

## Section 5.7 Division of Polynomials

### Section 5.7 Practice Exercises

1. division; quotient; remainder

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad (7a^2 + a - 6) + (2a^2 + 5a + 11) \\ = 7a^2 + a - 6 + 2a^2 + 5a + 11 \\ = 9a^2 + 6a + 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \quad 8b^2(2b^2 - 5b + 12) = 16b^4 - 40b^3 + 96b^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7. \quad (2w^3 + 5)^2 &= (2w^3)^2 + 2(2w^3)(5) + 5^2 \\ &= 4w^6 + 20w^3 + 25 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9. \quad \left(\frac{7}{8}w - 1\right)\left(\frac{7}{8}w + 1\right) &= \left(\frac{7}{8}w\right)^2 - 1^2 \\ &= \frac{49}{64}w^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 11. \quad (2x + 1)(5x - 3) &= 10x^2 - 6x + 5x - 3 \\ &= 10x^2 - x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$13. \quad \text{(a)} \quad \frac{15t^3 + 18t^2}{3t} = \frac{15t^3}{3t} + \frac{18t^2}{3t} = 5t^2 + 6t$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad 3t(5t^2 + 6t) = 15t^3 + 18t^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 15. \quad (6a^2 + 4a - 14) \div 2 &= \frac{6a^2}{2} + \frac{4a}{2} - \frac{14}{2} \\ &= 3a^2 + 2a - 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 17. \quad \frac{-5x^2 - 20x + 5}{-5} &= \frac{-5x^2}{-5} - \frac{20x}{-5} + \frac{5}{-5} \\ &= x^2 + 4x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$19. \quad \frac{3p^3 - p^2}{p} = \frac{3p^3}{p} - \frac{p^2}{p} = 3p^2 - p$$

$$\begin{aligned} 21. \quad (4m^2 + 8m) \div 4m^2 &= \frac{4m^2}{4m^2} + \frac{8m}{4m^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{2}{m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 23. \quad \frac{14y^4 - 7y^3 + 21y^2}{-7y^2} \\ &= \frac{14y^4}{-7y^2} - \frac{7y^3}{-7y^2} + \frac{21y^2}{-7y^2} \\ &= -2y^2 + y - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 25. \quad (4x^3 - 24x^2 - x + 8) \div (4x) \\ &= \frac{4x^3}{4x} - \frac{24x^2}{4x} - \frac{x}{4x} + \frac{8}{4x} \\ &= x^2 - 6x - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 27. \quad \frac{-a^3b^2 + a^2b^2 - ab^3}{-a^2b^2} \\ &= \frac{-a^3b^2}{-a^2b^2} + \frac{a^2b^2}{-a^2b^2} - \frac{ab^3}{-a^2b^2} \\ &= a - 1 + \frac{b}{a} \end{aligned}$$

$$29. \quad (6t^4 - 2t^3 + 3t^2 - t + 4) \div (2t^3)$$

$$= \frac{6t^4}{2t^3} - \frac{2t^3}{2t^3} + \frac{3t^2}{2t^3} - \frac{t}{2t^3} + \frac{4}{2t^3}$$

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

$$\mathbf{31. (a)} \quad z+5 \overline{) z^2 + 7z + 11}$$

$$\quad \underline{-(z^2 + 5z)}$$

$$\quad \quad 2z + 11$$

$$\quad \quad \underline{-(2z + 10)}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad 1$$

$$z + 2 + \frac{1}{z + 5}$$

$$\mathbf{(b)} \quad (z+5)(z+2) + 1$$

$$= z^2 + 2z + 5z + 10 + 1$$

$$= z^2 + 7z + 11$$

$$\mathbf{33.} \quad t+1 \overline{) t^2 + 4t + 5}$$

$$\quad \underline{-(t^2 + t)}$$

$$\quad \quad 3t + 5$$

$$\quad \quad \underline{-(3t + 3)}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad 2$$

$$t + 3 + \frac{2}{t + 1}$$

$$\mathbf{35.} \quad b-1 \overline{) 7b^2 - 3b - 4}$$

$$\quad \underline{-(7b^2 - 7b)}$$

$$\quad \quad 4b - 4$$

$$\quad \quad \underline{-(4b - 4)}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad 7b + 4$$

$$\mathbf{37.} \quad 5k+1 \overline{) 5k^2 - 29k - 6}$$

$$\quad \underline{-(5k^2 + k)}$$

$$\quad \quad -30k - 6$$

$$\quad \quad \underline{-(-30k - 6)}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad k - 6$$

