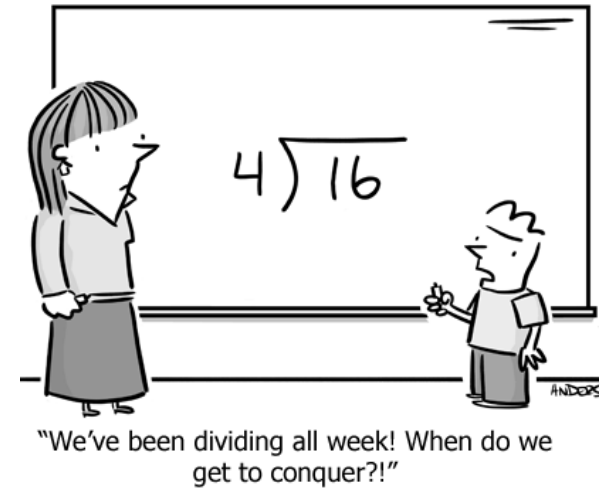


## **Polynomial Division:**

## **Long Division:**

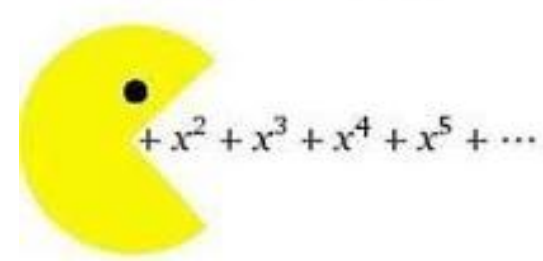
$$(6x^2 + 13x + 9) \div (2x + 1)$$

$$2x + 1 \overline{) 6x^2 + 13x + 9}$$



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$$(2x^4 - 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 9x + 2) \div (x^2 - 2x + 1)$$



$$x^2 - 2x + 1 \overline{) 2x^4 - 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 9x + 2}$$

$$(8x^2 - 2x - 15) \div (4x + 5)$$

$$4x + 5 \overline{) 8x^2 - 2x - 15}$$



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"Division is just like addition except you have to use a different button on the calculator."

## Synthetic Division:

Only works if you're dividing by  $(x \pm c)$ .

### Examples:

$$(2x^2 + x - 16) \div (x - 2)$$

2	2	1	-16



$$(3x^2 - 2x + 5) \div (x - 3)$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 3 & 3 & & -2 & & 5 & \\ & & & & & & \hline & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$(x^2 - 8x - 12) \div (x + 4)$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -4 & 1 & & -8 & & -12 & \\ & & & & & & \hline & & & & & & \end{array}$$



When cells divide

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

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 -2 & 2 & -3 & 4 & 5 \\
 & \downarrow & \nearrow & \nearrow & \nearrow \\
 & 2 & -7 & 18 & -31 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}
 \end{array}$$

Repeat the previous 2 steps and separate the last term as remainder.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 -3 & 2 & & 0 & 8 \\
 & & & & \boxed{\phantom{00}}
 \end{array}$$

$$(x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x - 1) \div (x - 5)$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 5 & 1 & & -2 & 5 & & -1 \\
 & & & & & & \boxed{\phantom{00}}
 \end{array}$$

### Remainder Theorem:

When the polynomial function  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(x - c)$ , the remainder is equal to  $f(c)$ .

Here's why:  $f(x) = (x - c)q(x) + r$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} f(c) &= (c - c)q(c) + r \\ &= 0 \cdot q(c) + r \\ &= r \end{aligned}$$

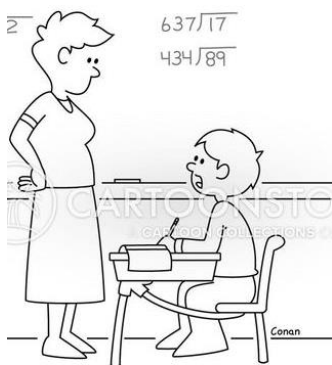


### Examples:

1. Use synthetic division along with the Remainder Theorem to find the value of  $f(2)$  for the polynomial function  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 3$ .

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 3 & -2 & 1 & -3 \\ & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \end{array}$$

**2. Use synthetic division along with the Remainder Theorem to find the value of  $f(-3)$  for the polynomial function  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 2x^3 + x - 4$ .**



"Can I carry the remainder over to the next question?"



### **Factor Theorem:**

**For the polynomial function  $f(x)$ , if  $f(c) = 0$ , then  $(x - c)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .**

**Here's why:**

**$f(x) = (x - c)q(x) + r$ , so if  $f(c) = 0$ , then  $r = 0$ , and so  $(x - c)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .**

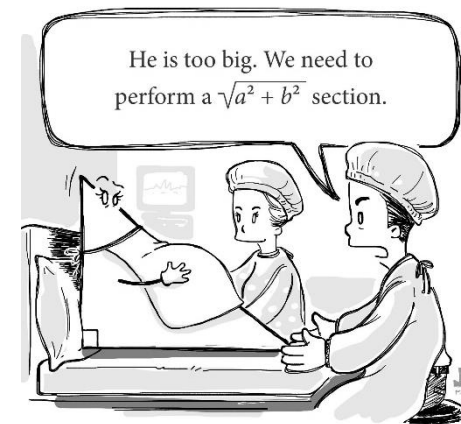


**Why do a lot of math nerds wear glasses?**

**It helps with division.**

**Examples:**

- 1. Use synthetic division and the Factor Theorem to show that  $x - 3$  is a factor of the polynomial function  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 3$ , and then find all of the zeros of the polynomial function.**
- 2. Use synthetic division and the Factor Theorem to show that  $x + 2$  is a factor of the polynomial function  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x - 6$ , and then find all of the zeros of the polynomial function.**
- 3. Find the value of  $k$  so that  $x - 1$  is a factor of  $x^5 - 4x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + k$ .**



The Birth of a Right Triangle