

Exercise 4.1

Resolve into partial fractions.

$$1) \quad \frac{7x-9}{(x+1)(x-3)}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{7x-9}{(x+1)(x-3)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-3}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x+1)(x-3)$, we get

$$7x-9 = A(x-3) + B(x+1) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

To find A, we put $x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$ in eq (1), we get

$$7(-1)-9 = A(-1-3) + B(-1+1)$$

$$7-9 = A(-4) + B(0)$$

$$-16 = -4A$$

$$-4A = -16$$

Dividing both sides by '-4', we get

$$A = 4$$

To find B, we put $x-3=0 \Rightarrow x=3$ in eq (1), we get

$$7(3)-9 = A(3-3) + B(3+1)$$

$$21-9 = A(0) + B(4)$$

$$12 = 4B$$

$$\text{or } 4B = 12$$

Dividing both sides by '4', we get

$$B = 3$$

Thus required partial fraction are $\frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{3}{x-3}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{7x-9}{(x+1)(x-3)} = \frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{3}{x-3}$$

$$2) \quad \frac{x-11}{(x-4)(x+3)}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{x-11}{(x-4)(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x-4} + \frac{B}{x+3}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x-4)(x+3)$, we get

$$x-11 = A(x+3) + B(x-4) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

To find A, we put $x-4=0 \Rightarrow x=4$ in eq (1), we get

$$4-11 = A(4+3) + B(4-4)$$

$$-7 = A(7) + B(0)$$

$$-7 = 7A$$

$$\text{or } 7A = -7$$

Dividing both sides by '7', we get

$$A = -1$$

To find B, we put $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$ in eq (1), we get

$$-3-11 = A(-3+3) + B(-3-4)$$

$$-14 = A(0) + B(-7)$$

$$-14 = -7B$$

$$\text{or } -7B = -14$$

Dividing both sides by '-7', we get

$$B = 2$$

Thus required partial fraction are $\frac{-1}{x-4} + \frac{2}{x+3}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{x-11}{(x-4)(x+3)} = \frac{-1}{x-4} + \frac{2}{x+3}$$

$$3) \quad \frac{3x-1}{x^2-1}$$

Solution:

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

$$\text{Let } \frac{3x-1}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+1}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x-1)(x+1)$, we get

$$3x-1 = A(x+1) + B(x-1) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

To find A, we put $x-1=0 \Rightarrow x=1$ in eq (1), we get

$$3(1)-1 = A(1+1) + B(1-1)$$

$$3-1 = A(2) + B(0)$$

$$2 = 2A$$

$$\text{or } 2A = 2$$

Dividing both sides by '2', we get

$$A = 1$$

To find B, we put $x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$ in eq (1), we get

$$3(-1)-1 = A(-1+1) + B(-1-1)$$

$$-3-1 = A(0) + B(-2)$$

$$-4 = -2B$$

$$\text{or } -2B = -4$$

Dividing both sides by '-2', we get

$$B = 2$$

Thus required partial fraction are $\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x+1}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{3x-1}{x^2-1} = \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x+1}$$

$$4) \quad \frac{x-5}{x^2+2x-3}$$

Solution:

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

$$= \frac{x-5}{x(x+3)-(x+3)} = \frac{x-5}{(x-1)(x+3)}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{x-5}{(x-1)(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+3}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x-1)(x+3)$, we get

$$x-5 = A(x+3) + B(x-1) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

To find A, we put $x-1=0 \Rightarrow x=1$ in eq (1), we get

$$1-5 = A(1+3) + B(1-1)$$

$$-4 = A(4) + B(0)$$

$$-4 = 4A$$

$$\text{or } 4A = -4$$

Dividing both sides by '4', we get

$$A = -1$$

To find B, we put $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$ in eq (1), we get

$$-3-5 = A(-3+3) + B(-3-1)$$

$$-8 = A(0) + B(-4)$$

$$-8 = -4B$$

$$\text{or } -4B = -8$$

Dividing both sides by '-4', we get

$$B = 2$$

Thus required partial fraction are $\frac{-1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x+3}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{x-5}{x^2+2x-3} = \frac{-1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x+3}$$

$$5) \quad \frac{3x+5}{(x-1)(x+2)}$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } \frac{3x+5}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+2}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x-1)(x+2)$, we get

