

- Learning division:

- ↳ to prepare to use the Rational Roots Thm

- ↳ to find upper and lower bounds  
for zeros of polynomials (x-intercepts)

- Gives us new and better ways to factor polynomials

Secondary 3 Honors  
2-3 Notes Real Zeros with Long and Synthetic Division

Divide the two functions using LONG DIVISION and write a summary statement in fraction form.

1.  $(5x^5 - 4x^4 - 35x + 35) \div (5x - 4)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^4 - 7 \\ 5x-4 \overline{) 5x^5 - 4x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 - 35x + 35} \\ \underline{-(5x^5 - 4x^4)} \phantom{+ 0x^3 + 0x^2} \\ 0x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 - 35x + 35 \\ \underline{-(-35x + 28)} \\ 7 \end{array}$$

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

2.  $(2r^5 + 8r + 16r^2 - 11 - 9r^4 - 12r^3) \div (2r - 1)$

$$\begin{array}{r} r^4 - 4r^3 - 8r^2 + 4r + 6 \\ 2r-1 \overline{) 2r^5 - 9r^4 - 12r^3 + 16r^2 + 8r - 11} \\ \underline{-(2r^5 - r^4)} \\ 8r^4 - 12r^3 \\ \underline{-(-8r^4 + 4r^3)} \\ 16r^3 + 16r^2 \\ \underline{-(-16r^3 + 8r^2)} \\ 8r^2 + 8r \\ \underline{-(8r^2 - 4r)} \\ 12r - 11 \\ \underline{-(12r - 6)} \\ -5 \end{array}$$

$$r^4 - 4r^3 - 8r^2 + 4r + 6 + \frac{-5}{2r-1}$$

Divide using SYNTHETIC DIVISION, and write a summary statement in fraction form.

3.  $(n^3 - 3n^2 - 73n - 25) \div (n + 7)$

zero of divisor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -7 & 1 & -3 & -73 & -25 \\ & \downarrow & -7 & 70 & 21 \\ \hline & 1 & -10 & -3 & -4 \\ & n^2 & n & c & R \end{array}$$

$$n^2 - 10n - 3 + \frac{-4}{n+7}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} 3 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ & \downarrow & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ & x^4 & x^3 & x^2 & x & c & R \end{array}$$

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

5.  $(n^5 - 5n^4 - 5n^2 + 27n) \div (n - 5)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} 5 & 1 & -5 & 0 & -5 & 27 & 0 \\ & \downarrow & 5 & 0 & 0 & -25 & 10 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & 0 & -5 & 2 & 10 \\ & n^4 & n^3 & n^2 & n & c & R \end{array}$$

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

6.  $(r^5 + 17r^4 + 78r^3 + 45r^2 - 88r - 55) \div (r + 9)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} -9 & 1 & 17 & 78 & 45 & -88 & -55 \\ & \downarrow & -9 & -72 & -54 & 81 & 63 \\ \hline & 1 & 8 & 6 & -9 & -7 & 8 \\ & r^4 & r^3 & r^2 & r & c & R \end{array}$$

$$r^4 + 8r^3 + 6r^2 - 9r - 7 + \frac{8}{r+9}$$

## Real Zeros of a Polynomial

**Remainder Theorem:** If a polynomial  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(x - k)$ , then the remainder is

$$r = f(k).$$

$k =$  zero of divisor

$$\begin{array}{l} x - k = 0 \\ +k \quad +k \\ \hline x = k \end{array}$$

Examples: Use the remainder theorem to find the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(x - k)$ .

•  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 7x - 20; k = 2, (x-2)$

$$r = f(2) = 3(2)^2 + 7(2) - 20$$

$$12 + 14 - 20$$

$$r = 6$$

•  $f(x) = 5x^2 + 8x + 12; k = -1$

$$r = f(-1) = 5(-1)^2 + 8(-1) + 12$$

$$5 - 8 + 12$$

$$r = 9$$

•  $f(x) = 4x^3 + 6x^2 + x + 9; k = 3$

$$r = f(k) = 4(3)^3 + 6(3)^2 + (3) + 9$$

$$108 + 54 + 3 + 9$$

$$r = 174$$

**Rational Zeros (Roots) Theorem:** Tells us how to make a list of all potential rational zeros for a polynomial with integer coefficients.

factors of constant  
factors of leading coeff.

Examples: Use the Rational Zeros Theorem to write a list of all potential rational zeros. Then determine which ones, if any, are zeros.  $r = 0$

•  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x - 2$

$$\frac{\pm 1, \pm 2}{\pm 1, \pm 3} = \boxed{\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm 2, \pm \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 3 & 4 & -5 & -2 \\ + & \downarrow & 3 & 7 & 2 \\ \hline & 3 & 7 & 2 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$(3x^2 + 7x + 2)(x - 1)$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 6$$

$$(x + 1)(x + 6)$$

$$(3x + 1)(3x + 6)$$

$$\boxed{(3x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 1)}$$

★ zeros:  $-\frac{1}{3}, -2, 1$  ★

•  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 1$

$$\frac{\pm 1}{\pm 1} = \boxed{\pm 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ + & \downarrow & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \quad \times$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ + & \downarrow & -1 & 4 & -4 \\ \hline & 1 & -4 & 4 & -3 \end{array} \quad \times$$

NO RATIONAL ZEROS

•  $f(x) = 2x^4 - 7x^3 - 8x^2 + 14x + 8$

$\frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8}{\pm 1, \pm 2} = \boxed{\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -2 & 2 & -7 & -8 & 14 & 8 \\ + & \downarrow & -4 & 22 & -28 & 28 \\ \hline & 2 & -11 & 14 & -14 & \boxed{36} \end{array} \quad \times$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 8 & 2 & -7 & -8 & 14 & 8 \\ + & \downarrow & 16 & 72 & & \\ \hline & 2 & 9 & 64 & & \end{array} \quad \times$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 1 & 2 & -7 & -8 & 14 & 8 \\ + & \downarrow & 2 & -5 & -13 & 1 \\ \hline & 2 & -5 & -13 & 1 & \boxed{9} \end{array} \quad \times$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -1/2 & 2 & -7 & -8 & 14 & 8 \\ + & \downarrow & -1 & 4 & 2 & -8 \\ \hline & 2 & -8 & -4 & 16 & \boxed{0} \end{array} \quad \checkmark$$

$2x^3 - 8x^2 - 4x + 16$

~~choose another zero~~

$2x^2(x-4) - 4(x-4)$

$(x-4)(2x^2-4)(x+1/2)$

$\boxed{x=4, -1/2}$

$2x^2 - 4 = 0$   
+4 +4

$\frac{2x^2}{2} = \frac{4}{2}$

$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{2}$

$x = \pm\sqrt{2}$

irrational