

Partial Fraction

Polynomial: - A mathematical expression having various powers of 'x' like $a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n$ is called as polynomial in 'x'.

Where, $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are called as coefficient of powers of 'x'.

e.g. $x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 3$, $2x^2 + 3x + 5$, $x^4 - 27$

Degree of polynomial: It is highest power of expression in the polynomial.

e.g. $a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n$ is polynomial of degree 'n'.

$x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 3$ is polynomial of degree '3' or cubic polynomial.

$2x^2 + 3x + 5$ is polynomial of degree '2' or quadratic polynomial.

$3x - 4$ is polynomial of degree '1' or linear polynomial.

Fraction: It is a division of two polynomial expressions.

If $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are two polynomial then,

$$Fraction = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

Types of fraction

1) Proper fraction: A $Fraction = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ is called as Proper fraction if degree of P(x) is less than degree of Q(x).

i.e. degree of $P(x) <$ degree of $Q(x)$

For Example: $\frac{x^2 + 3x - 1}{x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x + 6}$, $\frac{4}{x^2 - 9}$, $\frac{2x^2 + 1}{(x+1)(x-1)(2x+3)}$ are proper fraction.

2) Improper fraction: A $Fraction = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ is called as Improper fraction if degree of $P(x)$ is greater than or equal degree of $Q(x)$.

i.e. degree of $P(x) \geq$ degree of $Q(x)$

For Example: $\frac{x^3-1}{x^2+2x+3}$, $\frac{x^4}{x^2-1}$, $\frac{x^2+2x+1}{x^2-5x+6}$ are improper fraction.

Useful Standard Factorization formulae

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$a^4 - b^4 = (a - b)(a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

Partial Fraction: It is a process of expressing one fraction into sum (addition) of two or more simple fraction.

e.g. $\frac{3}{5} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5}$, $\frac{7}{9} = \frac{2}{9} + \frac{5}{9}$ is partial fraction of fraction of number.

Here we consider partial fraction of fraction of polynomial.

Partial fraction of Proper fraction

Type 1: When denominator contain different linear factors.

Resolution step of partial fraction

$$\frac{P(x)}{(ax+b)(cx+d)(ex+f)} = \frac{A}{ax+b} + \frac{B}{cx+d} + \frac{C}{ex+f}$$

For example: $\frac{x^2 + 1}{(x+3)(x-3)(2x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{B}{x-3} + \frac{C}{2x+1}$

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

Note:

- 1) No. of term in partial fraction is equal to number of linear factors in denominator.
- 2) In every term of partial fraction numerator is constant and denominator has linear factor.
- 3) To find partial fraction, evaluate value of unknown constant A. B. C.....etc.

For Example: 1)

Resolve $\frac{7x - 25}{(x - 3)(x - 4)}$ into partial fractions.

Solution:

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

Multiplying both sides by L.C.M. i.e., $(x - 3)(x - 4)$, we get

$$7x - 25 = A(x - 4) + B(x - 3) \text{----- (2)}$$

Put $x - 4 = 0, \Rightarrow x = 4$ in equation (2)

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

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

$$B = 3$$

Put $x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3$ in equation (2)

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

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

$$-4 = -A$$

$$A = 4$$

Hence the required partial fractions are

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

2)

Resolve into partial fraction: $\frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$

(Hint: Use $(x^2 - 1^2) = (x - 1)(x + 1)$)

Solutions: $\frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{x + 1}$

$$1 = A(x + 1) + B(x - 1) \quad (1)$$

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

$$1 = A(1 + 1) + B(1 - 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

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

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

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

Partial fraction Type 1 link: <https://youtu.be/HZTv4zCgEnA>

3)

Resolve into partial fraction $\frac{8x - 8}{x^3 - 2x^2 - 8x}$

Solution: $\frac{8x - 8}{x^3 - 2x^2 - 8x} = \frac{8x - 8}{x(x^2 - 2x - 8)} = \frac{8x - 8}{x(x - 4)(x + 2)}$

Let $\frac{8x - 8}{x^3 - 2x^2 - 8x} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x - 4} + \frac{C}{x + 2}$

