

**Problem 1** Compute the following division:

$$\begin{aligned} & (-2x^4 - 5x^3 - 14x^2 - 9x - 8) \div (2x^2 + x + 2) \\ &= \boxed{-x^2 - 2x - 5} + \frac{\boxed{2}}{\boxed{2x^2 + x + 2}} \end{aligned}$$

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**Problem 2** Compute the following division:

$$\begin{aligned} & (12x^6 - 5x^5 - 17x^4 + 2x^3 - 18x^2 - 10x + 4) \div (-4x - 5) \\ &= \boxed{-3x^5 + 5x^4 - 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x} + \frac{\boxed{4}}{\boxed{-4x - 5}} \end{aligned}$$

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**Problem 3** Compute the following division:

$$\begin{aligned} & (2x^7 - 7x^6 + 7x^5 - x^4 - 5x^3 - 4x^2 - 4x - 1) \div (x^2 - 2x - 1) \\ &= \boxed{2x^5 - 3x^4 + 3x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 2} + \frac{\boxed{2x + 1}}{\boxed{x^2 - 2x - 1}} \end{aligned}$$

## Factor Coefficients Method Practice 1

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**Problem 4** Compute the following division:

$$\begin{aligned} & (10x^6 + 3x^5 - 13x^4 - 20x^3 - 3x^2 + 5) \div (-5x^2 - 4x - 3) \\ &= \boxed{-2x^4 + x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 2} + \frac{\boxed{-5x - 1}}{\boxed{-5x^2 - 4x - 3}} \end{aligned}$$

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