

Pg. 153 2.3 – Polynomial and Synthetic Division

Long Division Algorithm:

1. Write the dividend in descending powers of the variable.
2. Insert placeholders with zero coefficients for missing powers of the variable.

Ex 1:

Use long division to divide.

$$(x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x - 12) \div (x - 3)$$

Ex 2:

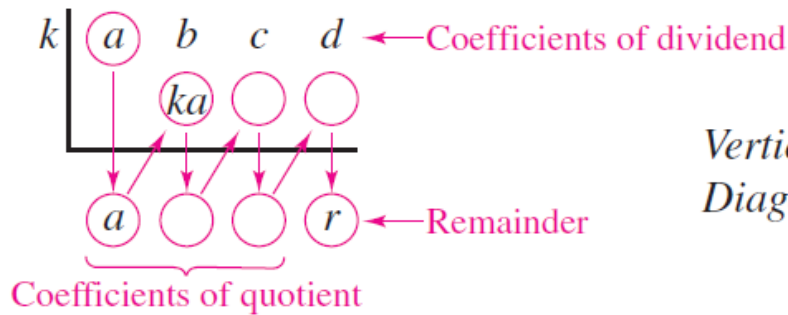
Use long division to verify that $y_1 = y_2$

$$y_1 = \frac{x^2}{x+2}, \quad y_2 = x - 2 + \frac{4}{x+2}$$

Synthetic Division Algorithm:

Note: Only works when divisor is of the form $x - k$

To divide $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ by $x - k$, use the following pattern.



Vertical pattern: Add terms.

Diagonal pattern: Multiply by k .

Ex 3:

Use synthetic division to divide.

$$(5x^3 + 6x + 8) \div (x + 2)$$

Ex 4:

Use the given factors to find the remaining factor(s) of the function.
Then state the function is factored form.

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

Factors
 $(x + 2), (x - 1)$

Assignment 2.3

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REQUIRED: 5, 13, 19, 25, 37, 45, 49, 57