Multiplying both sides by L.C.M. i.e., $x(x - 4)(x + 2)$

$$8x - 8 = A(x - 4)(x + 2) + Bx(x + 2) + Cx(x - 4)$$

(I)

Put $x = 0$ in equation (I), we have

$$8(0) - 8 = A(0 - 4)(0 + 2) + B(0)(0 + 2) + C(0)(0 - 4)$$

$$-8 = -8A + 0 + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1$$

Put $x - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4$ in Equation (I), we have

$$8(4) - 8 = B(4)(4 + 2)$$

$$32 - 8 = 24B$$

$$24 = 24B$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 1$$

Put $x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2$ in Eq. (I), we have

$$8(-2) - 8 = C(-2)(-2 - 4)$$

$$-16 - 8 = C(-2)(-6)$$

$$-24 = 12C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -2$$

Hence the required partial fractions

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

Exercise

Resolve into partial fraction:

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

$$\text{Q.2} \quad \frac{2x+5}{x^2+5x+6}$$

$$\text{Q.3} \quad \frac{3x^2-2x-5}{(x-2)(x+2)(x+3)}$$

$$\text{Q.4} \quad \frac{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)}{(x-4)(x-5)(x-6)}$$

$$\text{Q.5} \quad \frac{x}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)}$$

$$\text{Q.6} \quad \frac{1}{(1-ax)(1-bx)(1-cx)}$$

$$\text{Q.7} \quad \frac{2x^3-x^2+1}{(x+3)(x-1)(x+5)}$$

$$\text{Q.8} \quad \frac{1}{(1-x)(1-2x)(1-3x)}$$

$$\text{Q.9} \quad \frac{6x+27}{4x^3-9x}$$

$$\text{Q.10} \quad \frac{9x^2-9x+6}{(x-1)(2x-1)(x+2)}$$

$$\text{Q.11} \quad \frac{x^4}{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)}$$

$$\text{Q.12} \quad \frac{2x^3+x^2-x-3}{x(x-1)(2x+3)}$$

Answer

$$\text{Q.1} \quad \frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{1}{x+5}$$

$$\text{Q.2} \quad \frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x+3}$$

$$\text{Q.3} \quad \frac{3}{20(x-2)} - \frac{11}{4(x-2)} + \frac{28}{5(x+3)}$$

$$\text{Q.4} \quad 1 + \frac{3}{x-4} - \frac{24}{x-5} + \frac{30}{x-6}$$

$$\text{Q.5} \quad \frac{a}{(a-b)(a-c)(x-a)} + \frac{b}{(b-a)(b-c)(x-b)} + \frac{c}{(c-b)(c-a)(x-c)}$$

$$\text{Q.6} \quad \frac{a^2}{(a-b)(a-c)(1-ax)} + \frac{b^2}{(b-a)(b-c)(1-bx)} + \frac{c^2}{(c-b)(c-a)(1-cx)}$$

$$\text{Q.7} \quad 2 + \frac{31}{4(x+3)} + \frac{1}{12(x-1)} - \frac{137}{6(x+5)}$$

$$\text{Q.8} \quad \frac{1}{2(1-x)} - \frac{4}{(1-2x)} + \frac{9}{2(1-3x)}$$

$$\text{Q.9} \quad \frac{3}{x} + \frac{4}{2x-3} + \frac{2}{2x+3}$$

$$\text{Q.10} \quad \frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{3}{2x-1} + \frac{4}{x+12}$$

$$\text{Q.11} \quad x + 6 + \frac{1}{2(x-1)} - \frac{16}{x-2} + \frac{81}{2(x-3)}$$

$$\text{Q.12} \quad 1 + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{5(x-1)} - \frac{8}{5(2x+3)}$$

Type 2: When denominator contain repeated linear factors.

Resolution step of partial fraction

$$\frac{P(x)}{(ax+b)^r} = \frac{A}{ax+b} + \frac{B}{(ax+b)^2} + \frac{C}{(ax+b)^3} + \dots + \frac{\text{const}}{(ax+b)^r}$$

For Example: $\frac{3x-2}{(x+2)^3} = \frac{A}{(x+2)} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{(x+2)^3}$

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

Note:

- 1) No. of term in partial fraction is equal to number of repetition of linear factors in denominator.
- 2) In every term of partial fraction numerator is constant and denominator power of linear factor get increased term by term.
- 3) To find partial fraction, evaluate value of unknown constant A. B. C.....etc.