$$k - 6$$

$$\mathbf{39.} \quad 2p+3 \overline{) 4p^3 + 12p^2 + p - 12}$$

$$\quad \underline{-(4p^3 + 6p^2)}$$

$$\quad \quad 6p^2 + p$$

$$\quad \quad \underline{-(6p^2 + 9p)}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad -8p - 12$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \underline{-(-8p - 12)}$$

$$2p^2 + 3p - 4$$

**41.** Arrange both the dividend and divisor in descending order.

$$k+1 \overline{) k^2 - k - 6}$$

$$\quad \underline{-(k^2 + k)}$$

$$\quad \quad -2k - 6$$

$$\quad \quad \underline{-(-2k - 2)}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad -4$$

$$k - 2 + \frac{-4}{k + 1}$$

$$\mathbf{43.} \quad 2x-3 \overline{) 4x^3 - 8x^2 + 15x - 16}$$

$$\quad \underline{-(4x^3 - 6x^2)}$$

$$\quad \quad -2x^2 + 15x$$

$$\quad \quad \underline{-(-2x^2 + 3x)}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad 12x - 16$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \underline{-(-12x - 18)}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \quad 2$$

$$2x^2 - x + 6 + \frac{2}{2x - 3}$$

$$\mathbf{45.} \quad 3y-1 \overline{) 3y^3 + 5y^2 + y + 1}$$

$$\quad \underline{-(3y^3 - y^2)}$$

$$\quad \quad 6y^2 + y$$

$$\frac{-(6y^2 - 2y)}{3y + 1}$$

$$\frac{-(3y - 1)}{2}$$

$$y^2 + 2y + 1 + \frac{2}{3y - 1}$$

47. Arrange the dividend in descending order. The term  $0a$  is a placeholder for the missing term.

$$\begin{array}{r} a - 3 \\ a + 3 \overline{) a^2 + 0a + 9} \\ \underline{-(a^2 + 3a)} \\ -3a + 9 \\ \underline{-(-3a - 9)} \\ 18 \end{array}$$

$$a - 3 + \frac{18}{a + 3}$$

49. The term  $0x^2$  is a placeholder for the missing term in the dividend.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^2 + 8x + 13 \\ x - 2 \overline{) 4x^3 + 0x^2 - 3x - 26} \\ \underline{-(4x^3 - 8x^2)} \\ 8x^2 - 3x - 26 \\ \underline{-(8x^2 - 16x)} \\ 13x - 26 \\ \underline{-(13x - 26)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$4x^2 + 8x + 13$$

51. The term  $0w$  is a placeholder for the missing term in the divisor.

$$w^2 + 0w - 3 \overline{) w^4 + 5w^3 - 5w^2 - 15w + 7}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -(w^4 + 0w^3 - 3w^2) \\ 5w^3 - 2w^2 - 15w \\ \underline{-(5w^3 + 0w^2 - 15w)} \\ -2w^2 + 0w + 7 \\ \underline{-(-2w^2 + 0w + 6)} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$w^2 + 5w - 2 + \frac{1}{w^2 - 3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} n^2 + n - 6 \\ 2n^2 + 3n - 2 \overline{) 2n^4 + 5n^3 - 11n^2 - 20n + 12} \\ \underline{-(2n^4 + 3n^3 - 2n^2)} \\ 2n^3 - 9n^2 - 20n + 12 \\ \underline{-(2n^3 + 3n^2 - 2n)} \\ -12n^2 - 18n + 12 \\ \underline{-(-12n^2 - 18n + 12)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$n^2 + n - 6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3y^2 - 3 \\ y^2 + 1 \overline{) 3y^4 + 0y^3 + 0y^2 + 2y + 3} \\ \underline{-(3y^4 + 0y^3 + 3y^2)} \\ -3y^2 + 2y + 3 \\ \underline{-(-3y^2 + 0y - 3)} \\ 2y + 6 \end{array}$$

$$3y^2 - 3 + \frac{2y + 6}{y^2 + 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 1 \\ 5x^2 + 5x + 1 \overline{) 5x^3 + 0x^2 - 4x - 9} \\ \underline{-(5x^3 + 5x^2 + x)} \\ -5x^2 - 5x - 9 \\ \underline{-(-5x^2 - 5x - 1)} \\ -8 \end{array}$$

$$x - 1 + \frac{-8}{5x^2 + 5x + 1}$$

59. To check, multiply the divisor  $(x - 2)$  by the quotient  $(x^2 + 4)$ .

$$(x - 2)(x^2 + 4) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 8 \text{ which does not equal } x^3 - 8.$$

