

# Polynomial Long Division

\* Throw it Back!

ex)  $216 \div 5$

$$\begin{array}{r} 43.2 \\ 5 \overline{) 216.0} \\ \underline{-20} \phantom{0} \\ 16 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{-15} \phantom{0} \\ 10 \\ \phantom{10} \\ \underline{\phantom{10}} \\ 0 \end{array} = 43 \frac{1}{5}$$

ex)  $368 \div 6$

$$\begin{array}{r} 61 \text{ R}2 \\ 6 \overline{) 368} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{0} \\ 08 \\ \phantom{08} \\ \underline{\phantom{08}} \\ 2 \end{array} = 61 \frac{2}{6} = 61 \frac{1}{3}$$

- STEPS:
- ① Divide
  - ② Multiply
  - ③ Subtract
  - ④ Bring Down
  - ⑤ Repeat!

Before you begin long division with Polynomials:

- make sure you're in standard form.  
(powers need to descend  
highest power → lowest)
- make sure missing terms are written with a 0 coefficient.

$$\textcircled{1} (x^2 + x - 2) \div (x - 1) = x + 2$$

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

\* Distribute my negative  
\* Changing signs!

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

Goal:  
first term  
cancels!

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

\* change signs!

$$\textcircled{3} (x^2 - 25) \div (x - 2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 2 \quad R - 21 \\ x - 2 \overline{) x^2 + 0x - 25} \\ \underline{-(x^2 + 2x)} \quad \downarrow \\ 2x - 25 \\ \underline{-(-2x + 4)} \\ -21 \end{array}$$

Answer:  $x + 2 - \frac{21}{x - 2}$

$$\textcircled{4} (x^3 - 13x - x^2 + 4) \div (x - 4) = x^2 + 3x - 1$$

$$\textcircled{5} (x^2 + 3x + 1) \div (x - 2) = x + 5 + \frac{11}{x - 2}$$