$$3x+5 = A(x+2) + B(x-1) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

To find A, we put $x-1=0 \Rightarrow x=1$ in eq (1), we get

$$3(1)+5 = A(1+2) + B(1-1)$$

$$3+5 = A(3) + B(0)$$

$$6 = 3A$$

$$\text{or } 3A = 6$$

Dividing both sides by '3', we get

$$A = 2$$

To find B, we put $x+2=0 \Rightarrow x=-2$ in eq (1), we get

$$3(-2)+5 = A(-2+2) + B(-2-1)$$

$$-6+5 = A(0) + B(-3)$$

$$-3 = -3B$$

$$\text{or } -3B = -3$$

Dividing both sides by '-3', we get

$$B = 1$$

Thus required partial fraction are $\frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x+2}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{3x+5}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x+2}$$

$$6) \quad \frac{7x-25}{(x-4)(x-3)}$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } \frac{7x-25}{(x-4)(x-3)} = \frac{A}{x-4} + \frac{B}{x-3}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x-4)(x-3)$, we get

$$7x-25 = A(x-3) + B(x-4) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

To find A, we put $x-4=0 \Rightarrow x=4$ in eq (1), we get

$$7(4)-25 = A(4-3) + B(4-4)$$

$$28-25 = A(1) + B(0)$$

$$3 = A$$

$$\text{or } A = 3$$

To find B, we put $x-3=0 \Rightarrow x=3$ in eq (1), we get

$$7(3)-25 = A(3-3) + B(3-4)$$

$$21-25 = A(0) + B(-1)$$

$$-4 = -B$$

$$\text{or } -B = -4$$

Dividing both sides by '-1', we get

$$B = 4$$

Thus required partial fraction are $\frac{3}{x-4} + \frac{4}{x-3}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{7x-25}{(x-4)(x-3)} = \frac{3}{x-4} + \frac{4}{x-3}$$

$$7) \quad \frac{x^2+2x+1}{(x-2)(x+3)}$$

Solution:

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

$$= \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x^2+x-6}$$

This is an improper fraction so by long division, we have

$$x^2+x-6 \overline{) x^2+2x+1}$$

$$\frac{x^2+2x+1}{(x-2)(x+3)} = 1 + \frac{x+7}{x^2+x-6}$$

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

$$\text{Let } \frac{x+7}{(x-2)(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x+3}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x-2)(x+3)$, we get

$$x+7 = A(x+3) + B(x-2) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

To find A, we put $x-2=0 \Rightarrow x=2$ in eq (1), we get

$$2+7 = A(2+3) + B(2-2)$$

$$9 = A(5) + B(0)$$

$$9 = 5A$$

$$\text{or } 5A = 9$$

Dividing both sides by '5', we get

$$A = \frac{9}{5}$$

To find B, we put $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$ in eq (1), we get

$$-3+7 = A(-3+3) + B(-3-2)$$

$$4 = A(0) + B(-5)$$

$$4 = -5B$$

$$\text{or } -5B = 4$$

Dividing both sides by '-5', we get

$$B = -\frac{4}{5}$$

Thus required partial fraction are $\frac{9/5}{x-2} + \frac{-4/5}{x+3}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{x^2+2x+1}{(x-2)(x+3)} = 1 + \frac{9}{5(x-2)} - \frac{4}{5(x+3)}$$

$$8) \quad \frac{6x^3+5x^2-7}{3x^2-2x-1}$$

Solution:

This an improper fraction so by long division, we have

$$3x^2-2x-1 \overline{) 6x^3+5x^2-7}$$

$$\frac{6x^3+5x^2-7}{3x^2-2x-1} = 2x+3 + \frac{8x-4}{3x^2-2x-1}$$

$$= 2x+3 + \frac{8x-4}{3x^2-3x+x-1}$$

$$= 2x+3 + \frac{8x-4}{3x(x-1)+1(x-1)}$$

$$= 2x+3 + \frac{8x-4}{(3x+1)(x-1)}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{8x-4}{(3x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{A}{3x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(3x+1)(x-1)$, we get

$$8x-4 = A(x-1) + B(3x+1) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

To find A, we put $3x+1=0 \Rightarrow 3x=-1 \Rightarrow x=-\frac{1}{3}$ in eq (1), we get

$$8\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)-4 = A\left(-\frac{1}{3}-1\right) + B\left[3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)+1\right]$$

$$-\frac{8}{3}-4 = A\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) + B(0)$$

$$-\frac{20}{3} = -\frac{4}{3}A$$

$$\text{or } -\frac{4}{3}A = -\frac{20}{3}$$

$$\frac{4}{3}A = \frac{20}{3}$$

$$A = \frac{20}{3} \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$A = 5$$