61. Monomial division;

$$\frac{9a^3}{3a} + \frac{12a^2}{3a} = 3a^2 + 4a$$

63. Long division;

$$\begin{array}{r} p+2 \\ p^2 - p - 2 \overline{) p^3 + p^2 - 4p - 4} \\ \underline{-(p^3 - p^2 - 2p)} \\ 2p^2 - 2p - 4 \\ \underline{-(2p^2 - 2p - 4)} \end{array}$$

$$p + 2$$

65. Long division; the terms  $0t^3$  and  $0t$  are placeholders for the missing terms in the dividend.

$$\begin{array}{r} t^3 - 2t^2 + 5t - 10 \\ t + 2 \overline{) t^4 + 0t^3 + t^2 + 0t - 16} \\ \underline{-(t^4 + 2t^3)} \\ -2t^3 + t^2 \\ \underline{-(-2t^3 - 4t^2)} \\ 5t^2 + 0t \\ \underline{-(5t^2 + 10t)} \\ -10t - 16 \\ \underline{-(-10t - 20)} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

$$t^3 - 2t^2 + 5t - 10 + \frac{4}{t + 2}$$

67. Long division; the terms  $0w^3$  and  $0w$  are placeholders for the missing terms in the dividend and  $0w$  in the divisor.

$$\begin{array}{r} w^2 + 3 \\ w^2 + 0w - 2 \overline{) w^4 + 0w^3 + w^2 + 0w - 5} \\ \underline{-(w^4 + 0w^3 - 2w^2)} \\ 3w^2 + 0w - 5 \\ \underline{-(3w^2 + 0w - 6)} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$w^2 + 3 + \frac{1}{w^2 - 2}$$

69. Long division; the terms  $0n^2$  and  $0n$  are placeholders for the missing terms in the dividend.

$$\begin{array}{r} n^2 + 4n + 16 \\ n - 4 \overline{) n^3 + 0n^2 + 0n - 64} \\ \underline{-(n^3 - 4n^2)} \\ 4n^2 + 0n \\ \underline{-(4n^2 - 16n)} \\ 16n - 64 \\ \underline{-(16n - 64)} \end{array}$$

$$n^2 + 4n + 16$$

71. Monomial division;

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{9r^3}{-3r^2} + \frac{-12r^2}{-3r^2} + \frac{9}{-3r^2} \\ = -3r + 4 - \frac{3}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

73. Insert placeholders for missing terms in the dividend.

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 1 \\ x - 1 \overline{) x^2 + 0x - 1} \\ \underline{-(x^2 - x)} \\ x - 1 \\ \underline{-(x - 1)} \end{array}$$

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

75. Insert placeholders for missing terms in the dividend.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \\
 x-1 \overline{) x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x - 1} \\
 \underline{-(x^4 - x^3)} \\
 x^3 + 0x^2 \\
 \underline{-(x^3 - x^2)} \\
 x^2 + 0x \\
 \underline{-(x^2 - x)} \\
 x - 1 \\
 \underline{-(x - 1)} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x^4 - 1}{x - 1} = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

77. Insert placeholders for missing terms in the dividend.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x + 1 \\
 x-1 \overline{) x^2 + 0x + 0} \\
 \underline{-(x^2 - x)} \\
 x + 0 \\
 \underline{-(x - 1)} \\
 1
 \end{array}$$

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

79. Insert placeholders for missing terms in the dividend.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \\
 x-1 \overline{) x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 0} \\
 \underline{-(x^4 - x^3)} \\
 x^3 + 0x^2 \\
 \underline{-(x^3 - x^2)} \\
 x^2 + 0x \\
 \underline{-(x^2 - x)} \\
 x + 0 \\
 \underline{-(x - 1)} \\
 1
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x^4}{x-1} = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 + \frac{1}{x-1}$$

### Problem Recognition Exercises

1. (a)  $6x^2 + 2x^2 = 8x^2$

(b)  $(6x^2)(2x^2) = 12x^4$

3. (a)  $(4x + y)^2 = (4x)^2 + 2(4x)(y) + (y)^2$   
 $= 16x^2 + 8xy + y^2$

(b)  $(4xy)^2 = 16x^2y^2$

5. (a)  $(2x + 3) + (4x - 2) = 6x + 1$

(b)  $(2x + 3)(4x - 2)$   
 $= 2x(4x) + 2x(-2) + 3(4x) + 3(-2)$   
 $= 8x^2 - 4x + 12x - 6$   
 $= 8x^2 + 8x - 6$

