



## PARTIAL FRACTIONS

## Answers

**1**    **a**  $x = -4 \Rightarrow -12 = -6A \Rightarrow A = 2$   
 $x = 2 \Rightarrow -6 = 6B \Rightarrow B = -1$

**b**  $x = -2 \Rightarrow -5 = -5A \Rightarrow A = 1$   
 $x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 10 = \frac{5}{2}B \Rightarrow B = 4$

**2**    **a**  $2 \equiv A(x + 3) + B(x + 1)$   
 $x = -1 \Rightarrow 2 = 2A \Rightarrow A = 1$   
 $x = -3 \Rightarrow 2 = -2B \Rightarrow B = -1$

**b**  $x - 3 \equiv A(x - 1) + Bx$   
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow -3 = -A \Rightarrow A = 3$   
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow 2 = B \Rightarrow B = -2$

**c**  $x + 1 \equiv A(x - 5) + B(x - 3)$   
 $x = 3 \Rightarrow 4 = -2A \Rightarrow A = -2$   
 $x = 5 \Rightarrow 6 = 2B \Rightarrow B = 3$

**d**  $x + 10 \equiv A(2 - x) + B(1 + x)$   
 $x = -1 \Rightarrow 9 = 3A \Rightarrow A = 3$   
 $x = 2 \Rightarrow 12 = 3B \Rightarrow B = 4$

**e**  $\frac{4x-1}{(x+2)(x-1)} \equiv \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x-1}$   
 $4x - 1 \equiv A(x - 1) + B(x + 2)$   
 $x = -2 \Rightarrow -9 = -3A \Rightarrow A = 3$   
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow 3 = 3B \Rightarrow B = 1$

**f**  $\frac{x-9}{(x-1)(x-3)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-3}$   
 $x - 9 \equiv A(x - 3) + B(x - 1)$   
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow -8 = -2A \Rightarrow A = 4$   
 $x = 3 \Rightarrow -6 = 2B \Rightarrow B = -3$

**3**    **a**  $\frac{8}{(x-1)(x+3)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+3}$   
 $8 \equiv A(x + 3) + B(x - 1)$   
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow 8 = 4A \Rightarrow A = 2$   
 $x = -3 \Rightarrow 8 = -4B \Rightarrow B = -2$   
 $\therefore \frac{8}{(x-1)(x+3)} \equiv \frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{2}{x+3}$

**b**  $\frac{x-1}{(x+2)(x+3)} \equiv \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x+3}$   
 $x - 1 \equiv A(x + 3) + B(x + 2)$   
 $x = -2 \Rightarrow -3 = -B \Rightarrow B = 4$   
 $x = -3 \Rightarrow -4 = -B \Rightarrow B = 4$   
 $\therefore \frac{x-1}{(x+2)(x+3)} \equiv \frac{4}{x+3} - \frac{3}{x+2}$

**c**  $\frac{10x}{(x+4)(x-1)} \equiv \frac{A}{x+4} + \frac{B}{x-1}$   
 $10x \equiv A(x - 1) + B(x + 4)$   
 $x = -4 \Rightarrow -40 = -5A \Rightarrow A = 8$   
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow 10 = 5B \Rightarrow B = 2$   
 $\therefore \frac{10x}{(x+4)(x-1)} \equiv \frac{8}{x+4} + \frac{2}{x-1}$

**d**  $\frac{5x+7}{x(x+1)} \equiv \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1}$   
 $5x + 7 \equiv A(x + 1) + Bx$   
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow 7 = B \Rightarrow B = 7$   
 $x = -1 \Rightarrow 2 = -A \Rightarrow A = -2$   
 $\therefore \frac{5x+7}{x^2+x} \equiv \frac{7}{x} - \frac{2}{x+1}$

**e**  $\frac{x+2}{(x-1)(x-4)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-4}$   
 $x + 2 \equiv A(x - 4) + B(x - 1)$   
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow 3 = -3A \Rightarrow A = -1$   
 $x = 4 \Rightarrow 6 = 3B \Rightarrow B = 2$   
 $\therefore \frac{x+2}{x^2-5x+4} \equiv \frac{2}{x-4} - \frac{1}{x-1}$

