



$$\begin{array}{r}
x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \\
x-1 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} x^7 + 0 \cdot x^6 + 0 \cdot x^5 + 0 \cdot x^4 + 0 \cdot x^3 + 0 \cdot x^2 + 0 \cdot x^1 - 1 \\ x^7 - x^6 \\ \hline -x^6 + 0 \cdot x^5 \\ -x^6 - x^5 \\ \hline -x^5 + 0 \cdot x^4 \\ -x^5 - x^4 \\ \hline -x^4 + 0 \cdot x^3 \\ -x^4 - x^3 \\ \hline -x^3 + 0 \cdot x^2 + \\ -x^3 - x^2 \\ \hline -x^2 + 0 \cdot x \\ -x^2 - x \\ \hline -x - 1 \\ -x - 1 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}
\end{array}$$

Answer:  $q = x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$  and  $r = 0$ , so

1.  $x^7 - 1 = (x - 1)(x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$

2.  $\frac{x^7 - 1}{x - 1} = x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

2. Divide using synthetic division. State the quotient  $q$  and the remainder  $r$ . Then write the solution in two different ways:

1. As  $D = dq + r$ .

2. As  $\frac{D}{d} = q + \frac{r}{d}$ .

[Where  $D$  is the dividend (the polynomial that is being divided; in other words, the numerator) and  $d$  is the divisor (the polynomial that divides; in other words, the denominator).]

a)  $\frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 3}$

b)  $\frac{-2x^3 - 7x^2 + x - 2}{x + 1}$

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

d)  $\frac{x^7 - 1}{x - 1}$

**Solution:**

a) 
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
1 & 1 & -2 & 5 & 6 \\
3 & & 3 & 3 & 24 \\
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& 1 & 1 & 8 & 30
\end{array}$$

So  $q = x^2 + x + 8$  and  $r = 30$ .

1.  $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 3)(x^2 + x + 8) + 30$

2.  $\frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 3} = x^2 + x + 8 + \frac{30}{x - 3}$

c) 
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr}
1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\
2 & & 2 & 2 & 4 & 10 \\
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& 1 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 9
\end{array}$$

So  $q = x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 5$  and  $r = 9$ .

1.  $x^4 - x^3 + x - 1 = (x - 2)(x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 5) + 9$

2.  $\frac{x^4 - x^3 + x - 1}{x - 2} = x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 5 + \frac{9}{x - 2}$

b) 
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
-2 & -2 & -7 & 1 & -2 \\
-1 & & 2 & 5 & -6 \\
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& -2 & -5 & 6 & -8
\end{array}$$

So  $q = -2x^2 - 5x + 6$  and  $r = -8$ .

1.  $-2x^3 - 7x^2 + x - 2 = (x + 1)(-2x^2 - 5x + 6) - 8$

2.  $\frac{-2x^3 - 7x^2 + x - 2}{x + 1} = -2x^2 - 5x + 6 + \frac{-8}{x + 1}$

d) 
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrrrr}
1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
\hline
& 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0
\end{array}$$

So  $q = x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$  and  $r = 0$ .

1.  $x^7 - 1 = (x - 1)(x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$

2.  $\frac{x^7 - 1}{x - 1} = x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$