To find B, we put $x-1=0 \Rightarrow x=1$ in eq (1), we get

$$8(1)-4 = A(1-1) + B[3(1)+1]$$

$$8-4 = A(0) + B(4)$$

$$4 = 4B$$

$$\text{or } 4B = 4$$

Dividing both sides by '4', we get

$$B = 1$$

Thus required partial fraction are $\frac{5}{3x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{6x^3+5x^2-7}{3x^2-2x-1} = 2x+3 + \frac{5}{3x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1}$$

Resolution of a fraction when D(x) consists of repeated linear factors:**Rule II:**

If a linear factor $(ax + b)$ occurs n times as a factor of $D(x)$, then there are n partial fractions of the form,

$$\frac{A_1}{(ax+b)} + \frac{A_2}{(ax+b)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{(ax+b)^n} \text{ where } A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \text{ are constants and } n \geq 2 \text{ is a positive integer.}$$

$$\frac{N(x)}{D(x)} = \frac{A_1}{(ax+b)} + \frac{A_2}{(ax+b)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{(ax+b)^n}$$

Exercise 4.2**Resolve into partial fraction.**

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

Solution:

$$\text{Let } \frac{x^2 - 3x + 1}{(x-1)^2(x-2)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{C}{x-2}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x-1)^2(x-2)$, we get

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 = A(x-1)(x-2) + B(x-2) + C(x-1)^2 \dots (1)$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 = A(x^2 - 3x + 2) + B(x-2) + C(x^2 - 2x + 1)$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 = Ax^2 + 5Ax + 6A + Bx - 2B + Cx^2 - 2Cx + C$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 = Ax^2 + Cx^2 - 3Ax + Bx - 2Cx + 6A - 2B + C \dots (2)$$

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To find C, we put $x-2=0 \Rightarrow x=2$ in eq (1), we get

$$(2)^2 - 3(2) + 1 = A(2-1)(2-2) + B(2-2) + C(2-1)^2$$

$$4 - 6 + 1 = A(1)(0) + B(0) + C(1)^2$$

$$5 - 6 = A(0) + B(0) + C$$

$$-1 = C$$

$$\text{or } C = -1$$

To find B, we put $(x-1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x-1=0 \Rightarrow x=1$ in eq (1), we get

$$(1)^2 - 3(1) + 1 = A(1-1)(1-2) + B(1-2) + C(1-1)^2$$

$$1 - 3 + 1 = A(0)(-1) + B(-1) + C(0)$$

$$2 - 3 = A(0) + B(-1) + C(0)$$

$$-1 = -B$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 1$$

To find A, equating coefficient of x^2 on both sides of (2), we get

$$A + C = 1$$

$$A + (-1) = 1$$

$$A = 1 + 1$$

$$A = 2$$

Thus required partial fractions are $\frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{-1}{x-2}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{x^2 - 3x + 1}{(x-1)^2(x-2)} = \frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{1}{x-2}$$

$$(2) \frac{x^2 + 7x + 11}{(x+2)^2(x+3)}$$

Solution:

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$$\text{Let } \frac{x^2 + 7x + 11}{(x+2)^2(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{x+3}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x+2)^2(x+3)$, we get

$$x^2 + 7x + 11 = A(x+2)(x+3) + B(x+3) + C(x+2)^2 \dots (1)$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 11 = A(x^2 + 5x + 6) + B(x+3) + C(x^2 + 4x + 4)$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 11 = Ax^2 + 5Ax + 6A + Bx + 3B + Cx^2 + 4Cx + 4C$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 11 = Ax^2 + Cx^2 + 5Ax + Bx + 4Cx + 6A + 3B + 4C \dots (2)$$

