

**1.1 ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSION**Definition of an algebraic expression.

- An algebraic expression is an expression that contains one or more numbers, one or more variables (like  $x$  or  $y$ ), and one or more arithmetic operations (like add, subtract, multiply and divide).
  
- Example of algebraic expression.

$$5x^2 - 6yx + 7$$

- 5 and 6 are coefficients.

coefficient is a number used to multiply a variable

- $x$  and  $y$  are variables.

Variable is a symbol, usually a letter, that represent one or more numbers

- 2 is a exponent (power).

Exponent of a number shows how many times the number is to be used in a multiplication

Simplify Algebraic Expression.

- Basic properties of algebra are to rewrite an algebraic expression in a simpler form.
- To **simplify** an algebraic expression generally means to remove symbols of grouping such as parentheses or brackets and combine like terms.
- Two or more terms of an algebraic expression can be combined only if they are like terms.

Like Terms	Not Like Terms
$3x$ and $-2x$	$7x$ and $8y$
$-3x^2$ and $9x^2$	$5y^2$ and $2y$
$-7x^2y^3$ and $15y^3x^2$	$xy^2$ and $x^2y$

### 1 Example

Simplify each expression.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a) } 9y - 6 - 3(2 - 5y) &= 9y - 6 - 3(2) - 3(-5y) && \text{Expand the brackets.} \\
 &= 9y - 6 - 6 + 15y \\
 &= 24y - 12 && \text{Combine like terms.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b) } 5(2x^2 - 6x) - 3(4x^2 - 9) &= 10x^2 - 30x - 12x^2 + 27 \\
 &= -2x^2 - 30x + 27 && \text{Combine like terms}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c) } 2a^2 + 3a - 5a^2 - a &= (2a^2 - 5a^2) + (3a - a) && \text{Group like terms} \\
 &= -3a^2 + 2a
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(d) } 5y - 2y[3 + 2(y - 7)] &= 5y - 2y(3 + 2y - 14) \\
 &= 5y - 2y(-11 + 2y) \\
 &= 5y + 22y - 4y^2 \\
 &= 27y - 4y^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(e) } 3xy^2 + 4x^2y^2 - 2xy^2 - (xy)^2 &= 3xy^2 + 4x^2y^2 - 2xy^2 - x^2y^2 \\
 &= (3xy^2 - 2xy^2) + (4x^2y^2 - x^2y^2) \\
 &= xy^2 + 3x^2y^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(f) } 3x(x - 3)(x + 7) - 5x^3 + 7 &= 3x[x(x) + x(7) - 3(x) - 21] - 5x^3 + 7 \\
 &= 3x[x^2 + 7x - 3x - 21] - 5x^3 + 7 \\
 &= 3x[x^2 + 4x - 21] - 5x^3 + 7 \\
 &= 3x^3 + 12x^2 - 63x - 5x^3 + 7 \\
 &= -2x^3 + 12x^2 - 63x + 7
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Example

Express the following algebraic fractions as the single fraction in its simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & \frac{m-2}{2m^2} - \frac{3}{4m} \\ &= \frac{m-2}{2m^2} \times \left(\frac{2}{2}\right) - \frac{3}{4m} \times \left(\frac{m}{m}\right) && \text{equal the denominator} \\ &= \frac{2(m-2) - 3m}{4m^2} && \text{simplify the numerator} \\ &= \frac{2m - 4 - 3m}{4m^2} = \frac{-m - 4}{4m^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & \frac{p-1}{p^2} - \frac{q-1}{pq} \\ &= \frac{p-1}{p^2} \times \left(\frac{q}{q}\right) - \frac{q-1}{pq} \times \left(\frac{p}{p}\right) && \text{equal the denominator} \\ &= \frac{q(p-1) - (q-1)p}{p^2q} && \text{simplify the numerator} \\ &= \frac{pq - q - pq + p}{p^2q} = \frac{p - q}{p^2q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } & \frac{7}{6a} - \frac{5-7a}{4a^2} \\ &= \frac{7}{6a} \times \left(\frac{2a}{2a}\right) - \frac{5-7a}{4a^2} \times \left(\frac{3}{3}\right) \\ &= \frac{14a}{12a^2} - \frac{15-21a}{12a^2} \\ &= \frac{14a - 15 + 21a}{12a^2} \\ &= \frac{35a - 15}{12a^2} = \frac{5(7a - 3)}{12a^2} \end{aligned}$$

