

Homework 3

Problem 3:

Write a pseudocode algorithm for polynomial division. Write your answer in the file answers/problem3.pdf.

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Method div(RatPoly P){  
  
    Return NaN if P or X are NaN  
  
    Q = new empty Poly()  
    R = Poly (Coefficients of this, represented as X)  
  
    Return 0 if P.degree > R.degree  
  
    While ( !( P.degree > R.degree) and !R.equals(ZERO) ){  
        C = Lead coefficient of R / Lead coefficient of P  
        Q = Q + C                                //adding division to polynomial  
        R = r - C * P                            //changing R's value  
    }  
  
    Return Q  
}
```

State the loop invariant for the main loop and prove partial correctness. Write your answer in the file answers/problem3.pdf. For the proof question, you do not need to handle division by zero; however, you will need to do so in the Java program. Important: write your pseudocode, invariants, and proofs first, then write the Java code. Going backwards will be harder.

Loop invariant:

$$X = R + (P * Q)$$

Proof:

The Base Case:

$X = \text{some value } x$

$$Q = 0$$

$$P = p$$

$$R = x$$

So, the result would be $X = 0 * p + x \rightarrow X = x$, which is true

Assume $X = R + (P * Q)$:

Next iteration:

$$X = (R - C * P) + (P * (Q + C))$$

$$X = R - C * P + Q * P - C * P$$

$$X = R + (Q * P), \text{ True }$$