**f**  $\frac{4x+6}{(x+3)(x-3)} \equiv \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{B}{x-3}$   
 $4x + 6 \equiv A(x - 3) + B(x + 3)$   
 $x = -3 \Rightarrow -6 = -6A \Rightarrow A = 1$   
 $x = 3 \Rightarrow 18 = 6B \Rightarrow B = 3$   
 $\therefore \frac{4x+6}{x^2-9} \equiv \frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{3}{x-3}$

**g**  $\frac{3x+2}{(x-6)(x+4)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-6} + \frac{B}{x+4}$   
 $3x + 2 \equiv A(x + 4) + B(x - 6)$   
 $x = 6 \Rightarrow 20 = 10A \Rightarrow A = 2$   
 $x = -4 \Rightarrow -10 = -10B \Rightarrow B = 1$   
 $\therefore \frac{3x+2}{x^2-2x-24} \equiv \frac{2}{x-6} + \frac{1}{x+4}$

**h**  $\frac{38-x}{(4+x)(3-x)} \equiv \frac{A}{4+x} + \frac{B}{3-x}$   
 $38 - x \equiv A(3 - x) + B(4 + x)$   
 $x = -4 \Rightarrow 42 = 7A \Rightarrow A = 6$   
 $x = 3 \Rightarrow 35 = 7B \Rightarrow B = 5$   
 $\therefore \frac{38-x}{12-x-x^2} \equiv \frac{6}{4+x} + \frac{5}{3-x}$

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**i**  $\frac{4x-5}{(2x+1)(x-3)} \equiv \frac{A}{2x+1} + \frac{B}{x-3}$

$$4x-5 \equiv A(x-3) + B(2x+1)$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -7 = -\frac{7}{2}A \Rightarrow A = 2$$

$$x = 3 \Rightarrow 7 = 7B \Rightarrow B = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{4x-5}{(2x+1)(x-3)} \equiv \frac{2}{2x+1} + \frac{1}{x-3}$$

**k**  $\frac{x+1}{x(1-3x)} \equiv \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{1-3x}$

$$x+1 \equiv A(1-3x) + Bx$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} = \frac{1}{3}B \Rightarrow B = 4$$

$$\therefore \frac{x+1}{x-3x^2} \equiv \frac{1}{x} + \frac{4}{1-3x}$$

**m**  $\frac{2x+10}{(4x-1)(2x+3)} \equiv \frac{A}{4x-1} + \frac{B}{2x+3}$

$$2x+10 \equiv A(2x+3) + B(4x-1)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{21}{2} = \frac{7}{2}A \Rightarrow A = 3$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow 7 = -7B \Rightarrow B = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{2(x+5)}{8x^2+10x-3} \equiv \frac{3}{4x-1} - \frac{1}{2x+3}$$

**o**  $\frac{1-3x}{(1+x)(1-2x)} \equiv \frac{A}{1+x} + \frac{B}{1-2x}$

$$1-3x \equiv A(1-2x) + B(1+x)$$

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow 4 = 3A \Rightarrow A = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}B \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1-3x}{1-x-2x^2} \equiv \frac{4}{3(1+x)} - \frac{1}{3(1-2x)}$$

- 4**
- a**  $x = 4 \Rightarrow 84 = 21A \Rightarrow A = 4$   
 $x = -3 \Rightarrow -56 = 28B \Rightarrow B = -2$   
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow -12 = -12C \Rightarrow C = 1$
- b**  $x = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{20}{3} = -\frac{20}{9}A \Rightarrow A = -3$   
 $x = 2 \Rightarrow 30 = 15B \Rightarrow B = 2$   
 $x = -1 \Rightarrow -12 = 12C \Rightarrow C = -1$
- c**  $x = -5 \Rightarrow 32 = 16A \Rightarrow A = 2$   
 $x = -1 \Rightarrow 12 = 4C \Rightarrow C = 3$   
coeffs of  $x^2 \Rightarrow 1 = A + B \Rightarrow B = -1$
- d**  $x = 3 \Rightarrow 196 = 49A \Rightarrow A = 4$   
 $x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 21 = -\frac{7}{2}C \Rightarrow C = -6$   
coeffs of  $x^2 \Rightarrow 20 = 4A + 2B \Rightarrow B = 2$