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## Example

Solve the following equation

(a)  $4 - x = 5$

$4 - x - 4 = 5 - 4$

Subtract  $-4$  both sides

$-x \times (-1) = 1 \times (-1)$

Multiply by  $-1$ 

$x = -1$

(b)  $-\frac{5}{3}x = 10$

$-\frac{5}{3}x \times \left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) = 10 \times \left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)$

Multiply by  $\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)$ 

$x = -6$

(c)  $5x - 3 = 32$

$5x - 3 + 3 = 32 + 3$

Add 3

$\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{35}{5}$

Divide by 5

$x = 5$

(d)  $13 - 5x = 8(x - 10)$

Expand the brackets

$13 - 5x = 8x - 80$

$-5x - 8x = -80 - 13$

Combine like terms

$-13x = -93$

$-\frac{13x}{-13} = -\frac{93}{-13}$

Divide by  $-13$ 

$x = \frac{93}{13}$

(e)  $3x(2 + x) = x(3x - 2) - 24$

Expand the brackets

$6x + 3x^2 = 3x^2 - 2x - 24$

$6x + 3x^2 - 3x^2 + 2x = -24$

Combine like terms

$\frac{8x}{8} = \frac{-24}{8}$

$x = -3$

## 1.2 QUADRATIC EQUATION

### Definition of a quadratic equation.

- An equation with one variable only. (like  $x$  or  $y$ )
- The highest power of variable is 2.
- An equation has equal sign (=).

### General form of a quadratic equation.

- $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are constant and  $a \neq 0$ .

#### 4 Example

Express the following quadratic equations in the general form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  and state the values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

(a)  $x^2 = 6x - 10$                       Compare with the general form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ .  
 $x^2 - 6x + 10 = 0$                       thus  $a = 1, b = -3, c = 7$

(b)  $(3x - 5)(x - 3) = 2$   
 $3x(x) + 3x(-3) - 5(x) - 5(-3) = 2$       Compare with the general form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$   
 $3x^2 - 9x - 5x + 13 = 0$   
 $3x^2 - 14x + 13 = 0$       thus  $a = 3, b = -14, c = 13$

### Solving Quadratic Equation.

- Solving a quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  means finding the roots of the equation.
- The roots of a quadratic equation can be solved by factorization, completing the square and using the formula.

Method A. Factorization**5** Example

Solve the following quadratic equations by factorization.

(a)  $x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$

$$(x+5)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x+5=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-2=0$$

$$x = -5 \quad \quad \quad x = 2$$

Therefore  $x = -5$  and  $x = 2$  are roots of  $x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$ .

factorise

$x$	$\nearrow$	$5$	$ $	$5x$
( $\times$ ) $x$	$\searrow$	$-2$	$ $	$-2x$ (+)
<hr/>		$x^2$	$ $	$3x$

(b)  $2x^2 = 11x - 12$

$$2x^2 - 11x + 12 = 0$$

$$(2x-3)(x-4) = 0$$

$$2x-3=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-4=0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \quad \quad \quad x = 4$$

Therefore  $x = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $x = 4$  are roots of  $2x^2 = 11x - 12$

factorise

$2x$	$\nearrow$	$-3$	$ $	$-3x$
( $\times$ ) $x$	$\searrow$	$-4$	$ $	$-8x$ (+)
<hr/>		$x^2$	$ $	$-11x$

(c)  $x(x+4) = -3$

$$x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0$$

$$(x+3)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x+3=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x+1=0$$

$$x = -3 \quad \quad \quad x = -1$$

Therefore  $x = -3$  and  $x = -1$  are roots of  $x(x+4) = -3$

factorise

$x$	$\nearrow$	$3$	$ $	$3x$
( $\times$ ) $x$	$\searrow$	$1$	$ $	$8x$ (+)
<hr/>		$x^2$	$ $	$11x$

Note : Check the answers using calculator.