To find C, we put $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$ in eq (1), we get

$$(-3)^2 + 7(-3) + 11 = A(-3+2)(-3+3) + B(-3+3) + C(-3+2)^2$$

$$9 - 21 + 11 = A(-1)(0) + B(0) + C(-1)^2$$

$$20 - 21 = A(0) + B(0) + C(1)$$

$$-1 = C$$

$$\text{or } C = -1$$

To find B, we put $(x+2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x+2=0 \Rightarrow x=-2$ in eq (1), we get

$$(-2)^2 + 7(-2) + 11 = A(-2+2)(-2+3) + B(-2+3) + C(-2+2)^2$$

$$4 - 14 + 11 = A(0)(1) + B(1) + C(0)^2$$

$$15 - 14 = A(0) + B(1) + C(0)$$

$$1 = B$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 1$$

To find A, equating coefficient of x^2 on both sides of (2), we get

$$A + C = 1$$

$$A + (-1) = 1$$

$$A = 1 + 1$$

$$A = 2$$

Thus required partial fractions are $\frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{-1}{x+3}$

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$$\text{Hence, } \frac{x^2 + 7x + 11}{(x+2)^2(x+3)} = \frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{1}{x+3}$$

$$(3) \frac{9}{(x-1)(x+2)^2}$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } \frac{9}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+2} + \frac{C}{(x+2)^2}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x-1)(x+2)^2$, we get

$$9 = A(x+2)^2 + B(x-1)(x+2) + C(x-1) \dots (1)$$

$$9 = A(x^2 + 4x + 4) + B(x^2 + x - 2) + C(x-1)$$

$$9 = Ax^2 + 4Ax + 4A + Bx^2 + Bx - 2B + Cx - C$$

$$9 = Ax^2 + Bx^2 + 4Ax + Bx + Cx + 4A - 2B - C \dots (2)$$

To find A, we put $x-1=0 \Rightarrow x=1$ in eq (1), we get

$$9 = A(1+2)^2 + B(1-1)(1+2) + C(1-1)$$

$$9 = A(3)^2 + B(0)(3) + C(0)$$

$$9 = A(9) + B(0) + C(0)$$

$$9 = 9A$$

$$\text{or } 9A = 9$$

Dividing the both sides by 9, we get

$$A = 1$$

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To find C, we put $(x+2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x+2=0 \Rightarrow x=-2$ in eq (1), we get

$$9 = A(-2+2)^2 + B(-2-1)(-2+2) + C(-2-1)$$

$$9 = A(0)^2 + B(-3)(0) + C(-3)$$

$$9 = A(0) + B(0) + C(-3)$$

$$9 = -3C$$

$$\text{or } -3C = 9$$

Dividing both sides by -3, we get

$$C = -3$$

To find B, equating coefficient of x^2 on both sides of (2), we get

$$A + B = 0$$

$$1 + B = 0$$

$$B = -1$$

Thus required partial fractions are $\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{-1}{x+2} + \frac{-3}{(x+2)^2}$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{9}{(x-1)(x+2)^2} = \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{-1}{x+2} + \frac{3}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$(4) \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2(x-1)}$$

Solution:

This is an improper fraction so by long division, we have

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

$$\frac{x+1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

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Resolution of fraction when D (x) consists of non-repeated irreducible quadratic factors.

Rule III:

If a quadratic factor $(ax^2 + bx + c)$ with $a \neq 0$ occur once as a factor of $D(x)$, the partial fraction is of the form $\frac{Ax+B}{ax^2+bx+c}$ where A and B are constants to be found.

Exercise 4.3

Resolve into partial fractions.

$$(1) \frac{3x-11}{(x+3)(x^2+1)}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{3x-11}{(x+3)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x+3)(x^2+1)$, we get

$$3x-11 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x+3) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

$$3x-11 = Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 + 3Bx + Cx + 3C$$

$$3x-11 = Ax^2 + Bx^2 + 3Bx + Cx + A + 3C \quad \text{.....(2)}$$

To find A, we put $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$ in eq (1), we get

$$3(-3)-11 = A((-3)^2+1) + (B(-3)+C)(-3+3)$$

$$-9-11 = A(9+1) + (-3B+C)(0)$$

$$-20 = 10A$$

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$$\text{or } 10A = -20$$

Dividing both sides by '10', we get

$$\Rightarrow A = -2$$

To find B and C, equating coefficient of x^2 and constant on both sides of eq (2), we get