**j**  $\frac{1-3x}{(3x+4)(2x+1)} \equiv \frac{A}{3x+4} + \frac{B}{2x+1}$

$$1-3x \equiv A(2x+1) + B(3x+4)$$

$$x = -\frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow 5 = -\frac{5}{3}A \Rightarrow A = -3$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{2}B \Rightarrow B = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1-3x}{(3x+4)(2x+1)} \equiv \frac{1}{2x+1} - \frac{3}{3x+4}$$

**l**  $\frac{5}{(2x-1)(x+2)} \equiv \frac{A}{2x-1} + \frac{B}{x+2}$

$$5 \equiv A(x+2) + B(2x-1)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 5 = \frac{5}{2}A \Rightarrow A = 2$$

$$x = -2 \Rightarrow 5 = -5B \Rightarrow B = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{5}{2x^2+3x-2} \equiv \frac{2}{2x-1} - \frac{1}{x+2}$$

**n**  $\frac{3x-7}{(x+1)(x-3)} \equiv \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-3}$

$$3x-7 \equiv A(x-3) + B(x+1)$$

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow -10 = -4A \Rightarrow A = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x = 3 \Rightarrow 2 = 4B \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

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5 a  $8x + 14 \equiv A(x + 1)(x + 3) + B(x - 2)(x + 3) + C(x - 2)(x + 1)$

$$x = 2 \Rightarrow 30 = 15A \Rightarrow A = 2$$

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow 6 = -6B \Rightarrow B = -1$$

$$x = -3 \Rightarrow -10 = 10C \Rightarrow C = -1$$

b  $2x^2 - 6x + 20 \equiv A(x + 2)(x - 6) + B(x + 1)(x - 6) + C(x + 1)(x + 2)$

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow 28 = -7A \Rightarrow A = -4$$

$$x = -2 \Rightarrow 40 = 8B \Rightarrow B = 5$$

$$x = 6 \Rightarrow 56 = 56C \Rightarrow C = 1$$

c  $9x - 14 \equiv A(x - 1)^2 + B(x + 4)(x - 1) + C(x + 4)$

$$x = -4 \Rightarrow -50 = 25A \Rightarrow A = -2$$

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow -5 = 5C \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$\text{coeffs of } x^2 \Rightarrow 0 = A + B \Rightarrow B = 2$$

d  $3x^2 - 7x - 4 \equiv A(x - 2)^2 + B(x - 3)(x - 2) + C(x - 3)$

$$x = 3 \Rightarrow A = 2$$

$$x = 2 \Rightarrow -6 = -C \Rightarrow C = 6$$

$$\text{coeffs of } x^2 \Rightarrow 3 = A + B \Rightarrow B = 1$$

6 a  $\frac{2x^2 + 4}{x(x-1)(x-4)} \equiv \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x-4}$

$$2x^2 + 4 \equiv A(x - 1)(x - 4) + Bx(x - 4) + Cx(x - 1)$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow 4 = 4A \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow 6 = -3B \Rightarrow B = -2$$

$$x = 4 \Rightarrow 36 = 12C \Rightarrow C = 3 \therefore \frac{2x^2 + 4}{x(x-1)(x-4)} \equiv \frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{3}{x-4}$$

b  $\frac{9}{(x-2)(x+1)^2} \equiv \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}$

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

$$x = 2 \Rightarrow 9 = 9A \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow 9 = -3C \Rightarrow C = -3$$

$$\text{coeffs of } x^2 \Rightarrow 0 = A + B \Rightarrow B = -1 \therefore \frac{9}{(x-2)(x+1)^2} \equiv \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{3}{(x+1)^2}$$

c  $\frac{x^2 + 11x - 21}{(2x+1)(x-2)(x-3)} \equiv \frac{A}{2x+1} + \frac{B}{x-2} + \frac{C}{x-3}$

$$x^2 + 11x - 21 \equiv A(x - 2)(x - 3) + B(2x + 1)(x - 3) + C(2x + 1)(x - 2)$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -\frac{105}{4} = \frac{35}{4}A \Rightarrow A = -3$$

$$x = 2 \Rightarrow 5 = -5B \Rightarrow B = -1$$

$$x = 3 \Rightarrow 21 = 7C \Rightarrow C = 3 \therefore \frac{x^2 + 11x - 21}{(2x+1)(x-2)(x-3)} \equiv \frac{3}{x-3} - \frac{3}{2x+1} - \frac{1}{x-2}$$