Example

1)

Resolve into partial fractions: $\frac{x^2 - 3x + 1}{(x-1)^2(x-2)}$

Solution:

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

Multiplying both sides by L.C.M. i.e., $(x-1)^2(x-2)$, we get

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

Putting $x-1=0 \Rightarrow x=1$ in (I), then

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

$$1 - 3 + 1 = -B$$

$$-1 = -B$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 1$$

Putting $x-2=0 \Rightarrow x=2$ in (I), then

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

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

$$\Rightarrow -1 = C$$

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

Comparing the co-efficient of like powers of x on both sides, we get

$$A + C = 1$$

$$A = 1 - C$$

$$= 1 - (-1)$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2$$

Hence the required partial fractions are

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

Partial fraction of Type 2 link: https://youtu.be/5l_wM1XQMLY

2)

Resolve into partial fractions $\frac{4 + 7x}{(2 + 3x)(1 + x)^2}$

Solution:

$$\frac{4 + 7x}{(2 + 3x)(1 + x)^2} = \frac{A}{2 + 3x} + \frac{B}{1 + x} + \frac{C}{(1 + x)^2}$$

Multiplying both sides by L.C.M. i.e., $(2 + 3x)(1 + x)^2$

We get $4 + 7x = A(1 + x)^2 + B(2 + 3x)(1 + x) + C(2 + 3x) \dots (I)$

$$\text{Put } 2 + 3x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -\frac{2}{3} \text{ in (I)}$$

$$\text{Then } 4 + 7\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = A\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

$$4 - \frac{14}{3} = A\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

$$-\frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{9}A$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{-2}{3} \times \frac{9}{1} = -6$$

$$A = -6$$

$$\text{Put } 1 + x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -1 \text{ in eq. (I), we get}$$

$$4 + 7(-1) = C(2 - 3)$$

$$4 - 7 = C(-1)$$

$$-3 = -C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 3$$

Put $x = 1$ in equation (I), we get

$$4 + 7(1) = A(1 + 1)^2 + B(2 + 3(1))(1 + 1) + C(2 + 3(1))$$

$$11 = 4A + 10B + 5C$$

$$11 = 4(-6) + 10B + 5(3)$$

$$11 = -24 + 10B + 15$$

$$11 + 24 - 15 = 10B$$

$$20 = 10B$$

$$B = 2$$

Hence, partial fraction is

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

Exercise

Resolve into partial fraction:

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

Q2. $\frac{1}{(x + 1)(x^2 - 1)}$

Q.3 $\frac{4x^3}{(x + 1)^2(x^2 - 1)}$

Q.4 $\frac{2x + 1}{(x + 3)(x - 1)(x + 2)^2}$

Q.5 $\frac{6x^2 - 11x - 32}{(x + 6)(x + 1)^2}$

Q.6 $\frac{x^2 - x - 3}{(x - 1)^3}$

Q.7 $\frac{5x^2 + 36x - 27}{x^4 - 6x^3 + 9x^2}$

Q.8 $\frac{4x^2 - 13x}{(x + 3)(x - 2)^2}$

Q.9 $\frac{\sin \theta + 1}{(\sin \theta + 2)(\sin \theta + 3)}$ (Hint: Put $\sin \theta = x$) (Answer: $\frac{-1}{\sin \theta + 2} + \frac{2}{\sin \theta + 3}$)