- Press **MODE** three times. Than press **1** for **EQN**.
- Press **Degree** and substitute value of a, b and c. finally equal **=** sign.

Method B. Completing the square**6** Example

Solve the following quadratic equations by completing the square.

a)  $x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$

$$x^2 + 4x = 12$$

$$x^2 + 4x + \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 = 12 + \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 + 4x + (2)^2 = 12 + (2)^2$$

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

$$(x+2) = \pm\sqrt{16}$$

$$x = -2 \pm 4$$

$$x = -2 + 4 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -2 - 4$$

$$x = 2 \quad \quad \quad x = -6$$

Therefore  $x = 2$  and  $x = -6$  are roots of  $x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$

Add  $\left(\frac{\text{Coefficient of } x}{2}\right)^2$   
on both sides of the  
equation

Use  $(x+a)^2$   
 $= x^2 + 2ax + a^2$

b)  $3x^2 - 14x + 10 = 0$

$$\frac{3}{3}x^2 - \frac{14}{3}x = -\frac{10}{3}$$

$$x^2 - \frac{14}{3}x = -\frac{10}{3}$$

$$x^2 - \frac{14}{3}x + \left(\frac{-14/3}{2}\right)^2 = -\frac{10}{3} + \left(\frac{-14/3}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 - \frac{14}{3}x + \left(-\frac{7}{3}\right)^2 = -\frac{10}{3} + \left(-\frac{7}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\left(x - \frac{7}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{19}{9}$$

$$\left(x - \frac{7}{3}\right) = \pm\sqrt{\frac{19}{9}}$$

$$x = \frac{7}{3} \pm \sqrt{\frac{19}{9}}$$

$$x = \frac{7}{3} + \sqrt{\frac{19}{9}} = 3.79 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{7}{3} - \sqrt{\frac{19}{9}} = 0.88$$

Method C. Quadratic Formula

There is a quadratic formula,

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

**7** Example

By using the quadratic formula method, solve the following quadratic equations.

a)  $m^2 - 5m - 14 = 0$

compare with  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$a = 1, b = -5$  and  $c = -14$

substitution in a formula

$$x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(1)(-14)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 56}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{81}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm 9}{2}$$

Hence, the solutions are

$$x = \frac{5+9}{2} = 7$$

and

$$x = \frac{5-9}{2} = -2$$

b)  $21x^2 = 13x + 20$

$$21x^2 - 13x - 20 = 0$$

$a = 21, b = -13$  and  $c = -20$

$$x = \frac{-(-13) \pm \sqrt{(-13)^2 - 4(21)(-20)}}{2(21)}$$

$$x = \frac{13 \pm 43}{42}$$

hence, the solutions are

$$x = \frac{13+43}{42} = \frac{4}{3}$$

and

$$x = \frac{13-43}{42} = -\frac{5}{7}$$



## 1.3

## PARTIAL FRACTION

➤ An algebraic fraction is a fraction in which the numerator and denominator are both polynomial expressions.

➤ A polynomial expression is one where every term is a multiple of power of  $x$ , such as

$$3x^3 - 7x^2 + 3x + 10$$

➤ The degree of a polynomial is the power of the highest term in  $x$ . Therefore the degree is 3.

➤ Definition of **proper fraction**.

- The degree of numerator is less than the degree of the denominator of fraction.

For example  $\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^3 + 2x}$        $\frac{x}{x^2 - 3}$

➤ Definition of **improper fraction**.

- The degree of numerator is greater than or equal to the degree of the denominator of fraction.

For example  $\frac{x^4 + 7x}{x^2 + 2}$        $\frac{x^2}{x^2 - 3}$

➤ Definition of **partial fraction**.

