

Divide and Conquer

Rewrite rational expressions with polynomial division.

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CCSS.Math.Content.HSA-APR.D "Rewrite rational expressions"

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QUOTIENT PLUS REMAINDER

When the numerator has degree at least as large as the denominator, divide the polynomials. Write the result as $q(x) + r(x)/b(x)$, where the degree of $r(x)$ is less than the degree of $b(x)$.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Rewrite $(9x^2 + 28x + 15)/(x + 3)$.

1. Divide $9x^2$ by x to get $9x$.
2. Multiply: $9x(x + 3) = 9x^2 + 27x$.
3. Subtract to get $x + 15$.
4. Divide x by x to get 1, then subtract $x + 3$ to get a remainder of 12.

Answer: $9x + 1 + 12/(x + 3)$

PRACTICE 6 problems

1 Rewrite $(x^2 + 8x + 12)/(x + 2)$.

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2 Rewrite $(2x^2 + 7x + 3)/(x + 3)$.

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3 Rewrite $(3x^2 - x + 4)/(x - 1)$.

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4 Rewrite $(x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x + 1)/(x - 2)$.

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5 Rewrite $(2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 7)/(x + 1)$.

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6 Rewrite $(x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 8)/(x^2 + x + 1)$.

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APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** A student media team uses $S(x) = x^2 + 4x + 9$ to model the total megabytes needed for a video project. Its planning spreadsheet divides this amount by $x + 1$ editing groups. Rewrite $S(x)/(x + 1)$ in quotient-plus-remainder form.

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- 2** An esports club uses $C(x) = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - x + 9$ to model total practice credits at training level x . The club reports credits per $x + 2$ practice stations. Rewrite $C(x)/(x + 2)$ in quotient-plus-remainder form.

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CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Rewrite $(2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x + 4)/(2x^2 + x - 1)$ in the form $q(x) + r(x)/b(x)$.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Rewrite $(x^2 + 8x + 12)/(x + 2)$.	$x + 6$
2	Rewrite $(2x^2 + 7x + 3)/(x + 3)$.	$2x + 1$
3	Rewrite $(3x^2 - x + 4)/(x - 1)$.	$3x + 2 + 6/(x - 1)$
4	Rewrite $(x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x + 1)/(x - 2)$.	$x^2 + 4 + 9/(x - 2)$
5	Rewrite $(2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 7)/(x + 1)$.	$2x^2 - x - 4 + 11/(x + 1)$
6	Rewrite $(x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 8)/(x^2 + x + 1)$.	$x + 2 + (2x + 6)/(x^2 + x + 1)$

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. $x + 3 + 6/(x + 1)$ Divide $x^2 + 4x + 9$ by $x + 1$. The quotient is $x + 3$ and the remainder is 6.
2. $2x^2 + x - 3 + 15/(x + 2)$ Divide $2x^3 + 5x^2 - x + 9$ by $x + 2$. The quotient is $2x^2 + x - 3$ and the remainder is 15.

CHALLENGE

$$x + 1 + (-5x + 5)/(2x^2 + x - 1)$$

Accept equivalent quotient-plus-remainder forms, including a negative remainder written with subtraction. Each rewritten expression is equivalent where its original denominator is not zero.