

Division Algorithm Theorem

Statement:- If $f(x), g(x) \neq 0$ with leading coefficient a unit be two given polynomials in an indeterminate x over an integral domain R with unity, then there exist unique polynomials $q(x)$, $r(x)$ in $R[x]$ s.t. $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$ where either $r(x) = 0$ or $\deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$.

Proof:- Given $f(x), g(x) \neq 0$ be two polynomials.

$$\text{Let } f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_m x^m$$

$$g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_n x^n$$

Given b_n is unit

$$\exists q(x), r(x) \in R[x]$$

T.P i) $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$

ii) $r(x) = 0$ or $\deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$

$$\deg f = m, \deg g = n$$

Case I If $f(x) = 0$

$$f(x) = g(x) \cdot 0 + 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } r(x) = 0, q(x) = 0$$

result is true for $f(x) = 0$

Case II If $f(x) \neq 0$

Sub Case I If $\deg f(x) < \deg g(x)$

$$m < n$$

then $f(x) = g(x) \cdot 0 + r(x)$
ie $g(x) = 0$, $r(x) = f(x)$

$$\therefore \deg r(x) = \deg f(x)$$

but we have $\deg f(x) < \deg g(x)$

$$\therefore \deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$$

result is true for $m < n$

Sub Case II: If $\deg f(x) \geq \deg g(x)$
 $m \geq n$

Assumption :- Assume that result is true for all polynomial of degree less than $\deg f(x)$

Define $f_1(x) = f(x) - a_m b_n^{-1} x^{m-n} g(x)$ — ①

$$f_1(x) = (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_{m-1} x^{m-1}) - a_m b_n^{-1} x^{m-n} (b_0 + b_1 x + \dots + b_{n-1} x^{n-1})$$

now Coeff. of x^m ,

$$a_m - a_m b_n^{-1} b_n = 0$$

$$a_m - a_m = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

$$\therefore \deg f_1(x) < \deg f(x)$$

$$\deg f_1(x) < m$$

By Assumption

$$f_1(x) = g(x) + r(x) + n(x) — ②$$

$$n(x) = 0 \text{ or } \deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$$

By ① & ②

$$f(x) - a_m b_n^{-1} x^{m-n} g(x) = g(x) t(x) + n(x)$$

$$f(x) = g(x) [t(x) + a_m b_n^{-1} x^{m-n}] + n(x)$$

$$f(x) = g(x) q(x) + n(x)$$

$$\text{where } q(x) = t(x) + a_m b_n^{-1} x^{m-n}$$

Hence Proved.

Uniqueness :- T.P $q(x)$ and $n(x)$ are unique

Suppose $f(x) = g(x) q(x) + n(x)$ - ③

$$n(x) = 0 \text{ or } \deg n(x) < \deg g(x)$$

and $f(x) = g(x) q'(x) + n'(x)$ - ④

$$n'(x) = 0 \text{ or } \deg n'(x) < \deg g(x)$$

By ③ & ④

$$g(x) q(x) + n(x) = g(x) q'(x) + n'(x)$$

$$g(x) [q(x) - q'(x)] = n'(x) - n(x) - ⑤$$

T.P $q(x) - q'(x) = 0$

$$\text{and } n'(x) - n(x) = 0$$

Suppose $q(x) - q'(x) \neq 0$

$$\text{i.e. } \deg (q(x) - q'(x)) \geq 0$$

By ⑤ $\deg [g(x)(q(x) - q'(x))] = \deg [n'(x) - n(x)]$

$$\deg g(x) + \deg (q(x) - q'(x)) = \deg (n'(x) - n(x)) - ⑥$$

$$\therefore \deg g(x) = n$$

L.H.S. of eqn $\neq n^n$

R.H.S also $\neq n^n$

We know $\deg n(x) < \deg g(x)$
 $< n$

and $\deg n'(x) < \deg g(x)$
 $< n$

$$\therefore \deg n(x) - \deg n'(x) < n$$

Contradiction

Hence $g(x) - g'(x) = 0$

$$g(x) = g'(x)$$

Similarly $n'(x) - n(x) = 0$

$$n'(x) = n(x)$$

Hence Proved