d  $\frac{10x + 9}{(x-4)(x+3)^2} \equiv \frac{A}{x-4} + \frac{B}{x+3} + \frac{C}{(x+3)^2}$

$$10x + 9 \equiv A(x + 3)^2 + B(x - 4)(x + 3) + C(x - 4)$$

$$x = 4 \Rightarrow 49 = 49A \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$x = -3 \Rightarrow -21 = -7C \Rightarrow C = 3$$

$$\text{coeffs of } x^2 \Rightarrow 0 = A + B \Rightarrow B = -1 \therefore \frac{10x + 9}{(x-4)(x+3)^2} \equiv \frac{1}{x-4} - \frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{3}{(x+3)^2}$$

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- e**  $\frac{x^2+4x+5}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} \equiv \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x+2} + \frac{C}{(x+2)^2}$   
 $x^2+4x+5 \equiv A(x+2)^2 + B(x+1)(x+2) + C(x+1)$   
 $x = -1 \Rightarrow A = 2$   
 $x = -2 \Rightarrow 1 = -C \Rightarrow C = -1$   
coeffs of  $x^2 \Rightarrow 1 = A + B \Rightarrow B = -1 \therefore \frac{x^2+4x+5}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} \equiv \frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x+2} - \frac{1}{(x+2)^2}$
- f**  $\frac{16-2x}{(x-3)(x+2)(x-2)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x+2} + \frac{C}{x-2}$   
 $16-2x \equiv A(x+2)(x-2) + B(x-3)(x-2) + C(x-3)(x+2)$   
 $x = 3 \Rightarrow 10 = 5A \Rightarrow A = 2$   
 $x = -2 \Rightarrow 20 = 20B \Rightarrow B = 1$   
 $x = 2 \Rightarrow 12 = -4C \Rightarrow C = -3 \therefore \frac{16-2x}{(x-3)(x^2-4)} \equiv \frac{2}{x-3} + \frac{1}{x+2} - \frac{3}{x-2}$
- g**  $\frac{2-9x}{(x-3)(2x-1)^2} \equiv \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{2x-1} + \frac{C}{(2x-1)^2}$   
 $2-9x \equiv A(2x-1)^2 + B(x-3)(2x-1) + C(x-3)$   
 $x = 3 \Rightarrow -25 = 25A \Rightarrow A = -1$   
 $x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -\frac{5}{2} = -\frac{5}{2}C \Rightarrow C = 1$   
coeffs of  $x^2 \Rightarrow 0 = 4A + 2B \Rightarrow B = 2 \therefore \frac{2-9x}{(x-3)(2x-1)^2} \equiv \frac{2}{2x-1} + \frac{1}{(2x-1)^2} - \frac{1}{x-3}$
- h**  $\frac{3+24x-4x^2}{(x+1)(x-4)^2} \equiv \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-4} + \frac{C}{(x-4)^2}$   
 $3+24x-4x^2 \equiv A(x-4)^2 + B(x+1)(x-4) + C(x+1)$   
 $x = -1 \Rightarrow -25 = 25A \Rightarrow A = -1$   
 $x = 4 \Rightarrow 35 = 5C \Rightarrow C = 7$   
coeffs of  $x^2 \Rightarrow -4 = A + B \Rightarrow B = -3 \therefore \frac{3+24x-4x^2}{(x+1)(x-4)^2} \equiv \frac{7}{(x-4)^2} - \frac{3}{x-4} - \frac{1}{x+1}$
- i**  $\frac{9x^2-2x-12}{x(x+3)(x-2)} \equiv \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+3} + \frac{C}{x-2}$   
 $9x^2-2x-12 \equiv A(x+3)(x-2) + Bx(x-2) + Cx(x+3)$   
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow -12 = -6A \Rightarrow A = 2$   
 $x = -3 \Rightarrow 75 = 15B \Rightarrow B = 5$   
 $x = 2 \Rightarrow 20 = 10C \Rightarrow C = 2 \therefore \frac{9x^2-2x-12}{x^3+x^2-6x} \equiv \frac{2}{x} + \frac{5}{x+3} + \frac{2}{x-2}$
- j**  $\frac{5x^2+3x-20}{x^2(x+4)} \equiv \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+4}$   
 $5x^2+3x-20 \equiv Ax(x+4) + B(x+4) + Cx^2$   
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow -20 = 4B \Rightarrow B = -5$   
 $x = -4 \Rightarrow 48 = 16C \Rightarrow C = 3$   
coeffs of  $x^2 \Rightarrow 5 = A + C \Rightarrow A = 2 \therefore \frac{5x^2+3x-20}{x^3+4x^2} \equiv \frac{2}{x} - \frac{5}{x^2} + \frac{3}{x+4}$
- k**  $\frac{13-3x^2}{(2x+3)(x-1)^2} \equiv \frac{A}{2x+3} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{(x-1)^2}$   
 $13-3x^2 \equiv A(x-1)^2 + B(2x+3)(x-1) + C(2x+3)$   
 $x = -\frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{25}{4} = \frac{25}{4}A \Rightarrow A = 1$   
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow 10 = 5C \Rightarrow C = 2$   
coeffs of  $x^2 \Rightarrow -3 = A + 2B \Rightarrow B = -2 \therefore \frac{13-3x^2}{(2x+3)(x-1)^2} \equiv \frac{1}{2x+3} - \frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{2}{(x-1)^2}$

