

## EXERCISE 4.2

**Resolve into partial fractions:**

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

**Solution:**

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

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

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

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

Putting  $x - 1 = 0$  i.e.  $x = 1$  in (ii) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1)^2 - 3(1) + 1 &= (1-2) \\ 1 - 3 + 1 &= B(-1) \\ -1 &= -B \\ \Rightarrow B &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $x - 2 = 0$  i.e.  $x = 2$  in (ii) we get

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

Equating the coefficient of  $x^2$  in (ii) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= A+B \\ 1 &= A-1 \\ \Rightarrow A &= 1+1 \\ A &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the required partial fractions are

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

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

**Solution:**

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

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

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

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

Putting  $x + 2 = 0$  i.e.  $x = -2$  in (ii) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (-2)^2 + 7(-2) + 11 &= B(-2+3) \\ 4 - 14 + 11 &= B \\ \Rightarrow B &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $x+3 = 0$  i.e.  $x = -3$  in (ii) we get

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

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

$$20 - 21 = C(1)$$

$$-1 = C \Rightarrow \boxed{C = -1}$$

Equating coefficient of  $x^2$  in (ii) we get

$$\cancel{A} + \cancel{C} = 1$$

$$\cancel{A} - 1 = 1$$

$$\cancel{A} = 1 + 1$$

$$\boxed{A = 2}$$

Hence the required partial fractions are:

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

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

**Solution:**

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

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

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

Putting  $x-1=0$  i.e.  $x=1$  in (ii) we get

$$9 = A(1+2)^2$$

$$9 = A(3)^2$$

$$9 = 9A$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A = 1}$$

Putting  $x+2=0$  i.e.  $x=-2$  in (ii) we get

$$9 = C(-2-1)$$

$$9 = -3C$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C = -3}$$

Equating the coefficient of  $x^2$  in (ii) we get

$$A+B=0$$

$$B = -A$$

$$\boxed{B = -1}$$

Hence the partial fractions are

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

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

**Solution:**  $\frac{x^4 + 1}{x^2(x-1)} = \frac{x^4 + 1}{x^3 - x^2}$  is an improper fraction.

First we resolve it into proper fraction.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x+1}{x^3 - x^2} \\ & \frac{\pm x^4}{x^3 + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{x^4 + 1}{x^2(x-1)} = (x+1) + \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2(x-1)} \dots \text{(i)}$$

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

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

$$x^2 + 1 = A(x-1) + B(x-1) + Cx^2 \dots \text{(iii)}$$

Putting  $x=0$  in (iii) we get

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

$$1=-B$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{B = -1}$$

Putting  $x-1=0$  i.e.  $x=1$  in (iii) we get

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

$$1+1=C(1)$$

$$2=C$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C=2}$$

Equating the coefficient of  $x^2$  in (iii) we get

$$A+C=1$$

$$A+2=1$$

$$A=1-2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A=-1}$$

Putting the value of A, B and C in equation(ii)  
Thus required partial fractions are

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

$$\text{Q.5} \quad \frac{7x+4}{(3x+2)(x+1)^2}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{7x+4}{(3x+2)(x+1)^2}$$

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

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

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

$$\text{Putting } 3x+2=0 \text{ i.e. } x = -\frac{2}{3} \text{ in (ii) we get}$$

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

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

$$\frac{-14+12}{3} = A\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

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

$$-18 = 3A$$

$$A = \frac{-18}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A = -6}$$

Putting  $x + 1 = 0$  i.e  $x = -1$  in (ii) we get

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

$$-7 + 4 = -C$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 = -C$$

$$\boxed{C=3}$$

Equating the coefficient of  $x^2$  we get

$$A + 3B = 0$$

$$-6 + 3B = 0$$

$$3B = 6$$

$$B = \frac{6}{3} \Rightarrow \boxed{B=2}$$

Putting the value of A, B and C in equation (i) we get required partial fractions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Putting  $x-1 = 0$  i.e  $x = 1$  in (ii) we get

$$1 = B(1+1)$$

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

Putting  $x+1 = 0$  i.e  $x = -1$  in (ii) we get

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

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

$$1 = 4C \Rightarrow \boxed{C = \frac{1}{4}}$$

Equating the coefficient of  $x^2$  in (ii) we get

$$A+C=0$$

$$A=-C$$

$$A=-\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{A = \frac{-1}{4}}$$

Putting the value of A, B and C in equation (i) we get required partial fractions.

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

$$Q.7 \quad \frac{3x^2+15x+16}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{3x^2+15x+16}{(x+2)^2} = \frac{3x^2+15x+16}{x^2+4x+4}$$

The given fraction is improper fraction. First we resolve it into proper fraction.

By long division,

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ x^2+4x+4 \sqrt{3x^2+15x+16} \\ \underline{+3x^2+12x+16} \\ \hline 3x+4 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3x^2+15x+16}{(x+2)^2} = 3 + \frac{3x+4}{x^2+4x+4} \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{3x+4}{(x+2)^2} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2} \dots \text{(ii)}$$

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

$$3x+4 = A(x+2) + B \dots \text{(iii)}$$

Putting  $x+2 = 0$  i.e  $x = -2$  in (iii) we get

$$3(-2)+4 = B$$

$$-6+4 = B$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{B = -2}$$

Equating the coefficient of 'x' we get

$$3 = A$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A = 3}$$

Putting the value of A and B in equation (ii) and using equation (i) we get required partial fractions.

$$\frac{3x^2+15x+16}{(x+2)^2} = 3 + \frac{3}{x+2} - \frac{2}{(x+2)^2}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Putting  $x-1=0$  i.e.  $x=1$  in (ii) we get

$$1 = A(1+1)^2$$

$$1 = A(2)^2$$

$$1 = 4A$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Putting  $x+1=0$  i.e.  $x=-1$  in (ii) we get

$$1 = C(-1-1)$$

$$1 = -2C$$

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

Equating the coefficient of  $x^2$  in equation (ii) we get  $A+B=0$

$$B = -A$$

$$B = -\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\boxed{B = -\frac{1}{4}}$$

Putting the value of A and B in equation (ii) we get required partial fractions.

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

### Rule III:

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

If a quadratic factor  $(ax^2 + bx + c)$  with  $a \neq 0$  occurs 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.

#### Example:

Resolve  $\frac{11x+3}{(x-3)(x^2+9)}$  into partial fractions.

Solution:

$$\text{Let, } \frac{11x+3}{(x-3)(x^2+9)} = \frac{A}{(x-3)} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+9}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $(x-3)(x^2+9)$

$$\Rightarrow 11x+3 = A(x^2+9) + (Bx+C)(x-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 11x+3 = A(x^2+9) + B(x^2-3x) + C(x-3) \dots\dots(i)$$

Since (i) is an identity, we have on substituting  $x-3=0 \Rightarrow x=3$

Put  $x=3$  in equation (i)

$$33+3 = A(9+9)$$

$$36 = A(18)$$

$$\Rightarrow 18A = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A=2}$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $x^2$  and x on both the sides of (i), we get

$$A+B=0$$

$$B=-A$$

$$B=-(2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{B=-2}$$

$$-3B+C=11$$

$$\Rightarrow -3(-2)+C=11$$

$$6+C=11$$

$$C=11-6$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C=5}$$

Putting the value of A, B and C, we get required partial fractions.

$$\frac{11x+3}{(x-3)(x^2+9)} = \frac{2}{x-3} + \frac{-2x+5}{x^2+9}$$