$$A+B=0$$

$$-2+B=0$$

$$\Rightarrow B=2$$

$$\text{And } A+3C=-11$$

$$-2+3C=-11$$

$$3C=-11+2$$

$$3C=-9$$

Dividing both sides by '3', we get

$$C=-3$$

$$\text{Thus required partial fractions are } \frac{-2}{x+3} + \frac{2x+(-3)}{x^2+1}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{3x-11}{(x+3)(x^2+1)} = \frac{-2}{x+3} + \frac{2x-3}{x^2+1}$$

$$(2) \frac{3x+7}{(x^2+1)(x+3)}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{3x+7}{(x^2+1)(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x^2+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x+3}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x^2+1)(x+3)$, we get

$$3x+7 = A(x+3) + (Bx+C)(x^2+1)$$

$$3(-3)+7 = A(-3+3) + (B(-3)+C)(-3+1)$$

$$-9+7 = (-3A+B)(0) + C(9+1)$$

$$-2 = 10C$$

$$\text{or } 10C = -2$$

Dividing both sides by '10', we get

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{5}$$

To find A and B, equating coefficient of x^2 and constant on both sides of (2), we get

$$A+C=0$$

$$A+\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{And } 3B+C=7$$

$$3B+\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)=7$$

$$3B=7+\frac{1}{5}$$

$$3B = \frac{36}{5}$$

$$B = \frac{36}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$B = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\text{Thus required partial fractions are } \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{x^2+1} + \frac{\frac{12}{5}x - \frac{1}{5}}{x+3}$$

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$$\text{Hence, } \frac{3x+7}{(x^2+1)(x+3)} = \frac{x+12}{5(x^2+1)} + \frac{-1}{5(x+3)}$$

$$(3) \frac{1}{(x+1)(x^2+1)}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x+1)(x^2+1)$, we get

$$1 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x+1) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

$$1 = Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 + Bx + Cx + C$$

$$1 = Ax^2 + Bx^2 + Bx + Cx + A + C \quad \text{.....(2)}$$

To find A, we put $x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$ in eq (1), we get

$$1 = A((-1)^2+1) + (B(-1)+C)(-1+1)$$

$$1 = A(1+1) + (-B+C)(0)$$

$$1 = 2A$$

$$\text{or } 2A = 1$$

Dividing both sides by '2', we get

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

To find B and C, equating coefficient of x^2 and constant on both sides of (2), we get

$$A+B=0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}+B=0 \quad \therefore A=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\text{And } A+C=1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}+C=1 \quad \therefore A=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C=1-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus required partial fractions are } \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x+1} + \frac{-\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}}{x^2+1}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{1}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{x-1}{2(x^2+1)}$$

$$(4) \frac{9x-7}{(x+3)(x^2+1)}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{9x-7}{(x+3)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x+3)(x^2+1)$, we get

$$9x-7 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x+3) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

$$9x-7 = Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 + 3Bx + Cx + 3C$$

$$9x-7 = Ax^2 + Bx^2 + 3Bx + Cx + A + 3C \quad \text{.....(2)}$$

To find A, we put $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$ in eq (1), we get

$$9(-3)-7 = A((-3)^2+1) + (B(-3)+C)(-3+3)$$

$$-27-7 = A(9+1) + (-3B+C)(0)$$

$$-34 = 10A$$

$$\text{or } 10A = -34$$

Dividing both sides by '10', we get

$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{17}{5}$$

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$$\text{And } A+C=1$$

$$\frac{-17}{5}+C=1 \quad \therefore A=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C=1-\frac{17}{5}$$

$$C=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus required partial fractions are } \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x+1} + \frac{-\frac{17}{5}x + \frac{1}{2}}{x^2+1}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{1}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{x-1}{2(x^2+1)}$$

$$(5) \frac{9x-7}{(x+3)(x^2+1)}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{9x-7}{(x+3)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x+3)(x^2+1)$, we get

$$9x-7 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x+3) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

$$9x-7 = Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 + 3Bx + Cx + 3C$$

$$9x-7 = Ax^2 + Bx^2 + 3Bx + Cx + A + 3C \quad \text{.....(2)}$$

To find A, we put $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$ in eq (1), we get

$$9(-3)-7 = A((-3)^2+1) + (B(-3)+C)(-3+3)$$

$$-27-7 = A(9+1) + (-3B+C)(0)$$

$$-34 = 10A$$

$$\text{or } 10A = -34$$

Dividing both sides by '10', we get

$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{17}{5}$$

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$$\text{And } A+C=1$$

$$\frac{-17}{5}+C=1 \quad \therefore A=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C=1-\frac{17}{5}$$