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**1**  $\frac{26-x-x^2}{(x-1)(x+3)(x+5)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+3} + \frac{C}{x+5}$

$$26-x-x^2 \equiv A(x+3)(x+5) + B(x-1)(x+5) + C(x-1)(x+3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x=1 &\Rightarrow 24=24A & \Rightarrow A=1 \\ x=-3 &\Rightarrow 20=-8B & \Rightarrow B=-\frac{5}{2} \\ x=-5 &\Rightarrow 6=12C & \Rightarrow C=\frac{1}{2} & \therefore \frac{26-x-x^2}{(x-1)(x+3)(x+5)} \equiv \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{5}{2(x+3)} + \frac{1}{2(x+5)} \end{aligned}$$

**7** **a**  $x^2 \equiv A(x-2)(x-6) + B(x-6) + C(x-2)$

$$\begin{aligned} x=2 &\Rightarrow 4=-4B & \Rightarrow B=-1 \\ x=6 &\Rightarrow 36=4C & \Rightarrow C=9 \\ \text{coeffs of } x^2 && \Rightarrow A=1 \end{aligned}$$

**b**  $\frac{x^2+2x+9}{(x-1)(x+5)} \equiv A + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x+5}$

$$x^2+2x+9 \equiv A(x-1)(x+5) + B(x+5) + C(x-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x=1 &\Rightarrow 12=6B & \Rightarrow B=2 \\ x=-5 &\Rightarrow 24=-6C & \Rightarrow C=-4 \\ \text{coeffs of } x^2 && \Rightarrow A=1 \end{aligned}$$

**8** **a**

$$\begin{array}{r} x+3 \\ x^2+x-2 \overline{) x^3 + 4x^2 + 0x - 2} \\ x^3 + x^2 - 2x \\ \hline 3x^2 + 2x - 2 \\ 3x^2 + 3x - 6 \\ \hline -x + 4 \end{array}$$

quotient:  $x+3$  remainder:  $-x+4$

**b**  $\frac{x^3+4x^2-2}{x^2+x-2} \equiv x+3 + \frac{4-x}{x^2+x-2}$

$$\frac{4-x}{(x+2)(x-1)} \equiv \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x-1}$$

$$4-x \equiv A(x-1) + B(x+2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x=-2 &\Rightarrow 6=-3A & \Rightarrow A=-2 \\ x=1 &\Rightarrow 3=3B & \Rightarrow B=1 & \therefore \frac{x^3+4x^2-2}{x^2+x-2} \equiv x+3 - \frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x-1} \end{aligned}$$

**9** **a**  $(x-3)(x+1) = x^2 - 2x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ x^2-2x-3 \overline{) x^2 + 0x + 3} \\ x^2 - 2x - 3 \\ \hline 2x + 6 \end{array}$$

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

$$\frac{2x+6}{(x-3)(x+1)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x+1}$$

$$2x+6 \equiv A(x+1) + B(x-3)$$

$$x=3 \Rightarrow 12=4A \Rightarrow A=3$$

$$x=-1 \Rightarrow 4=-4B \Rightarrow B=-1 \quad \therefore \frac{x^2+3}{(x-3)(x+1)} \equiv 1 + \frac{3}{x-3} - \frac{1}{x+1}$$

