

1.6 DIVIDING POLYNOMIALS AND REMAINDER THEOREM

e.g.1: DIVIDE 1 436 by 12

DIVIDEND = DIVISOR \times QUOTIENT + REMAINDER

e.g.2: Divide $(3x^3-5x^2-7x-1) \div (x-3)$

e.g.3: Determine the remainder of $(9x+4x^3+12) \div (2x+1)$

THE REMAINDER THEOREM

When a polynomial function $P(x)$ is divided by $x-b$, the remainder is $P(b)$

When a polynomial function $P(x)$ is divided by $ax-b$, the remainder is $P(a/b)$,

$a, b \in \mathbb{I}$, $a \neq 0$

e.g.4: Determine the value of k such that when $3x^4+kx^3-7x-10$ is divided by $x-2$, the remainder is 8.