Math 3B: Lecture 14

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What if we want to divide a polynomial $p(x)$ by another polynomial $q(x)$? We want to write

$$p(x) = q(x)d(x) + r(x)$$

for a polynomial $d(x)$ (the divisor) and a remainder $r(x)$.

Long division

We know how to do this with numbers! Long division.

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So $6000 = 34 \cdot 176 + 16$ or $\frac{6000}{34} = 176 + \frac{16}{34}$.

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The left hand side is difficult to integrate. The right hand side is easy!

How?

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\end{array}
$$

So

$$\frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x + 3} = x + 2 - \frac{2}{x + 3}.$$

Example 1

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So

$$\frac{x^3 - 12x^2 - 42}{x-3} = x^2 - 9x - 27 - \frac{123}{x-3}.$$

Example 2

$$x^2+1\big)\overline{\quad x^3-x^2+x-1}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} x \\ x^2+1\overline{\big)\quad x^3 - x^2 + x - 1} \end{array}$$

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$$\frac{x^3 - x^2 + x - 1}{x^2 + 1} = x - 1.$$

Example 3

$$x^2 + x + 1 \overline{\smash{)}\quad x^3 \qquad\qquad\qquad -1}$$

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$$\frac{x^3-1}{x^2+x+1} = x - 1.$$

Example 4

$$3x - 1\big)\overline{\quad 2x^3 \quad - 4x^2 \qquad\qquad\quad + 1}$$

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 & & & & \frac{17}{27}
\end{array}
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So

$$\frac{2x^3-4x^2+1}{3x-1} = \frac{2}{3}\left(x^2-\frac{5}{3}x-\frac{5}{9}\right) - \frac{17}{27(3x-1)}.$$

Example 5

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x^2-2x+5 & x^4 & & -x^2 & +x & -4 \\
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\end{array}
$$

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 & & & x^2 & +2x & -2 \\ \cline{2-6}
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\end{array}
$$

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 & & & & x^2 & +\,2x & -\,2 \\ \cline{3-7}
x^2-2x+5 & \big) & x^4 & & -\,x^2 & +\,x & -\,4 \\
 & & -\,x^4 & +\,2x^3 & -\,5x^2 & & \\ \cline{3-5}
 & & & 2x^3 & -\,6x^2 & +\,x & \\
 & & & -\,2x^3 & +\,4x^2 & -\,10x & \\ \cline{4-6}
 & & & & -\,2x^2 & -\,9x & -\,4 \\
 & & & & 2x^2 & -\,4x & +\,10 \\ \cline{5-7}
\end{array}$$

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 & & & 2x^2 & -4x & +10 \\ \cline{4-6}
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\end{array}
$$

So

$$\frac{x^4-x^2+x-4}{x^2-2x+5} = x^2+2x-2+\frac{-13x+6}{x^2-2x+5}.$$

How to deal with rational functions?

How can we integrate something like

$$\int \frac{3x^3 - 7x^2 + 17x - 3}{x^2 - 2x - 8}\,\mathrm{d}x$$

or

$$\int \frac{x + 2}{x^3 - x}\,\mathrm{d}x?$$

Long division of polynomials

For the first example we can rewrite it in the form

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This is still not something we can integrate so we need to go further.

Partial fractions

When we are faced with a sum of the form

$$\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{3}{2-3x} + \cdots$$

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we can always find constants $A_1, A_2, \ldots, n$ so that

$$\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{A_1}{a_1x+b_1} + \frac{A_2}{a_2x+b_2} + \ldots \frac{A_n}{a_nx+b_n}$$