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**b**

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 3 \\ x^2 - 4 \) x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 2 \\ \underline{x^3 + 0x^2 - 4x} \\ - 3x^2 + 3x + 2 \\ - 3x^2 + 0x + 12 \\ \hline 3x - 10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 2}{x^2 - 4} &\equiv x - 3 + \frac{3x - 10}{x^2 - 4} \\ \frac{3x - 10}{(x+2)(x-2)} &\equiv \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x-2} \\ 3x - 10 &\equiv A(x-2) + B(x+2) \\ x = -2 &\Rightarrow -16 = -4A \Rightarrow A = 4 \\ x = 2 &\Rightarrow -4 = 4B \Rightarrow B = -1 \quad \therefore \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 2}{x^2 - 4} \equiv x - 3 + \frac{4}{x+2} - \frac{1}{x-2} \end{aligned}$$

**c**

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ x^2 + 6x + 8 \) 2x^2 + 7x + 0 \\ \underline{2x^2 + 12x + 16} \\ - 5x - 16 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{2x^2 + 7x}{x^2 + 6x + 8} &\equiv 2 + \frac{-5x - 16}{x^2 + 6x + 8} \\ \frac{-5x - 16}{(x+2)(x+4)} &\equiv \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x+4} \\ -5x - 16 &\equiv A(x+4) + B(x+2) \\ x = -2 &\Rightarrow -6 = 2A \Rightarrow A = -3 \\ x = -4 &\Rightarrow 4 = -2B \Rightarrow B = -2 \quad \therefore \frac{2x^2 + 7x}{x^2 + 6x + 8} \equiv 2 - \frac{3}{x+2} - \frac{2}{x+4} \end{aligned}$$

**d**  $3(x+1)(x-1) = 3x^2 - 3$   
 $(x-4)(x+5) = x^2 + x - 20$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ x^2 + x - 20 \) 3x^2 + 0x - 3 \\ \underline{3x^2 + 3x - 60} \\ - 3x + 57 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{3(x+1)(x-1)}{(x-4)(x+5)} &\equiv 3 + \frac{57 - 3x}{(x-4)(x+5)} \\ \frac{57 - 3x}{(x-4)(x+5)} &\equiv \frac{A}{x-4} + \frac{B}{x+5} \\ 57 - 3x &\equiv A(x+5) + B(x-4) \\ x = 4 &\Rightarrow 45 = 9A \Rightarrow A = 5 \\ x = -5 &\Rightarrow 72 = -9B \Rightarrow B = -8 \quad \therefore \frac{3(x+1)(x-1)}{(x-4)(x+5)} \equiv 3 + \frac{5}{x-4} - \frac{8}{x+5} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 5 \\ x^2 + 4x + 3 \overline{) 3x^3 + 7x^2 + 0x + 4} \\ 3x^3 + 12x^2 + 9x \\ \hline - 5x^2 - 9x + 4 \\ - 5x^2 - 20x - 15 \\ \hline 11x + 19 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3x^3 + 7x^2 + 4}{x^2 + 4x + 3} \equiv 3x - 5 + \frac{11x + 19}{x^2 + 4x + 3}$$

$$\frac{11x + 19}{(x+1)(x+3)} \equiv \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x+3}$$

$$11x + 19 \equiv A(x+3) + B(x+1)$$

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow 8 = 2A \Rightarrow A = 4$$

$$x = -3 \Rightarrow -14 = -2B \Rightarrow B = 7$$

$$\therefore \frac{3x^3 + 7x^2 + 4}{x^2 + 4x + 3} \equiv 3x - 5 + \frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{7}{x+3}$$

**f**

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 2x^2 - 7x + 3 \overline{) 4x^2 - 7x + 5} \\ 2x^2 - 14x + 6 \\ \hline 7x - 1 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{4x^2 - 7x + 5}{2x^2 - 7x + 3} \equiv 2 + \frac{7x - 1}{2x^2 - 7x + 3}$$

$$\frac{7x - 1}{(2x-1)(x-3)} \equiv \frac{A}{2x-1} + \frac{B}{x-3}$$

$$7x - 1 \equiv A(2x-1) + B(x-3)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{5}{2} = -\frac{5}{2}A \Rightarrow A = -1$$

$$x = 3 \Rightarrow 20 = 5B \Rightarrow B = 4$$

$$\therefore \frac{4x^2 - 7x + 5}{2x^2 - 7x + 3} \equiv 2 - \frac{1}{2x-1} + \frac{4}{x-3}$$

