

a. Simplify algebraic expression.

NOTE:

- + Simplifying expressions is done by cancelling out the common factor from both the numerator and denominator.
- + To reduce an algebraic fraction (rational expression), follow the same process you use to reduce numeric fractions:

- a. Factor
- b. Divide out (cancel) factors common to both the numerator and denominator.
- c. Simplify

Example 1:

Simplify $\frac{x}{2x}$

$$\frac{\cancel{x}}{2\cancel{x}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (answer)}$$

By cancelling out the common x in the numerator and denominator.

Example 2:

Simplify $\frac{5x^2y}{15xy}$

$$\frac{\cancel{5}x^{\cancel{2}}\cancel{y}}{\cancel{15}\cancel{x}} = \frac{x}{3} \text{ (answer)}$$

Cancel out common factors in algebraic fractions to make a simpler equivalent fraction.

Example 3:

$$\frac{4a + 2ab}{2a} = \frac{\cancel{2}a(2 + b)}{\cancel{2}a} = 2 + b \text{ (answer)}$$

2a is a factor in common for the two terms in the sum and then cancelling.

EXERCISE
Simplify the following:

1. $\frac{3x}{15}$

Ans: $\frac{x}{5}$

2. $\frac{x^2y}{15xy}$

Ans: $\frac{x}{15}$

3. $\frac{21x^4y^7}{3xy^2}$

Ans: $7x^3y^5$

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<p>25. $\frac{b-6}{(b+2)(6-b)}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{-1}{b+2}$</p>	<p>26. $\frac{9-x^2}{x^2+8x+15}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{3-x}{x+5}$</p>	<p>27. $\frac{2-x}{2x^2+3x-14}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{-1}{2x+7}$</p>
<p>28. $\frac{4a^2-2a}{4a^2-1}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{2a}{2a+1}$</p>	<p>29. $\frac{6x^3+12x}{x^2+2}$</p> <p>Ans: $6x$</p>	<p>30. $\frac{p^2+8p+16}{8p+32}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{p+4}{8}$</p>
<p>31. $\frac{x+3}{x^2-2x-15}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{1}{x-5}$</p>	<p>32. $\frac{28abc^2}{49a^3c}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{4bc}{7a^2}$</p>	<p>33. $\frac{25-w^2}{w^2-2w-15}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{-(5+w)}{w+5}$</p>
<p>34. $\frac{2a^2-3a-2}{a^2-4}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{2a+1}{a+2}$</p>	<p>35. $\frac{6a^2-a-2}{2a^2+a}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{3a-2}{a}$</p>	<p>36. $\frac{8a^2+10a-3}{2a^2+5a+3}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{4a-1}{a+1}$</p>

b. Solve algebraic expression using:

- i. Addition
- ii. Subtraction
- iii. Multiplication
- iv. Division

NOTE:

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\text{numerator}}{\text{denominator}}$$

To add (or subtract) two fractions that have a **common denominator**, simply add (or subtract) the numerators and retain the common denominator.

Add and subtract rational expressions that **do not have a common denominator**, factor the denominators and find the LCD (lowest common denominator). Then rewrite each fraction in terms of the LCD.

Note that, when either the numerator or denominators are completely cancelled, they become 1, not 0.

Steps for +/-

1. Get common denominators
2. Combine like terms in the numerator
3. Simplify expression

Example : ADDITION

common denominator:

Common rule: $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{b} = \frac{a+c}{b}$

$$\frac{4a}{28} + \frac{3a}{28}$$

$$\frac{4a+3a}{28} = \frac{7a}{28} = \frac{a}{4} \text{ (answer)}$$

do not have a common denominator:

Common rule: $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+cd}{bd}$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{x} = \frac{x+6}{2x} \text{ (answer)}$$

common denominator:

$$\frac{4a - 3a}{28} = \frac{a}{28} \text{ (answer)}$$

Common rule: $\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad - cd}{bd}$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{x} = \frac{x-6}{2x} \text{ (answer)}$$