$$C=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus required partial fractions are } \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x+1} + \frac{-\frac{17}{5}x + \frac{1}{2}}{x^2+1}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{1}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{x-1}{2(x^2+1)}$$

$$(6) \frac{3x+7}{(x+2)(x^2+4)}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{3x+7}{(x+2)(x^2+4)} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+4}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x+2)(x^2+4)$, we get

$$3x+7 = A(x^2+4) + (Bx+C)(x+2) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

$$3x+7 = Ax^2 + 4A + Bx^2 + 2Bx + Cx + 2C$$

$$3x+7 = Ax^2 + Bx^2 + 2Bx + Cx + 4A + 2C \quad \text{.....(2)}$$

To find A, we put $x+2=0 \Rightarrow x=-2$ in eq (1), we get

$$3(-2)+7 = A((-2)^2+4) + (B(-2)+C)(-2+2)$$

$$-6+7 = A(4+4) + (-2B+C)(0)$$

$$1 = 8A$$

$$\text{or } 8A = 1$$

Dividing both sides by '8', we get

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{8}$$

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$$\text{And } A+C=1$$

$$\frac{1}{8}+C=1 \quad \therefore A=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C=1-\frac{1}{8}$$

$$C=\frac{7}{8}$$

$$\text{Thus required partial fractions are } \frac{\frac{1}{8}}{x+2} + \frac{\frac{7}{8}x + \frac{7}{8}}{x^2+4}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{3x+7}{(x+2)(x^2+4)} = \frac{-2}{13(x+3)} + \frac{2x+33}{13(x^2+4)}$$

$$(7) \frac{1}{x^2+1}$$

Solution:

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

$$\text{Let } \frac{1}{(x+1)(x^2-x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2-x+1}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x+1)(x^2-x+1)$, we get

$$1 = A(x^2-x+1) + (Bx+C)(x+1) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

$$1 = A(x^2+1) + (-1+1) + (B(-1)+C)(-1+1)$$

$$1 = A(1+1) + (-B+C)(0)$$

$$1 = 2A$$

$$\text{or } 2A = 1$$

Dividing both sides by '2', we get

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

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To find B and C, equating coefficient of x^2 and constant on both sides of (2), we get

$$A+B=0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}+B=0 \quad \therefore A=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$B=-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{And } A+C=1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}+C=1$$

$$\therefore A=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C=1-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus required partial fractions are } \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}x-1}{x^2-x+1}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{1}{x^2+1} = \frac{1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{x-2}{2(x^2-x+1)}$$

$$(8) \frac{x^2+1}{x^3+1}$$

Solution:

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

$$\text{Let } \frac{x^2+1}{(x+1)(x^2-x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2-x+1}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(x+1)(x^2-x+1)$, we get

$$x^2+1 = A(x^2-x+1) + (Bx+C)(x+1) \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

$$x^2+1 = Ax^2 - Ax + A + Bx^2 + Bx + Cx + C$$

$$x^2+1 = Ax^2 + Bx^2 - Ax + Bx + Cx + A + C \quad \text{.....(2)}$$

To find A, we put $x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$ in eq (1), we get

$$1 = A((-1)^2+1) + (B(-1)+C)(-1+1)$$

$$1 = A(1+1) + (-B+C)(0)$$

$$1 = 2A$$

$$\text{or } 2A = 1$$

Dividing both sides by '2', we get

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

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To find B and C, equating coefficient of x^2 and constant on both sides of (2), we get

$$A+B=0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}+B=0 \quad \therefore A=\frac{2}{3}$$

$$B=-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{And } A+C=1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}+C=1$$

$$\therefore A=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C=1-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$C=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus required partial fractions are } \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}x-1}{x^2-x+1}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{1}{x^2+1} = \frac{1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{x-2}{2(x^2-x+1)}$$

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$$\text{And } A+C=1$$

Miscellaneous Exercise 4

Q1. Multiple Choice Questions

Four possible answers are given for the following questions. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(i) The identity $(5x + 4)^2 = 25x^2 + 40x + 16$ is true for

(a) one value of x (b) two values of x
(c) all values of x (d) none of these

(ii) A function of the form $f(x) = \frac{N(x)}{D(x)}$, with $D(x) \neq 0$, where $N(x)$ and $D(x)$ are polynomials in x is called