Answer

$$\text{Q.1} \quad -\frac{1}{3(x-2)} + \frac{2}{(x-2)^2} + \frac{1}{3(x+1)}$$

$$\text{Q.2} \quad \frac{1}{4(x-1)} - \frac{1}{4(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2(x+1)^2}$$

$$\text{Q.3} \quad \frac{1}{2(x-1)} + \frac{7}{2(x+1)} - \frac{5}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{2}{(x+1)^3}$$

$$\text{Q.4} \quad \frac{5}{4(x+3)} + \frac{1}{12(x-1)} - \frac{4}{3(x+2)} + \frac{1}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$\text{Q.5} \quad \frac{10}{x+6} - \frac{4}{x+1} - \frac{3}{(x-1)^2}$$

$$\text{Q.6} \quad \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} - \frac{3}{(x-1)^3}$$

$$\text{Q.7} \quad \frac{2}{x} - \frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{2}{(x-3)} + \frac{14}{(x-3)^2}$$

$$\text{Q.8} \quad \frac{3}{x+3} + \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{2}{(x-2)^2}$$

Type 3: When denominator contain Irreducible quadratic factors.

Irreducible \longrightarrow cannot factories into linear factor

Irreducible Quadratic factor: A Quadratic polynomial $ax^2 + bx + c$ is called as irreducible polynomial if $b^2 - 4ac < 0$.

For example: $x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible because $a = 1, b = 1, c = 1$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (1)^2 - 4(1)(1) = 1 - 4 = -3 < 0$$

Note: - 1) If $b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$ then polynomial is reducible (factories into linear factor).

2) Any quadratic factor in the form $(x^2 + a^2)$ is always irreducible factor.

Resolution step of partial fraction

$$\frac{P(x)}{(ax^2 + bx + c)} = \frac{Ax + B}{ax^2 + bx + c}$$

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

2) $\frac{x^2+2x-3}{(x+1)^2(x^2+4)} = \frac{A}{(x+1)} + \frac{B}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{Cx+D}{(x^2+4)}$

Solved Example

Resolve into partial fractions $\frac{9x-7}{(x+3)(x^2+1)}$

Solution:

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

Multiplying both sides by L.C.M. i.e., $(x+3)(x^2+1)$, we get

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

Put $x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$ in Eq. (I), we have

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

$$-27-7 = 10A+0$$

$$A = -\frac{34}{10} \Rightarrow \boxed{A = -\frac{17}{5}}$$

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

Comparing the co-efficient of like powers of x on both sides

$$A+B=0$$

$$3B+C=9$$

Putting value of A in Eq. (i)

$$-\frac{17}{5} + B = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{B = \frac{17}{5}}$$

From Eq. (iii)

$$C = 9 - 3B = 9 - 3\left(\frac{17}{5}\right)$$

$$= 9 - \frac{51}{5} \Rightarrow \boxed{C = -\frac{6}{5}}$$

Hence, required partial fraction is

$$\frac{9x-7}{(x+3)(x^2+1)} = \frac{-17}{(x+3)} + \frac{\left(\frac{17}{5}x - \frac{6}{5}\right)}{(x^2+1)}$$

Exercise

Resolve into partial fraction:

Q.1 $\frac{x^2 + 3x - 1}{(x-2)(x^2+5)}$

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

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

Q.4 $\frac{1}{(x^3+1)}$

Answer

Q.1 $\frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{3}{x^2+5}$

Q.2 $\frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x^2+3}$

Q.3 $-\frac{1}{5(x+3)} + \frac{x+12}{5(x^2+1)}$

Q.4 $\frac{1}{3(x+1)} - \frac{(x-2)}{3(x^2-x+1)}$

Partial fraction of Type 3 link: https://youtu.be/_YMG5mQTAOg

Partial fraction of Improper fraction

A Fraction = $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ is called as Improper fraction if degree of P(x) is greater than or equal degree of Q(x).

i.e. degree of $P(x) \geq$ degree of $Q(x)$

For Example: $\frac{x^3-1}{x^2+2x+3}$, $\frac{x^4}{x^2-1}$, $\frac{x^2+2x+1}{x^2-5x+6}$ are improper fraction.