1. $\frac{5}{x} + \frac{3}{x}$	2. $\frac{2a}{9b} + \frac{3}{9b}$	3. $\frac{2x-4}{2x+8} + \frac{2}{2x+8}$
Ans: $\frac{8}{x}$	Ans: $\frac{2a+3}{9b}$	Ans: $\frac{x-1}{x+4}$
4. $\frac{4x-13}{x^2-5x+6} + \frac{1}{x^2-5x+6}$	5. $\frac{5}{2x^2} - \frac{1}{2x^2}$	6. $\frac{a}{a-b} - \frac{b}{a-b}$
Ans: $\frac{4}{x-2}$	Ans: $\frac{2}{x^2}$	Ans: 1
7. $\frac{a^2+2a}{a+3} - \frac{3}{a+3}$	8. $\frac{8x-4}{2x+6} - \frac{4x-6}{2x+6}$	9. $\frac{5}{4x} + \frac{9}{4x} - \frac{8}{4x}$
Ans: $a-1$	Ans: $\frac{2x+1}{x+3}$	Ans: $\frac{3}{2x}$

<p>10. $x + \frac{x}{4}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{5x}{4}$</p>	<p>11. $\frac{5}{6x} - \frac{a}{y}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{5y - 6ax}{6xy}$</p>	<p>12. $\frac{3x}{2} + \frac{7x}{4}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{13x}{4}$</p>
<p>13. $\frac{5}{a^2b} - \frac{2}{ab^2}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{5b - 2a}{a^2b^2}$</p>	<p>14. $\frac{4}{3d} - \frac{1}{2d^3}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{8d^3 - 3}{6d^3}$</p>	<p>15. $\frac{x+4}{6a} - \frac{4x+7}{3a}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{-7x - 10}{6a}$</p>
<p>16. $\frac{7}{6x^2} + \frac{3}{4x}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{14 + 9x}{12x^2}$</p>	<p>17. $\frac{x+4}{6a} - \frac{4x+7}{3a}$</p>	<p>18. $\frac{x+2}{2y} - \frac{y-4}{3x^2}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{3x^3 + 6x^2 - 2y^2 + 8y}{6x^2y}$</p>
<p>19. $\frac{x+2}{2y} - \frac{y-4}{3x^2}$</p>	<p>20. $\frac{2x}{2-x} + \frac{x}{2}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{6x - x^2}{4 - 2x}$</p>	<p>21. $\frac{10}{3x-6} + \frac{3}{2x-4}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{29}{6x - 12}$</p>
<p>22. $\frac{-5x}{x-4} - \frac{4x+4}{4-x}$</p> <p>Ans: -1</p>	<p>23. $\frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{3}{x-2}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{-x - 1}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$</p>	<p>24. $\frac{3x}{x^2 + 3x + 2} + \frac{3}{x+2}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{6x + 3}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$</p>

MULTIPLICATION

Common rule: $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a \cdot c}{b \cdot d}$

Example 1:

$$\frac{7x^2}{5y} \times \frac{15yz}{x} = \frac{7 \times \cancel{x} \times x \times \cancel{15} \times \cancel{y} \times z}{\cancel{5} \times \cancel{y} \times x}$$

$$= 7 \times x \times 3 \times z$$

$$= 21xz \text{ (answer)}$$

Example 2:

$$\frac{8}{2x+6} \cdot (x^2+6x+9)$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{8}}{\cancel{2}(x+3)} \cdot \cancel{(x+3)}(x+3)$$

$$= 4 \cdot (x+3)$$

$$= 4x+12$$

- Put **parenthesis** around all **polynomials**.
- Push together into one fraction.
- **FACTOR** all polynomials.
- **Cancel** pairs of common factors.
- **DO NOT CANCEL SINGLE TERMS OUT OF POLYNOMIALS!!!**
- **Multiply** back together.