(a) an identity (b) an equation
(c) a fraction (d) none of these

(iii) A fraction in which the degree of the numerator is greater or equal the degree of denominator is called:

(a) a proper fraction (b) an improper fraction
(c) an equation (d) algebraic relation

(iv) A fraction in which the degree of numerator is less than the degree of the denominator is called

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(a) an equation (b) an improper fraction
(c) an identity (d) a proper fraction

(v) $\frac{2x+1}{(x+1)(x-1)}$ is

(a) an improper fraction (b) an equation
(c) a proper fraction (d) none of these

(vi) $[x + 3]^2 = x^2 + 6x + 9$ is:

(a) a linear equation (b) an equation
(c) an identity (d) none of these

(vii) $\frac{x^3+1}{(x-1)(x+2)}$ is

(a) a proper fraction (b) an improper fraction
(c) an identity (d) a constant term

(viii) Partial fractions of $\frac{x-2}{(x+1)(x+2)}$ are of the form

(a) $\frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+2}$ (b) $\frac{Ax}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+2}$
(c) $\frac{Ax}{x-1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x+2}$ (d) $\frac{Ax+B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x+2}$

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(ix) Partial fractions of $\frac{x+2}{(x+1)(x^2+2)}$ are of the form

(a) $\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x^2+2}$ (b) $\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+2}$
(c) $\frac{Ax+B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{x^2+2}$ (d) $\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx}{x^2+2}$

(x) Partial fractions of $\frac{x^2+1}{(x+1)(x-1)}$ are of the form

(a) $\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1}$ (b) $1 + \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x-1}$
(c) $1 + \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1}$ (d) $\frac{Ax+B}{(x+1)} + \frac{C}{x-1}$

Answers:

(i)	c	(ii)	c	(iii)	d	(iv)	d	(v)	c
(vi)	c	(vii)	b	(viii)	a	(ix)	b	(x)	c

Q2. Write short answers of the following questions.

(i) Define a rational fraction.

Ans: Rational Fraction

An expression of the form $\frac{N(x)}{D(x)}$ with $D(x) \neq 0$ is called a rational fraction.

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(ii) What is a proper fraction?

Ans: Proper Fraction

A rational fraction $\frac{N(x)}{D(x)}$ with $D(x) \neq 0$ is called a proper fraction if degree of the polynomial $N(x)$ < degree of the polynomial $D(x)$.

(iii) What is an improper fraction?

Ans: Improper Fraction

A rational fraction $\frac{N(x)}{D(x)}$ with $D(x) \neq 0$ is called an improper fraction if degree of the polynomial $N(x)$ is greater or equal to the degree of $D(x)$.

(iv) What are partial fractions?

Ans: Partial Fraction

A single fraction written in the forms of its components is said to be resolved into partial fraction.

(v) How can we make partial fractions of $\frac{x-2}{(x+2)(x+3)}$?

Ans: It is written as: $\frac{x-2}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x+3}$, then values of A and B are found as below.

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Let $\frac{x-2}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x+3}$ (i)

Multiplying both sides by $(x+2)(x+3)$, we get

$x-2 = A(x+3) + B(x+2)$ (ii)

Put $x+2=0 \Rightarrow x=-2$ in (ii)

$-2-2 = A(-2+3) + B(-2+2)$

$-4 = A(1)$

$A = -4$

Put $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$ in eq (ii)

$-3-2 = A(-3+3) + B(-3+2)$

$-5 = B(-1)$

$B = 5$

Putting values of A,B in (i)

$\frac{x-2}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{-4}{x+2} + \frac{5}{x+3}$

(vi) Resolve $\frac{1}{x^2-1}$ into partial fractions.

Ans:

$\frac{1}{x^2-1}$

$= \frac{1}{(x+1)(x-1)}$

Let $\frac{1}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1}$ (i)

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Multiplying both sides by $(x+1)(x-1)$, we get

$1 = A(x-1) + B(x+1)$ (ii)

Put $x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$ in (ii)

$1 = A(-1-1) + B(-1+1)$

$1 = A(-2) + B(0)$

$1 = -2A$

$A = -\frac{1}{2}$

Put $x-1=0 \Rightarrow x=1$ in eq (ii)

$1 = A(1-1) + B(1+1)$

$1 = A(0) + B(2)$

$1 = 2B$

$B = \frac{1}{2}$

Putting values of A,B in (i)

$\frac{1}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{-1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{1}{2(x-1)}$

$= \frac{1}{2(x-1)} - \frac{1}{2(x+1)}$ (Partial Fractions)

(vii) Find partial fractions of $\frac{3}{(x+1)(x-1)}$.