7. (a)  $(3z + 2)^2 = (3z)^2 + 2(3z)(2) + (2)^2$   
 $= 9z^2 + 12z + 4$

(b)  $(3z + 2)(3z - 2)$   
 $= (3z)^2 - (2)^2$   
 $= 9z^2 - 4$

9. (a)  $(2x - 4)(x^2 - 2x + 3)$   
 $= 2x(x^2) + 2x(-2x) + 2x(3)$   
 $\quad - 4(x^2) - 4(-2x) - 4(+3)$   
 $= 2x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x - 4x^2 + 8x - 12$   
 $= 2x^3 - 8x^2 + 14x - 12$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad & (2x-4) + (x^2 - 2x + 3) \\ & = x^2 + 2x - 2x - 4 + 3 = x^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$11. \text{(a)} \quad x + x = 2x$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad x \cdot x = x^2$$

$$13. \quad (4xy)^2 = 4^2 x^2 y^2 = 16x^2 y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 15. \quad & (-2x^4 - 6x^3 + 8x^2) \div (2x^2) \\ & = \frac{-2x^4}{2x^2} - \frac{6x^3}{2x^2} + \frac{8x^2}{2x^2} \\ & = -x^2 - 3x + 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 17. \quad & (m^3 - 4m^2 - 6) - (3m^2 + 7m) \\ & \quad + (-m^3 - 9m + 6) \\ & = m^3 - 4m^2 - 6 - 3m^2 - 7m \\ & \quad - m^3 - 9m + 6 \\ & = -7m^2 - 16m \end{aligned}$$

19. Insert a placeholder for the missing term in the dividend.

$$\begin{array}{r} 8x^2 + 16x + 34 \\ x-2 \overline{) 8x^3 + 0x^2 + 2x + 6} \\ \underline{-(8x^3 - 16x^2)} \phantom{+ 6} \\ 16x^2 + 2x \phantom{+ 6} \\ \underline{-(16x^2 - 32x)} \phantom{+ 6} \\ 34x + 6 \\ \underline{-(34x - 68)} \\ 74 \end{array}$$

$$8x^2 + 16x + 34 + \frac{74}{x-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 21. \quad & (2x-y)(3x^2 + 4xy - y^2) \\ & = 6x^3 + 8x^2y - 2xy^2 - 3x^2y - 4xy^2 + y^3 \\ & = 6x^3 + 5x^2y - 6xy^2 + y^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 23. \quad & (x+y^2)(x^2 - xy^2 + y^4) \\ & = x^3 - x^2y^2 + xy^4 + x^2y^2 - xy^4 + y^6 \\ & = x^3 + y^6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 25. \quad & (a^2 + 2b) - (a^2 - 2b) \\ & = a^2 + 2b - a^2 + 2b = 4b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 27. \quad & (a^3 + 2b)(a^3 - 2b) \\ & = (a^3)^2 - (2b)^2 \\ & = a^6 - 4b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4p+4 \\ 29. \quad 2p-1 \overline{) 8p^2 + 4p - 6} \\ \underline{-(8p^2 - 4p)} \phantom{- 6} \\ 8p - 6 \\ \underline{-(8p - 4)} \\ -2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 4p + 4 + \frac{-2}{2p-1} \\ 31. \quad & \frac{12x^3y^7}{3xy^5} = \frac{12}{3} x^{3-1} y^{7-5} \\ & = 4x^2y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 33. \quad & \left(\frac{3}{7}x - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3}{7}x + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ & = \left(\frac{3}{7}x\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\ & = \frac{9}{49}x^2 - \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 35. \quad & \left(\frac{1}{9}x^3 + \frac{2}{3}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x - 3\right) - \left(\frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{9}x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x + 1\right) \\ & = \frac{1}{9}x^3 + \frac{2}{3}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x - 3 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{9}x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x - 1 \\ & = \frac{1}{9}x^3 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{3}x^2 - \frac{1}{9}x^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{6}x - \frac{2}{3}x - 3 - 1 \\ & = \frac{1}{9}x^3 - \frac{12}{9}x^3 + \frac{6}{9}x^2 - \frac{1}{9}x^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{6}x - \frac{4}{6}x - 3 - 1 \\ & = -\frac{11}{9}x^3 + \frac{5}{9}x^2 - \frac{3}{6}x - 4 \\ & = -\frac{11}{9}x^3 + \frac{5}{9}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x - 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 37. \quad & (0.05x^2 - 0.16x - 0.75) \\ & \quad + (1.25x^2 - 0.14x + 0.25) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.05x^2 + 1.25x^2 - 0.16x - 0.14x - 0.75 + 0.25 \\ &= 1.3x^2 - 0.3x - 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{39.} \quad &(3x^2y)(-2xy) \\ &= -6x^3y^2 \end{aligned}$$