DIVISION

Common rule: $\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{c}$

Example 1:

$$\frac{x}{3} \div \frac{2x^2}{3}$$

Change $\div \frac{2x^2}{3} \rightarrow \times \frac{3}{2x^2}$

$$\frac{x}{3} \times \frac{3}{2x^2} = \frac{\cancel{x} \times \cancel{3}}{\cancel{3} \times 2 \times \cancel{x} \times x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2x} \text{ (answer)}$$

$$\frac{m^2+m-2}{m^2-2m-8} \div \frac{3m-3}{m^2-8m+16}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{m^2 + m - 2}{m^2 - 2m - 8} \times \frac{m^2 - 8m + 16}{3m - 3} \\ &= \frac{(m+2)(m-1)}{(m-4)(m+2)} \times \frac{(m-4)(m-4)}{3(m-1)} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{(m+2)}(\cancel{m-1})}{(\cancel{m-4})(\cancel{m+2})} \times \frac{\cancel{(m-4)}(m-4)}{3(\cancel{m-1})} \\ &= \frac{m-4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{c}$$

→ **Multiply** using same process as in Example 1.

EXERCISE		
1. $\frac{3xy}{7wy} \cdot \frac{14w^2}{18x}$	2. $\frac{20k^2}{39h} \div \frac{2k}{3h}$	3. $\frac{x+3}{2} \times \frac{6}{3x+9}$
Ans: $\frac{w}{3}$	Ans: $\frac{10k}{13}$	Ans: 1
4. $\frac{2h \cancel{8m}}{13h^2m \cancel{16}}$	5. $\frac{3x^2+3x}{6x^2-6x} \cdot \frac{7xy-7y}{5xy-10y}$	6. $\frac{24a^2m^3}{5m} \div \frac{8am}{25}$
Ans: $\frac{4}{13hm^2}$	Ans: $\frac{7x+7}{10x-20}$	Ans: $15am$
7. $\frac{2}{n^3} \div \frac{n-6}{n^5}$	8. $\frac{1}{x} \div \frac{x-2}{2x}$	9. $\frac{x^2-10x+25}{x-5} \div \frac{x^2-25}{5x+25}$
Ans: $\frac{2n^2}{n-6}$	Ans: $\frac{2}{x-2}$	Ans: 5

<p>10. $\frac{12b^3c^2}{5ac} \cdot \frac{15a^2b}{3b^2c}$</p> <p>Ans: $12ab^2$</p>	<p>11. $\frac{x^2+8x+15}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{2x+6}$</p> <p>Ans: $x+5$</p>	<p>12. $\frac{3x^2+3x}{6x^2-6x} \cdot \frac{7xy-7y}{5xy-10y}$</p>
<p>13. $\frac{9m^2-16}{m^2-25} \cdot \frac{3m+15}{6m-8}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{9m+12}{2m-10}$</p>	<p>14. $\frac{6m-18n}{9m+9n} \cdot \frac{4m-4n}{8m-24n}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{m-n}{3m+3n}$</p>	<p>15. $\frac{m^2-4m+3}{m^2-1} \div \frac{2m-6}{m^2+2m+1}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{m+1}{2}$</p>
<p>16. $\frac{\frac{3}{a^2} + \frac{5}{a^3}}{\frac{10}{a} + 6}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{1}{2a^2}$</p>	<p>17. $\frac{2 - \frac{4}{x}}{x - 6 + \frac{8}{x}}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{2}{x-4}$</p>	<p>18. $\frac{6x^2-7x-3}{2x^2-17x+21} \div \frac{9x^2+9x+2}{2x^2-11x-21}$</p> <p>Ans: $\frac{2x+3}{3x+2}$</p>

21. $\frac{12a^4}{a-3} \cdot \frac{9-3a}{2a}$

Ans: $-18a^3$

24. $(3p - 12) \div \frac{8 - 2p}{3}$

Ans: $\frac{-9}{2}$

$$27. \frac{x^2 - x - 30}{2x^2 - 11x - 6} \cdot \frac{4x^2 - 4x - 3}{2x^2 - 11x + 12}$$

Ans: $\frac{x+5}{x-4}$

c. Solve quadratic equations by using

- i. Factorization.
- ii. Quadratic formula.
- iii. Completing squares.