Ans:

Let $\frac{3}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1}$ (i)

Multiplying both sides by $(x+1)(x-1)$, we get

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$3 = A(x-1) + B(x+1)$ (ii)

Put $x-1=0 \Rightarrow x=1$ in (ii)

$3 = A(1-1) + B(1+1)$

$3 = 2B$

$2B = 3$

$B = \frac{3}{2}$

Put $x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$ in eq (ii)

$3 = A(-1-1) + B(-1+1)$

$3 = -2A$

$-2A = 3$

$A = -\frac{3}{2}$

Putting values of A,B in (i)

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

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

$= \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right]$

(viii) Resolve $\frac{x}{(x-3)^2}$ into partial fractions.

Ans:

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Let $\frac{x}{(x-3)^2} = \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{(x-3)^2}$ (i)

Multiplying both sides by $(x-3)^2$, we get

$x = A(x-3) + B$ (ii)

Put $x-3=0 \Rightarrow x=3$ in (ii)

$3 = A(3-3) + B$

$3 = B$

$B = 3$

Comparing coefficients of x

$1 = A$

$A = 1$

Putting values of A,B in (i)

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

(ix) How we can make the partial fractions of $\frac{x}{(x+a)(x-a)}$?

Ans:

Let $\frac{x}{(x+a)(x-a)} = \frac{A}{(x+a)} + \frac{B}{(x-a)}$ (i)

Multiplying by $(x+a)(x-a)$, we get

$x = A(x-a) + B(x+a)$ (ii)

Put $x-a=0 \Rightarrow x=a$ in (ii)

$a = A(a-a) + B(a+a)$

$a = B(2a)$

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$A = \frac{a}{2a}$

$B = \frac{1}{2}$

Put $x+a=0 \Rightarrow x=-a$ in (ii)

$-a = A(-a-a) + B(-a+a)$

$-a = A(-2a)$

$A = \frac{-a}{-2a}$

$A = \frac{1}{2}$

Putting values of A,B in (i)

$\frac{x}{(x+a)(x-a)} = \frac{1}{2(x+a)} + \frac{1}{2(x-a)}$

$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{x+a} + \frac{1}{x-a} \right]$ (Partial Fraction)

(x) Whether $(x+3)^2 = x^2 + 6x + 9$ is an identity?

Ans:

An identity is an equation which is satisfied by all the values of the variables involved.

$(x+3)^2 = x^2 + 6x + 9$ (i)

Put $x=7$ in (i)

$(7+3)^2 = (7)^2 + 6(7) + 9$

$100 = 100$

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Put $x = -7$ in (i)

$(-7+3)^2 = (-7)^2 + 6(-7) + 9$

$(-4)^2 = 49 - 42 + 9$

$16 = 58 - 42$

$16 = 16$

Yes, this is an identity.

It is true for every value of x.

Summary

✓ A fraction is an indicated quotient of two numbers or algebraic expressions.

✓ An expression of the form $\frac{N(x)}{D(x)}$, with $D(x) \neq 0$ and $N(x)$ and $D(x)$ are polynomials in x with real coefficients, is called a **rational fraction**. Every fractional expression can be expressed as a quotient of two polynomials.

✓ A rational fraction $\frac{N(x)}{D(x)}$, with $D(x) \neq 0$ is called a **proper fraction** if degree of the polynomial $N(x)$ in the numerator is less than the degree of the polynomial $D(x)$, in the denominator.

✓ A rational fraction $\frac{N(x)}{D(x)}$, with $D(x) \neq 0$ is called an **improper fraction** if degree of the polynomial $N(x)$ is greater or equal to the degree of the polynomial $D(x)$.

✓ **Partial fractions:** Decomposition of resultant fraction $\frac{N(x)}{D(x)}$, with $D(x) \neq 0$, when

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(a) $D(x)$ consists of non-repeated linear factors.

(b) $D(x)$ consists of repeated linear factors.

(c) $D(x)$ consists of non-repeated irreducible quadratic factors.

(d) $D(x)$ consists of repeated irreducible quadratic factors.

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