

## Exercise 1A

**1 a** 
$$\frac{4x^4 + 5x^2 - 7x}{x}$$

$$= \frac{4x^4}{x} + \frac{5x^2}{x} - \frac{7x}{x}$$

$$= 4x^3 + 5x - 7$$

**b** 
$$\frac{7x^5 - 5x^5 + 9x^3 + x^2}{x}$$

$$= \frac{7x^5}{x} - \frac{5x^5}{x} + \frac{9x^3}{x} + \frac{x^2}{x}$$

$$= 7x^4 - 5x^4 + 9x^2 + x$$

**c** 
$$\frac{-x^4 + 4x^2 + 6}{x}$$

$$= \frac{-x^4}{x} + \frac{4x^2}{x} + \frac{6}{x}$$

$$= -x + 4x + \frac{6}{x}$$

**d** 
$$\frac{7x^5 - x^3 - 4}{x}$$

$$= \frac{7x^5}{x} - \frac{x^3}{x} - \frac{4}{x}$$

$$= 7x^4 - x^2 - \frac{4}{x}$$

**e** 
$$\frac{8x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{8x^4}{2x} - \frac{4x^3}{2x} + \frac{6x}{2x}$$

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

**f** 
$$\frac{9x^2 - 12x^3 - 3x}{3x}$$

$$= \frac{9x^2}{3x} - \frac{12x^3}{3x} - \frac{3x}{3x}$$

$$= 3x - 4x^2 - 1$$

**g** 
$$\frac{7x^3 - x^4 - 2}{5x}$$

$$= \frac{7x^3}{5x} - \frac{x^4}{5x} - \frac{2}{5x}$$

$$= 3x - 4x^2 - 1$$

**h** 
$$\frac{-4x^2 + 6x^4 - 2x}{-2x}$$

$$= \frac{-4x^2}{-2x} + \frac{6x^4}{-2x} - \frac{2x}{-2x}$$

$$= 2x - 3x^3 + 1$$

**i** 
$$\frac{-x^8 + 9x^4 - 4x^3 + 6}{-2x}$$

$$= -\frac{x^8}{-2x} + \frac{9x^4}{-2x} - \frac{4x^3}{-2x} + \frac{6}{-2x}$$

$$= \frac{x^7}{2} - \frac{9x^3}{2} + 2x^2 - \frac{3}{x}$$

**j** 
$$\frac{-9x^9 - 6x^6 + 4x^4 - 2}{-3x}$$

$$= \frac{-9x^9}{-3x} - \frac{6x^6}{-3x} + \frac{4x^4}{-3x} - \frac{2}{-3x}$$

$$= 3x^8 + 2x^5 - \frac{4x^3}{3} + \frac{2}{3x}$$

**2 a** 
$$\frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{(x-2)} = x+3$$

**b** 
$$\frac{(x+4)(3x-1)}{(3x-1)} = x+4$$

**c** 
$$\frac{(x+3)^2}{(x+3)} = \frac{(x+3)(x+3)}{(x+3)} = x+3$$

**d** 
$$\frac{x^2 + 10x + 21}{(x+3)} = \frac{(x+7)(x+3)}{(x+3)} = x+7$$

**e** 
$$\frac{x^2 + 9x + 20}{(x+4)} = \frac{(x+4)(x+5)}{(x+4)} = x+5$$

**f** 
$$\frac{x^2 + x - 12}{(x-3)} = \frac{(x-3)(x+4)}{(x-3)} = x+4$$

**g** 
$$\frac{x^2 + x - 20}{x^2 + 2x - 15} = \frac{(x+5)(x-4)}{(x+5)(x-3)} = \frac{x-4}{x-3}$$

**h** 
$$\frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 + 5x + 4} = \frac{(x+2)(x+1)}{(x+4)(x+1)} = \frac{x+2}{x+4}$$

**i** 
$$\frac{x^2 + x - 12}{x^2 - 9x + 18} = \frac{(x+4)(x-3)}{(x-6)(x-3)} = \frac{x+4}{x-6}$$

**j** 
$$\frac{2x^2 + 7x + 6}{(x-5)(x+2)} = \frac{(2x+3)(x+2)}{(x-5)(x+2)} = \frac{2x+3}{x-5}$$

**k** 
$$\frac{2x^2 + 9x - 18}{(x+6)(x+1)} = \frac{(2x-3)(x+6)}{(x+6)(x+1)} = \frac{2x-3}{x+1}$$

**l** 
$$\frac{3x^2 - 7x + 2}{(3x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{(3x-1)(x-2)}{(3x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{x-2}{x+2}$$

**m** 
$$\frac{2x^2 + 3x + 1}{x^2 - x - 2} = \frac{(2x+1)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{2x+1}{x-2}$$

**n** 
$$\frac{x^2 + 6x + 8}{3x^2 + 7x + 2} = \frac{(x+4)(x+2)}{(3x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{x+4}{3x+1}$$

**o** 
$$\frac{2x^2 - 5x - 3}{2x^2 - 9x + 9} = \frac{(2x+1)(x-3)}{(2x-3)(x-3)} = \frac{2x+1}{2x-3}$$

**3** 
$$6x^3 + 3x^2 - 84x = 3x(2x^2 + x - 28)$$
  

$$= 3x(2x-7)(x+4)$$

$$6x^2 - 33x + 42 = 3(2x^2 - 11x + 14)$$
  

$$= 3(x-2)(2x-7)$$

$$\frac{6x^2 + 3x^2 - 84x}{6x^2 - 33x + 42} = \frac{3x(2x-7)(x+4)}{3(x-2)(2x-7)}$$
  

$$= \frac{x(x+4)}{(x-2)}$$

$a = 1, b = 4, c = -2$