

# Exam I Wed 6th

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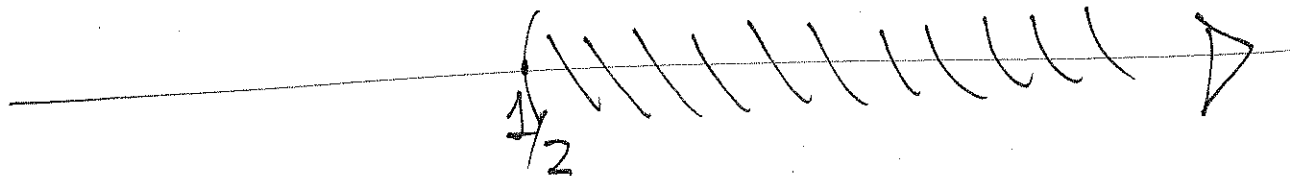
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~~Summary~~

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Ex

$$(2x+3)(x^2-x+1)$$

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# Rationalizing the denominator

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \frac{1\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & \\ \swarrow & & \nwarrow \\ \text{irrational} & & \text{rational} \end{array}$$

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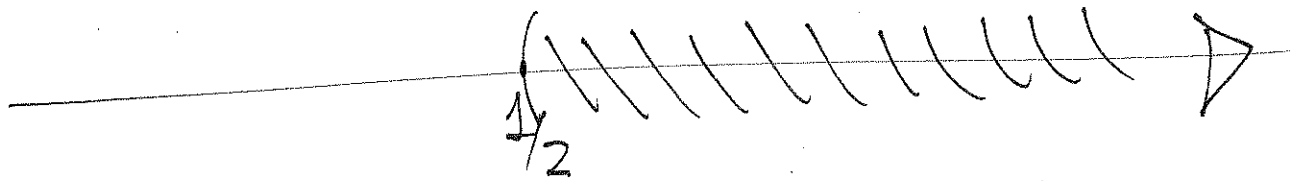
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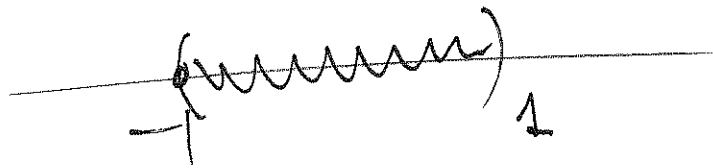
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A3 A polynomial is a finite sum of terms of the type

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$a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$  are the coefficients

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Ex Factor completely

$$\underline{\underline{2x^2 - x - 6}}$$

$$ac = -12$$

$$-4, 3$$

$$b = -1$$

$$2x^2 - 4x + 3x - 6$$

$$2x(x-2) + 3(x-2)$$

$$(x-2)(2x+3)$$

$$\frac{\cancel{x^2 - 2x + 1}}{\cancel{x^3 + x}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{4x^2 + 4}}{\cancel{x^2 + x - 2}}$$

$$\frac{12}{x^2 + x} \cdot \frac{x^3 + 1}{4x - 2}$$

$$12 \cdot (x^3 + 1)$$

$$\frac{6 \cdot \cancel{2} (x+1) (x^2 - x + 1)}{x(x+1) \cancel{2} (2x-1)}$$

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

Ex

$$x^2 + 9x + 8$$

$$(x+1)(x+8)$$

Ex

$$2z^2 + 5z + 3$$

$$\underbrace{2z^2 + 2z} + \underbrace{3z + 3}$$

$$2z(z+1) + 3(z+1)$$

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simplify

$$\frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{x^2 + 3x + 2} = \frac{\cancel{(x+2)} \cancel{(x+2)}}{\cancel{(x+2)} (x+1)}$$
$$= \frac{x+2}{x+1}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^3 + x} \cdot \frac{4x^2 + 4}{x^2 + x - 2} = \frac{(x^2 - 2x + 1)(4x^2 + 4)}{(x^3 + x)(x^2 + x - 2)}$$
$$= \frac{(x-1) \cancel{(x-1)} 4 \cancel{(x^2 + 1)}}{x \cancel{(x^2 + 1)} (x+2) \cancel{(x-1)}} = \frac{4(x-1)}{x(x+2)}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{4x - 4}{x^2 + 2x}}$$