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Q4(a): What must be subtracted from $16x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x + 7$ so that the resulting expression has 2x + 1 as a factor?

Solution: Let $p(x) = 16x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x + 7$ and d(x) = 2x + 1.

Polynomial division of p(x) with d(x):

$$\begin{array}{r}
8x^2 - 8x + 6 \\
2x + 1) \overline{\smash{\big)}\ 16x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x + 7} \\
-16x^3 - 8x^2 \\
-16x^2 + 4x \\
\underline{-16x^2 + 8x} \\
12x + 7 \\
\underline{-12x - 6} \\
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\end{array}$$

From the above division, it is clear that 1 has to be subtracted from the polynomial p(x), so that d(x) becomes factor of the resulting polynomial after subtraction.