NOTE:

- ✚ "Standard" **Quadratic Equation** form: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
- ✚ It must contain **only one unknown** and the **highest power** of the unknown is **2**.
- ✚ The letters **a**, **b** and **c** are **coefficients** (we know those values). They can have any value, except that **a** can't be 0.
- ✚ The letter "**x**" is the **variable** or unknown (we don't know it yet)
- ✚ Example: $5x^2 - 3x + 3 = 0$
- ✚ 3 method to solve quadratic equation are factorization, quadratic formula and completing squares.

Example 1:

Solve $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$ by **factoring**.

$$x^2 + 5x + 6 = (x + 2)(x + 3) \quad \text{Factor the equation}$$

$$(x + 2)(x + 3) = 0 \quad \text{Set this equal to zero}$$

$$x + 2 = 0 \text{ or } x + 3 = 0 \quad \text{Solve each factor}$$

$$x = -2 \text{ or } x = -3$$

$$x = -3, -2 \text{ (answer)}$$

Example 2:

Solve $x^2 - 6x + 2 = 0$ by using **quadratic formula**.

$a = 1$, $b = -6$ and $c = 2$



$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{28}}{2}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{6 + \sqrt{28}}{2}$$

$$= 5.65$$

$$x_2 = \frac{6 - \sqrt{28}}{2}$$

$$= 0.35$$

$$x = 5.65, 0.35 \text{ (answer)}$$

Example 3:

Solve $x^2 + 6x - 7 = 0$ by **completing the square**:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c \text{ which } a = 1$$

$$x^2 + 6x - 7 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x = 7$$

Move the loose number over to the other side.

$$x^2 + 6x + (6/2)^2 = 7 + (6/2)^2$$

Take half of the x -term (divide it by two) (and don't forget the sign!), and square it.

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

Add this square to both sides of the equation.

$$(x + 3)^2 = 16$$

Convert the left-hand side to squared form. Simplify the right-hand side.

$$x + 3 = \pm \sqrt{16}$$

Square root both sides. Remember to do " \pm " on the right-hand side.

$$x + 3 = \pm 4$$

$$x = -3 \pm 4$$

Solve for " x ". Remember that the " \pm " gives you two solutions. Simplify as necessary.

$$= -3 - 4, -3 + 4$$

$$= -7, 1 \text{ (answer)}$$

EXERCISE		
Solve each equation by factoring:		
1. $x^2 - 7x - 18 = 0$	2. $p^2 - 5p - 14 = 0$	3. $m^2 - 9m + 8 = 0$
(9,2)	(-2,7)	(1,8)
4. $x^2 - 16x + 63 = 0$	5. $7x^2 - 31x - 20 = 0$	6. $-2v^2 - v + 12 = -3v^2 + 6v$
(9,7)	$(5, -\frac{4}{7})$	(3, 4)
7. $-4n^2 + 6n - 16 = -5n^2$	8. $8r^2 + 3r + 2 = 7r^2$	9. $10n^2 - 35 = 65n$
(2, -8)	(-2, -1)	(-½, 7)
10. $16b^2 - 114b = -14$	11. $28x^2 = -96 - 184x$	12. $42x^2 - 69x + 20 = 7x^2 - 8$
(1/8, 7)	(-4/7, -6)	(7/5, 4/7)
13. $3k^2 + 72 = 33k$	14. $k^2 = -4k - 4$	15. $7v^2 - 42 = -35v$
(3, 8)	(-2)	(-6, 1)

EXERCISE

Solve each equation by using the quadratic formula:

1. $5 + 20x - 5x^2 = 0$	2. $2x^2 + 5x + 3 = 0$	3. $9 - 6x - 3x^2 = 0$
$(-0.236, 4.236)$	$(-1, -3/2)$	$(-3, -1)$
4. $k^2 - 5k - 6 = 0$	5. $b^2 - 4b - 14 = -2$	6. $14m^2 + 1 = 6m^2 + 7m$
$(6, -1)$	$(6, -2)$	$(-0.695, 0.18)$

EXERCISE

Solve each equation by using the completing square:

