The **complexpolylongdiv** Package

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1 Introduction

To the best of my knowledge, there is no TeX package for typesetting (complex) polynomial long division. The complexpolylongdiv package provides a simple interface for typesetting (complex) polynomial long division.

The package does not provide automatic (complex) polynomial long division at present and the long division should be done by hand. However, if there is enough interest in the package, I will add this feature in the next version.

2 Using the package

2.1 Loading The Package

You can load the package in the ordinary way:

> `\usepackage{`*complexpolylongdiv*`}`

2.2 The user interface

The package provides the environment `complexpolylongdiv` and the control sequence `\complexpolyquotient` for typesetting (complex) polynomial long division.

2.2.1 The `complexpolylongdiv` environment

> `\begin{complexpolylongdiv}` `[pos]`   ⟨*content*⟩   `\end{complexpolylongdiv}`

The `[pos]` is optional and determines the vertical alignment of the (complex) polynomial long division. If `pos` is `t`, then the ⟨*content*⟩ is placed vertically at the top and if `pos` is `b`, then the ⟨*content*⟩ is placed vertically at the bottom; otherwise, the ⟨*content*⟩ is placed vertically at the center (the default when the optional `[pos]` is omitted).

2.2.2 The control sequence \complexpolyquotient

```
\complexpolyquotient{⟨quotient⟩}
```

The control sequence \complexpolyquotient typesets ⟨*quotient*⟩.

2.3 An Example

```latex
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{complexpolylongdiv}
\begin{document}
\begin{equation}
\begin{complexpolylongdiv}
&x+1-2i \\
x-1&\complexpolyquotient{x^2-2ix+6}\\
-&\underline{x^2-x}\\
  -&(1-2i)x+6\\
  -&\underline{(1-2i)x-(1-2i)}\\
  &7-2i
\end{complexpolylongdiv}
\end{equation}
\end{document}
```

$$
\begin{array}{r}
x+1-2i \\
x-1\,\overline{)\,x^2-2ix+6} \\
-\quad \underline{x^2-x} \\
-\quad (1-2i)x+6 \\
-\quad \underline{(1-2i)x-(1-2i)} \\
7-2i
\end{array}
\tag{1}
$$

3 Implementation

```latex
1 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
2 \ProvidesPackage{complexpolylongdiv}[2024/12/30 v0.2 Typesetting (complex) polynomial long div
3 \newenvironment{complexpolylongdiv}[1][c]{%
4   \let\\\@arraycr
5   \if #1t
6     \vtop
7   \else
8     \if#1b
9       \vbox
10    \else
11      \vcenter
12    \fi
13  \fi
14  \bgroup
15    \normalbaselines
16    \offinterlineskip
17    \setbox\strutbox\hbox{%
18      \vrule height 2.1ex depth .5ex width0ex}%
19      \tabskip=0pt
20      \halign\bgroup
21        \hfil$##$&$\,\hphantom{\big)}\mkern2mu ##$\hfil\strut\cr
```

```
22 }{%
23        \crcr
24      \egroup
25    \egroup
26 }
27 \newcommand*{\complexpolyquotient}[1]{%
28    \omit$\,
29    \overline{%
30      \vphantom{\big)}%
31      \hbox{%
32        \smash{%
33          \raise3.5\fontdimen8\textfont3\hbox{$\big)$}}%
34        }%
35      }%
36      \mkern2mu #1
37    }$%
38 }
```

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