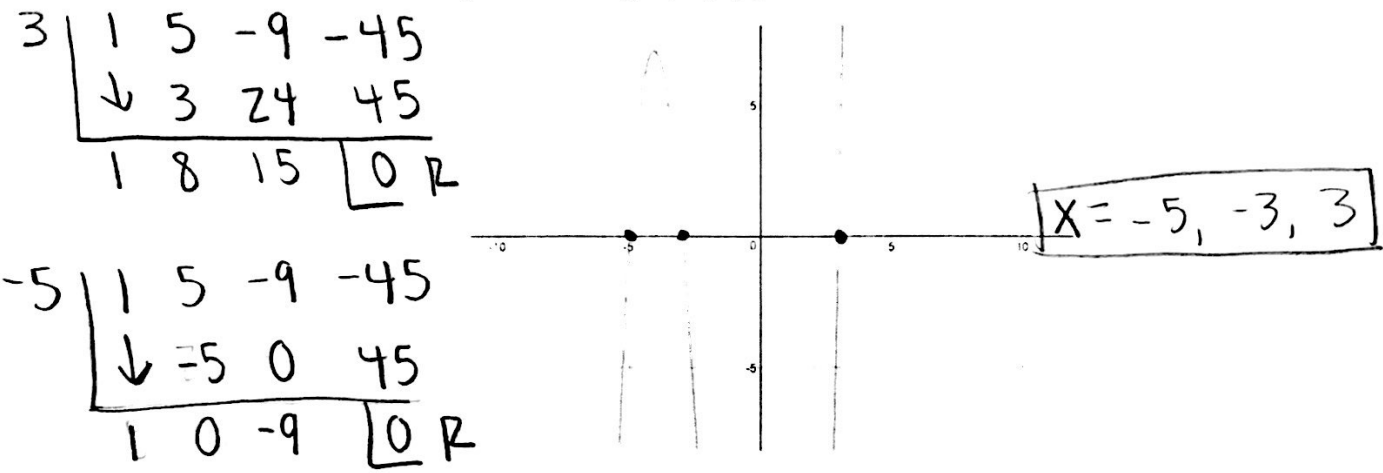
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 4 & 1 & -3 & 7 \\ & \downarrow & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ \hline & 4 & 5 & 2 & 9 \\ \hline & 4x^2 & + 5x & + 2 & + \frac{9}{x-1} \end{array}$$

Exploration #2: Work with a partner and answer the following questions.

1. Factor the polynomial $x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x - 45$ completely.

$$\begin{aligned} &x^2(x+5) - 9(x+5) \\ &(x+5)(x^2 - 9) \\ &(x+5)(x-3)(x+3) \end{aligned}$$

2. Below is a snapshot of the graph $f(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x - 45$. Find the zeros.



3. Find the real-number solutions of the equation $x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x - 45 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &(x+5)(x-3)(x+3) = 0 \\ &x = -5 \quad x = 3 \quad x = -3 \end{aligned}$$

Notes:

- Factor Theorem: A polynomial $f(x)$ has a factor $x-k$ if and only if $f(k) = 0$.
Example: factor of $(x-2)$? only if $f(2) = 0$

The factor theorem can be used to solve a variety of problems.

- Given one factor of a polynomial, find the other factors.
- Give one zero of a polynomial function, find the other zeros.
- Given one solution of a polynomial equation, find the other solutions.

Example #3: Factor $f(x) = 3x^3 - 4x^2 - 28x - 16$ completely given that $x + 2$ is a factor.

* use synthetic division

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 3 & -4 & -28 & -16 \\ & \downarrow & -6 & 20 & 16 \\ \hline & 3 & -10 & -8 & 0 \\ & & & & 3x^2 - 10x - 8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-2) &= 0 \\ f(x) &= 3x^3 - 4x^2 - 28x - 16 \\ f(x) &= (x+2)(3x^2 - 10x - 8) \\ f(x) &= (x+2)(3x^2 - 12x + 2x - 8) \\ f(x) &= (x+2)(3x(x-4) + 2(x-4)) \\ \boxed{f(x) &= (x+2)(x-4)(3x+2)} \end{aligned}$$

You practice: Factor $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x + 12$ completely given that $x - 4$ is a factor.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 4 & 1 & -6 & 5 & 12 \\ & \downarrow & 4 & -8 & -12 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \\ & & & & x^2 - 2x - 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(4) &= 0 \\ f(x) &= (x-4)(x^2 - 2x - 3) \\ \boxed{f(x) &= (x-4)(x-3)(x+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Example #4: Find the other zeros of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 23x + 60$ given that 3 is zero. * use synthetic division

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 3 & 1 & -2 & -23 & 60 \\ & \downarrow & 3 & 3 & -60 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & -20 & 0 \\ & & & & x^2 + x - 20 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x-3)(x^2 + x - 20) \\ 0 &= (x-3)(x+5)(x-4) \\ x-3=0 & \quad x+5=0 \quad x-4=0 \\ \boxed{x=3} & \quad \boxed{x=-5} \quad \boxed{x=4} \\ \text{given} & \end{aligned}$$

You practice: Find the other zeros of the function $f(x) = x^3 + 8x^2 + 5x - 14$ given that -2 is zero.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & 8 & 5 & -14 \\ & \downarrow & -2 & -12 & 14 \\ \hline & 1 & 6 & -7 & 0 \\ & & & & x^2 + 6x - 7 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x+2)(x^2 + 6x - 7) \\ f(x) &= (x+2)(x+7)(x-1) \\ x+2=0 & \quad x+7=0 \quad x-1=0 \\ \boxed{x=-2} & \quad \boxed{x=-7} \quad \boxed{x=1} \end{aligned}$$