1. $b^2 - 4b - 12 = 0$	2. $v^2 - 2v - 35 = 0$	3. $n^2 - 4n + 5 = 8$
$(6, -2)$	$(7, -5)$	$(2 \pm \sqrt{7})$

<p>4. $x^2 - 95 = 14x$</p> <p>(19 , -5)</p>	<p>5. $9x^2 + 5 = 18x$</p> <p>($\frac{5}{3}$, $\frac{1}{3}$)</p>	<p>6. $6k^2 = -12 + 18$</p> <p>(1 , -3)</p>
<p>7. $9m^2 - 20m - 21 = 0$</p> <p>(3 , -7/9)</p>	<p>8. $10x^2 - 4x - 32 = 0$</p> <p>(2 , - 8/5)</p>	<p>9. $3x^2 + 9x + 9 = 3$</p> <p>(-1, -2)</p>

d. Define partial fractions.

- ✚ A rational function is one expressed in fractional form whose numerator and denominator are polynomials.
- ✚ A rational function is termed **proper** when the degree of the numerator is less than the degree of the denominator.
- ✚ It is termed **improper** otherwise.

$$\frac{x+1}{x^2+2}, \quad \frac{x}{(x+1)(x+2)}, \quad \frac{2}{x^2+3x+1} \quad \text{are all **proper** functions.}$$

$$\frac{x^3+1}{x^2+2}, \quad \frac{x}{x+2}, \quad \frac{x^2}{(x+1)(x+2)} \quad \text{are all **improper** functions.}$$

e. Construct partial fraction using proper fraction with:

i. Linear factor

ii. Repeated linear factors

iii. Quadratic factors

✚ Obtain the partial fraction decomposition:

1. Factor the denominator if it is not already in the factored form.
2. If the denominator contains two linear factors, break it into two partial fractions using constant A and B as follows: $\frac{-2x-20}{(x+2)(x-5)} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x-2}$ Solve for A and B
3. If the denominator contains some power of a linear factor, we break it down to partial fractions as follows:

$$\frac{-2x-20}{(x+2)^3} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{(x-2)^2} + \frac{C}{(x-2)^3} \quad \text{Solve for A, B and C}$$

4. If the denominator contains a quadratic factor, we break it down to partial fractions as follows:

$$\frac{-2x-20}{(x+2)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1} \quad \text{Solve for A, B and C}$$

Example:

Obtain the partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{x-2}{x^2+4x+3}$

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

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

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

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

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

$$-3 = B(2)$$

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

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

$$-5 = A(-2)$$

$$A = \frac{5}{2}$$

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

1. Factor the denominator

2. The denominator contains two linear factors

3. Simplify right side using common denominator.

4. Since the denominators of the left side and the right side are the same, the numerator on the left equal to the numerator on the right.

5. This is an identity that is true for all values of x

We choose a value of x that will eliminate either A or B on the right.

When $(x+1) = 0$

So $x = -1$

Using $x = -1$ in the equation gives: **REFER NO 4**

When $x+3 = 0$

So $x = -3$

Using $x = -3$ in the equation gives: **REFER NO 4**

EXERCISE

Find each **partial fraction of linear factors** decomposition:

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

Ans : $\frac{4}{7(2x+1)} + \frac{5}{7(x-3)}$

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

Ans: $\frac{2}{9(x-1)} + \frac{4}{9(2x+1)} - \frac{4}{9(x+2)}$

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

Ans: $\frac{1}{5(x-2)} + \frac{1}{2(x+1)} - \frac{7}{10(x+3)}$

4. $\frac{5x+6}{(x+2)(1-x)}$

Ans: $\frac{-4}{3(x+2)} + \frac{11}{3(1-x)}$

5. $\frac{2x^2 - 5x + 6}{x(x-2)(x-3)}$

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

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

Ans: $\frac{-1}{x} + \frac{1}{(x+1)} + \frac{1}{(x-1)}$

EXERCISE

Find each **partial fraction of quadratic factors** decomposition:

1. $\frac{x+2}{x^2+12x+32}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

f. Convert improper fraction to mixed number by using long

Example:

