

Let's do some "fake" division.

What is a synthetic material?

A material made by chemical synthesis,  
especially to imitate a natural substance.

$$\frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 31x + 20}{x + 5}$$

Zero of  
the Divisor

Coefficients of the dividend in Standard Form

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-5} \\ \underline{-5} \quad -2 \quad -31 \quad 20 \\ \hline 1 \quad -7 \quad 4 \quad 0 \end{array} \quad \text{Multiply and ADD}$$

Bring down the first #

$x^2 - 7x + 4 \quad R = 0$

### Synthetic Division

Uses the zero of the divisor.  
By reversing the sign of the divisor you  
can ADD throughout the process  
instead of subtracting.

Works only when the leading coefficient of  
the divisor is 1.

Meaning either  $\div(x + a)$  or  $\div(x - a)$

Find each quotient using Synthetic Division

$$1. \frac{4x^3 - 6x^2 - 7x - 33}{x - 3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{+3} \\ \underline{+} \quad 4 \quad -6 \quad -7 \quad -33 \\ \hline \quad 12 \quad 18 \quad 33 \\ \hline \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 11 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$4x^2 + 6x + 11 \quad R = 0$$

2.  $\frac{2x^4 + 18x^3 + 34x^2 + 43x + 10}{x + 7}$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-7} & 2 & 18 & 34 & 43 & 10 \\ & -14 & -28 & -42 & -7 \\ \hline & 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 & 3 \end{array}$$

$$2x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x + 1 \quad R=3$$

Find this quotient using Synthetic Division.

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

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{3} & 4 & 0 & -1 & 9 \\ & 12 & 36 & 105 \\ \hline & 4 & 12 & 35 & 114 \end{array}$$

$$4x^2 + 12x + 35 \quad R=114$$

Find this quotient using Synthetic Division.

$$(x^4 - 9) \div (x + 2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-2} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -9 \\ & -2 & 4 & -8 & 16 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & 4 & -8 & +7 \end{array}$$

$$x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 8 \quad R=7$$

Is  $x + 7$  a factor of  $x^3 - 2x^2 + 10x - 21$ ?

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{x+7} \overline{)x^3 - 2x^2 + 10x - 21} \\ f(-7) = \boxed{-532} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-532} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$\rightarrow$   $\begin{array}{r} 1 & -2 & 10 & -21 \\ -7 & 63 & -511 \\ \hline 1 & -9 & 73 & \boxed{-532} \end{array}$

NO, b/c Remainder isn't zero

Find just the remainder of this quotient.

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

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{-3} \quad 2 \quad 5 \quad -7 \quad 18 \\ \quad \quad \quad -4 \quad > \quad 12 \\ \hline 2 \quad 1 \quad -4 \quad 30 \\ \underbrace{\quad \quad \quad}_{2x^2 - x - 4} \quad R = 30 \end{array}$$

Use Synthetic Division and the Remainder Theorem to find  $f(4)$ .

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 10x - 1$$

$f(4) = \text{remainder when dividing by } x-4$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{4} \quad 2 \quad -5 \quad 10 \quad -1 \\ \quad \quad \quad 8 \quad 12 \quad 88 \\ \hline 2 \quad 3 \quad 22 \quad 87 \end{array}$$

$$2x^2 + 3x + 22 \quad R = 87$$

$$f(4) = 87$$

The remainder is the same as evaluating the dividend with the zero of the divisor.

Given  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 5x^3 + 8x^2 - 7x + 10$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } f(2) &= 3(2)^4 - 5(2)^3 + 8(2)^2 - 7(2) + 10 \\ &= 48 - 40 + 32 - 14 + 10 \\ &= 36 \end{aligned}$$

How could you use Synthetic Division to find  $f(2)$ ?

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{2} \quad 3 \quad -5 \quad 8 \quad -7 \quad 10 \\ \quad \quad \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad 20 \quad 26 \\ \hline 3 \quad 1 \quad 10 \quad 13 \quad 36 \end{array}$$

$$3x^3 + x^2 + 10x + 13 \quad R = 36$$

The remainder when doing Synthetic division is the same as evaluating the dividend with the zero of the divisor

Given  $x-5$  is a factor of  $2x^3 - 11x^2 - 16x + 105$

Use synthetic division to help find the other two factors.

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{5} \quad 2 \quad -11 \quad -16 \quad 105 \\ \quad \quad \quad 10 \quad -5 \quad -105 \\ \hline 2 \quad -1 \quad -21 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \cancel{-42} \\ -7 \quad \cancel{6} \\ \cancel{-1} \end{array} \rightarrow x \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2x^2 & -7x \\ \hline +3 & +6x \\ \hline & -21 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

The complete factored form is:  
 $(x-5)(x+3)(2x-7)$

You can now finish Hwk #31: Sec 6-3

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Problems 14-16, 21, 24, 26, 27, 46, 47