Actual Division Method

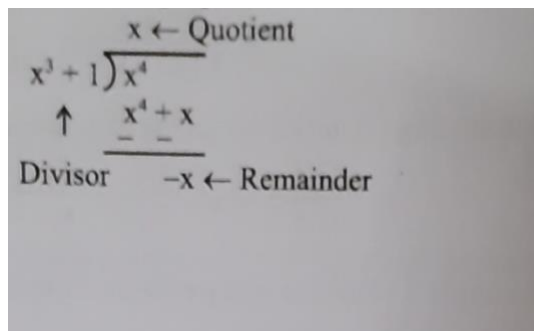
Using this method given improper fraction is expressed into proper fraction. Then this proper fraction is resolved into partial fraction using above method

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Improper Fraction} &= \text{Division} + \frac{\text{Remainder}}{\text{Divisor}} \\ &= Q + \frac{R}{D} \quad (Q = \text{Quotient or Division})\end{aligned}$$

Note: Fraction $\frac{R}{D}$ is always proper type fraction.

For Example: $\frac{x^4}{x^3+1}$

Actual Division



The image shows a handwritten long division of x^4 by x^3+1 . The divisor x^3+1 is on the left, and the dividend x^4 is on the right. A horizontal line is drawn above the dividend. The quotient x is written above the line, with an arrow pointing to it and the text "x ← Quotient". Below the line, the product x^4+x is written, with a minus sign and a horizontal line underneath. The remainder $-x$ is written below the line, with an arrow pointing to it and the text "-x ← Remainder". The word "Divisor" is written below the divisor x^3+1 .

$$\frac{x^4}{x^3+1} = x + \frac{-x}{x^3+1} = x - \frac{x}{x^3+1} \text{ ----- (1)}$$



Improper Fraction



Proper Fraction

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

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

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

This gives, $x = A(x^2-x+1) + (Bx+C)(x+1)$ which is true for all values of $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

When $x = -1$, $-1 = A(1+1+1) + 0$

$$-1 = 3A$$

\therefore

$$\boxed{A = -\frac{1}{3}}$$

When $x = 0$, $A = -\frac{1}{3}$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{3}(0-0+1) + (0+C)(0+1)$$

\therefore

$$0 = -\frac{1}{3} + C$$

\therefore

$$\boxed{C = \frac{1}{3}}$$

When $x = 1$, $A = -\frac{1}{3}$, $C = \frac{1}{3}$

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

$$1 = -\frac{1}{3} + 2B + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore 2B = 1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{3+1-2}{3}$$

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

$$\therefore \boxed{B = \frac{1}{3}}$$

Substituting for A, B, C in (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{x^3+1} &= \frac{-\frac{1}{3}}{x+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}}{x^2-x+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{x+1}{x^2-x+1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right] \quad \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (3) in (1), we get the required partial fractions as :

$$\frac{x^4}{x^3+1} = x - \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{x+1}{x^2-x+1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right].$$

Improper fraction method link: <https://youtu.be/Mke71wzJIGY>

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

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Divisor } x^2 - 1 \overline{) x^3 + 2} \\
 \underline{x^3 - x} \\
 x + 2 \leftarrow \text{Remainder}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x \leftarrow \text{Quotient} \\
 x + 2 \leftarrow \text{Remainder}
 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^3 + 2}{x^2 - 1} = Q + \frac{R}{D} = x + \frac{x + 2}{x^2 - 1} \quad \dots (1)$$

\uparrow
 Proper fraction

where $\frac{x + 2}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{x + 2}{(x - 1)(x + 1)}$ in which denominator consists of distinct linear factors

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

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

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

$$x + 2 = A(x + 1) + B(x - 1) \quad \dots (1) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

When $x = 1$, from (1)

$$3 = A(2) \quad \therefore \boxed{A = \frac{3}{2}}$$

When $x = -1$, from (1)

$$1 = B(-2) \quad \therefore \boxed{B = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

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

Using result (2) in (1),

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

This is required partial fraction.

Exercise

Resolve following fraction into partial fraction

$$\text{a) } \frac{x^3 - 1}{(x+1)(x+2)} \quad \text{b) } \frac{x^4}{x^2 - 1} \quad \text{c) } \frac{x^2 - 2x + 2}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$$

Answer

$$\text{a) } x - 3 + \frac{9}{x+2} - \frac{2}{x+1} \quad \text{b) } x^2 + 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x-1} \quad \text{c) } 1 + \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{x-1} - \frac{\frac{17}{4}}{x+3}$$