Find the partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 5}{(x-1)(x^2-1)}$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 - x^2 - x + 1 \overline{) x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 5} \\ \underline{-(x^3 - x^2 - x + 1)} \\ 0 - 0 - 2x + 4 \end{array}$$

The numerator is of degree 3; the denominator is of degree 3. So first I have to do the **long division**:

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

The long division rearranges the rational expression to give:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-2x+4}{(x-1)(x^2-1)} &= \frac{-2x+4}{(x-1)(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{-2x+4}{(x+1)(x-1)^2} \\ 2x+4 &= A(x-1)^2 + B(x+1)(x-1) + C(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

Decompose the fractional part. The denominator factors as $(x+1)(x-1)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x+4 &= A(x-1)^2 + B(x+1)(x-1) + C(x+1) \\ -2(1)+4 &= A((1)-1)^2 + B((1)+1)((1)-1) + C((1)+1) \\ 4 &= A(0)^2 + B(2)(0) + C(2) \\ C &= \frac{2}{2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Find all values for A,B and C

For $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} -2x+4 &= A(x-1)^2 + B(x+1)(x-1) + C(x+1) \\ -2(-1)+4 &= A((-1)-1)^2 + B((-1)+1)((-1)-1) + C((-1)+1) \\ 6 &= A(-2)^2 + B(0)(-2) + C(0) \\ A &= \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

For $x = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} -2x + 4 &= A(x-1)^2 + B(x+1)(x-1) + C(x+1) \\ -2x + 4 &= A(x^2 - 2x + 1) + B(x^2 - 1) + Cx + C \\ -2x + 4 &= x^2(A+B) + x(-2A+C) + A - B + C \end{aligned}$$

Coefficients is use there are couple of values of x that cannot be allow to quickly get two of the three of constants

$$\begin{array}{lll} x^2 : & x : & x^0 : \\ 0 = A + B & -2 = -2A + C & 4 = A - B + C \\ B = -\frac{3}{2} & & \end{array}$$

Coefficients:
by comparing coefficients of x^2 , x and constants in the identity.

$$\frac{x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 5}{(x-1)(x^2-1)} = 1 - \frac{2x+4}{(x-1)(x^2-1)} = 1 + \frac{3}{2(x+1)} - \frac{3}{2(x-1)} \quad (\text{answer})$$

EXERCISE

Find each **partial fraction of improper fraction** decomposition

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

Ans: $x + 1 + \frac{8}{5(x+2)} + \frac{27}{5(x-3)}$

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

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

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

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

4.
$$\frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 10x - 9}{x^2 - 9}$$

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

EXERCISE

Find each **partial fraction** decomposition

1. $\frac{-2x^2 + 8x + 6}{x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 27}$

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

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

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

3. $\frac{6x^2 - x + 1}{x^3 + x^2 + x + 1}$

Ans : $\frac{4}{(x+1)} + \frac{2x-3}{(x^2+1)}$

4. $\frac{2x^2 - 5x}{(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4)}$

Ans : $\frac{1}{2(x-1)} + \frac{7}{6(x+1)} - \frac{1}{6(x-2)} - \frac{3}{2(x+2)}$

5. $\frac{x}{(x-1)(2x^2+4x+5)}$

Ans: $\frac{1}{11} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{2x-5}{2x^2+4x+5} \right)$

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

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

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

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

8.
$$\frac{4x^2 - 6}{(x-1)^3(x+2)}$$

Ans:
$$\frac{10}{27(x-1)} + \frac{78}{27(x-1)^2} - \frac{2}{3(x-1)^3} - \frac{10}{27(x+2)}$$

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

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

10.
$$\frac{2x^4 - x^3 - 9x^2 + x - 12}{x^3 - x^2 - 6x}$$

Ans : $2x + 1 + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x-3} - \frac{1}{x+2}$

11. $\frac{x^3 + 7x^2 + 9x + 2}{x(x^2 + 3x + 2)}$

Ans : $1 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x+2}$

12. $\frac{x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x - 3}{x^2 - 1}$

Ans : $x - 6 + \frac{15}{2(x+1)} - \frac{3}{2(x-1)}$