

Unit 1 : Algebra Skills

Topic: Partial Fraction Decomposition with Long Division

Objective: *SWBAT* rewrite a fraction as the sum/difference of two smaller fractions by first using long division

Warm Up #7:

Divide the following polynomials using long division: $\frac{2x^3 - 4x^2 - 5x + 3}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$



What happens if the degree of the numerator is greater than the degree of the denominator??

If the _____ has a higher order/degree than the

_____, we need to begin with _____

Then examine the remainder for decomposition.

Example: Find the partial fraction decomposition for the following.

$$\frac{2x^3 - 4x^2 - 5x + 3}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$$

Let's see if we can do it again:

Find the partial fraction decomposition for each of the following.

1) $\frac{3x^3 - 2x^2 - 19x - 7}{x^2 - x - 6}$

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

$$3) \frac{x^3 + 6x^2 + 17x + 16}{x^2 + 4x + 3}$$

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