**g**

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ x^2 - 2x - 3 \overline{) 2x^2 + 0x + 0} \\ 2x^2 - 4x - 6 \\ \hline 4x + 6 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2x^2}{x^2 - 2x - 3} \equiv 2 + \frac{4x + 6}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$$

$$\frac{4x + 6}{(x+1)(x-3)} \equiv \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-3}$$

$$4x + 6 \equiv A(x-3) + B(x+1)$$

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow 2 = -4A \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 3 \Rightarrow 18 = 4B \Rightarrow B = \frac{9}{2}$$

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

## PARTIAL FRACTIONS

## Answers

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**h**

$$\begin{array}{r} x \\ \hline x^2 - 6x + 5 \end{array} \overline{) \begin{array}{r} x^3 - 6x^2 + 6x + 1 \\ - (x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x) \\ \hline x + 1 \end{array}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^3 - 6x^2 + 6x + 1}{x^2 - 6x + 5} \equiv x + \frac{x+1}{x^2 - 6x + 5}$$

$$\frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x-5)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-5}$$

$$x+1 \equiv A(x-5) + B(x-1)$$

$$x=1 \Rightarrow 2 = -4A \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x=5 \Rightarrow 6 = 4B \Rightarrow B = \frac{3}{2} \quad \therefore \frac{x^3 - 6x^2 + 6x + 1}{x^2 - 6x + 5} \equiv x - \frac{1}{2(x-1)} + \frac{3}{2(x-5)}$$

**i**

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 4 \\ \hline 3x^2 - 4x - 4 \end{array} \overline{) \begin{array}{r} 9x^3 + 0x^2 - 27x - 2 \\ - (9x^3 - 12x^2 - 12x) \\ \hline 12x^2 - 15x - 2 \\ - (12x^2 - 16x - 16) \\ \hline x + 14 \end{array}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{9x^3 - 27x - 2}{3x^2 - 4x - 4} \equiv 3x + 4 + \frac{x+14}{3x^2 - 4x - 4}$$

$$\frac{x+14}{(3x+2)(x-2)} \equiv \frac{A}{3x+2} + \frac{B}{x-2}$$

$$x+14 \equiv A(x-2) + B(3x+2)$$

$$x = -\frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{40}{3} = -\frac{8}{3}A \Rightarrow A = -5$$

$$x=2 \Rightarrow 16 = 8B \Rightarrow B = 2 \quad \therefore \frac{9x^3 - 27x - 2}{3x^2 - 4x - 4} \equiv 3x + 4 - \frac{5}{3x+2} + \frac{2}{x-2}$$

**10**    **a**  $\frac{x+5}{(x-1)(2x+1)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{2x+1}$

$$x+5 \equiv A(2x+1) + B(x-1)$$

$$x=1 \Rightarrow 6 = 3A \Rightarrow A = 2$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{9}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}B \Rightarrow B = -3$$

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

**b**  $f'(x) = -2(x-1)^{-2} + 3(2x+1)^{-2} \times 2$

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

$$\text{SP: } \frac{6}{(2x+1)^2} - \frac{2}{(x-1)^2} = 0$$

$$6(x-1)^2 - 2(2x+1)^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 10x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{100+8}}{2}$$

$$x = -5 \pm 3\sqrt{3}$$

**11**    **a**  $x(4x+5) \equiv A(x+2)^2 + B(x-1)(x+2) + C(x-1)$

$$x=1 \Rightarrow 9 = 9A \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$x=-2 \Rightarrow 6 = -3C \Rightarrow C = -2$$

$$\text{coeffs } x^2 \Rightarrow 4 = A + B \Rightarrow B = 3$$

**b**  $x = -1 \therefore y = \frac{1}{2}$

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

$$f'(x) = -(x-1)^{-2} - 3(x+2)^{-2} + 4(x+2)^{-3}$$

$$\text{grad} = -\frac{1}{4} - 3 + 4 = \frac{3}{4}$$

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

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

$$3x - 4y + 5 = 0$$