

Find the quotient and remainder if $f(x)$ is divided by $p(x)$.

1. $f(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 12; p(x) = x^2 - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - x + 3 \\ \hline x^2 + 0x - 3 \Big| 2x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 12 \\ - 2x^4 + 0x^3 - 6x^2 \\ \hline - x^3 + 3x^2 + 7x \\ - -x^3 - 0x^2 + 3x \\ \hline 3x^2 + 4x - 12 \\ - 3x^2 + 0x - 9 \\ \hline 4x - 3 \end{array}$$

$Q: 2x^2 - x + 3$

$R: 4x - 3$

2. $f(x) = 3x^4 + 2x^3 - x^2 - x - 6; p(x) = x^2 + 1$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 2x - 4 \\ \hline x^2 + 0x + 1 \Big| 3x^4 + 2x^3 - x^2 - x - 6 \\ - 3x^4 + 0x^3 + 3x^2 \\ \hline 2x^3 - 4x^2 - x \\ - 2x^3 + 0x^2 + 2x \\ \hline - 4x^2 - 3x - 6 \\ - -4x^2 - 0x - 4 \\ \hline -3x - 2 \end{array}$$

$Q: 3x^2 + 2x - 4$

$R: -3x - 2$

3. $f(x) = 3x^3 + 2x - 4; p(x) = 2x^2 + 1$

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{3}{2}x \\ \hline 2x^2 + 0x + 1 \Big| 3x^3 + 0x^2 + 2x - 4 \\ - 3x^3 + 0x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x \\ \hline \frac{1}{2}x - 4 \end{array}$$

$Q: \frac{3}{2}x$

$R: \frac{1}{2}x - 4$

4. $f(x) = 3x^5 - 4x^3 + x + 5; p(x) = x^3 - 2x + 7$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 2 \\ \hline x^3 + 0x^2 - 2x + 7 \Big| 3x^5 + 0x^4 - 4x^3 + 0x^2 + x + 5 \\ - 3x^5 + 0x^4 - 6x^3 + 21x^2 \\ \hline 2x^3 - 21x^2 + x + 5 \\ - 2x^3 + 0x^2 - 4x + 14 \\ \hline -21x^2 + 5x - 9 \end{array}$$

$Q: 3x^2 + 2$

$R: -21x^2 + 5x - 9$

Use the remainder theorem to find $f(c)$.

5. $f(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 + 5x - 4$; $c = 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{2} | 3 \ -1 \ 5 \ -4 \\ \downarrow \quad 6 \quad 10 \quad 30 \\ 2 \ 5 \ 15 \ | \ 26 \end{array}$$

6. $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 4x - 8$; $c = -3$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-3} | 1 \ 0 \ -6 \ 4 \ -8 \\ \downarrow \quad -3 \quad 9 \ -9 \ 15 \\ 1 \ -3 \ 3 \ -5 \ | \ 7 \end{array}$$

Use the factor theorem to show that $x-c$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

7. $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 2x + 12$; $c = -3$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-3} | 1 \ 1 \ -2 \ 12 \\ \downarrow \quad -3 \quad 6 \ -12 \\ 1 \ -2 \ 4 \ | \ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{f(-3)=0}{\text{so } x+3 \text{ is a factor}}$$

8. $f(x) = x^{12} - 4096$; $c = -2$

$$(-2)^{12} - 4096$$

$$4096 - 4096 = 0$$

$$\frac{f(-2)=0}{\text{so } x+2 \text{ is a factor}}$$

Find a polynomial $f(x)$ with leading coefficient 1 and having the given degree and zeros.

9. degree 3; zeros $-2, 0, 5$

$$f(x) = a(x+2)(x)(x-5)$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x$$

10. degree 4; zeros $-2, \pm 1, 4$

$$f(x) = a(x+2)(x-1)(x+1)(x-4)$$

$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 2x + 8$$

Use synthetic division to find the quotient and remainder if the first polynomial is divided by the second.

11. $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 5$; $x-2$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{2} | 2 \ -3 \ 4 \ -5 \\ \downarrow \quad 4 \ 2 \ 12 \\ 2 \ 1 \ 6 \ | \ 7 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} Q: 2x^2 + x + 6 \\ R: 7 \end{array}$$

12. $x^3 - 8x - 5$; $x+3$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-3} | 1 \ 0 \ -8 \ -5 \\ \downarrow \quad -3 \ 9 \ -3 \\ 1 \ -3 \ 1 \ | \ -8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} Q: x^2 - 3x + 1 \\ R: -8 \end{array}$$

13. $3x^5 + 6x^2 + 7; x + 2$

14. $4x^4 - 5x^2 + 1; x - 1/2$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-2} \\ \begin{array}{r} 3 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 7 \\ + & -6 & 12 & -24 & 36 & -72 \\ \hline 3 & -6 & 12 & -18 & 36 & | -65 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$Q: 3x^4 - 6x^3 + 12x^2 - 18x + 36$
 $R: -65$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \begin{array}{r} 4 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 \\ + & 2 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ \hline 4 & 2 & -4 & -2 & | 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$Q: 4x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x - 2$
 $R: 0$

Use synthetic division to find $f(c)$.

15. $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 4; c = 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{3} \\ \begin{array}{r} 2 & 3 & -4 & 4 \\ + & 6 & 27 & 69 \\ \hline 2 & 9 & 23 & | 73 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$f(3) = 73$

16. $f(x) = -x^3 + 4x^2 + x; c = -2$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-2} \\ \begin{array}{r} -1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ + & 2 & -12 & 22 \\ \hline -1 & 6 & -11 & | 22 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$f(-2) = 22$

Use synthetic division to show that c is a zero of $f(x)$.

17. $f(x) = 3x^4 + 8x^3 - 2x^2 - 10x + 4; c = -2$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-2} \\ \begin{array}{r} 3 & 8 & -2 & -10 & 4 \\ + & -6 & -4 & 12 & -4 \\ \hline 3 & 2 & -6 & 2 & | 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$f(-2) = 0$

18. $f(x) = 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 8x - 3; c = 1/2$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \begin{array}{r} 4 & -6 & 8 & -3 \\ + & 2 & -2 & 3 \\ \hline 4 & -4 & 6 & | 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$f(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$

Find all values of k such that $f(x)$ is divisible by the given linear polynomial.

19. $f(x) = kx^3 + x^2 + k^2x + 3k^2 + 11; x + 2$

$$0 = (-2)^3 + (-2)^2 + (-2)k^2 + 3k^2 + 11$$

$$0 = -8k + 4 + k^2 + 11$$

$$0 = k^2 - 8k + 15$$

$$0 = (k - 3)(k - 5) \quad (k = 3), (k = 5)$$