- The proper fraction is decomposed into a sum of two or more simpler proper fraction.

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

- Convert improper fraction to mixed number by using long division.

**8** Example

Convert the following improper fractions to mixed numbers.

a)  $\frac{x^3}{x^3 - 3}$

First, do the long division to find the regular polynomial part and the remainder

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 - 3 \overline{) x^3} \\ (-) \underline{x^3 - 3} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

The polynomial on top is "1" and the remainder is 3. Since you're dividing by "x - 3", the fractional part will be "(1)/(x - 3)".

$$\frac{x^3}{x^3 - 3} = 1 + \frac{3}{x^3 - 3} \Rightarrow \text{Mixed number}$$

b)  $\frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{x + 2}$

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

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

➤ Rules to determine the terms in the decomposition.

- For a Linear term of denominator, such as  $ax + b$  we get contribution of  $\frac{A}{ax + b}$ .

- For a repeated linear term, such as  $(ax + b)^3$ , we get contribution of

$$\frac{A}{ax + b} + \frac{B}{(ax + b)^2} + \frac{C}{(ax + b)^3}$$

- For a quadratic term, such as  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , we get contribution of

$$\frac{Ax + b}{ax^2 + bx + c}$$

### A) Partial Fraction using Proper Fraction with Linear factor

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#### Example

Express the following as a sum of partial fractions

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

Since the denominator in form of linear factor, than

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

multiply both sides with common denominator  $(x+2)(x-3)$ ,

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

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

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

Using substitution method,

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

$$5 = 0 + 5B$$

$$1 = B$$

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

$$-5 = -5A + 0$$

$$1 = A$$

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

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Fraction

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Example

$$\text{b) } \frac{x-4}{x(x+4)}$$

Since the denominator in form of linear factor, than

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

multiply both sides with common denominator  $x(x+4)$ ,

$$x(x+4) \times \frac{x-4}{x(x+4)} = \left( \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+4} \right) \times x(x+4)$$

$$\cancel{x(x+4)} \times \frac{x-4}{\cancel{x(x+4)}} = \frac{A}{\cancel{x}} \times \cancel{x}(x+4) + \frac{B}{\cancel{x+4}} \times \cancel{x}(x+4)$$

$$x-4 = A(x+4) + Bx$$

Using substitution method,

$$\text{let } x = -4, \quad -4 - 4 = A(-4 + 4) + B(-4)$$

$$-8 = 0 - 4B$$

$$2 = B$$

$$\text{let } x = 0 \quad 0 - 4 = A(0 + 4) + B(0)$$

$$-4 = 4A + 0$$

$$-1 = A$$

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

B) Partial Fraction using Proper Fraction with Repeated Linear Factors

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## Example

Express the following as a sum of partial fractions.

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

Since the denominator in form of repeated linear factors, then

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

Multiply both sides with common denominator  $(x-1)^2(x+2)$ ,

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

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

Using substitution method,

$$\text{let } x = 1, \quad 3(1)+1 = A(1-1)(1+2) + B(1+2) + C(1-1)^2$$

$$4 = 0 + 3B + 0$$

$$\frac{4}{3} = B$$

$$\text{let } x = -2, \quad 3(-2)+1 = A(-2-1)(-2+2) + B(-2+2) + C(-2-1)^2$$

$$-5 = 0 + 0 + 9C$$

$$-\frac{5}{9} = C$$

Using equating coefficients method to find value of A,

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

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

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

Compare both sides,

$$A+C=0, \quad A=-C, \quad \text{So } A = -\frac{5}{9}$$

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

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## Example

$$\text{b) } \frac{5x^2 + 17x + 15}{(x+1)(x+2)^2}$$

Since the denominator in form of repeated linear factors, then

$$\frac{5x^2 + 17x + 15}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} = \frac{A}{(x+1)} + \frac{B}{(x+2)} + \frac{C}{(x+2)^2}$$

Multiply both sides with common denominator  $(x+1)(x+2)^2$ ,

$$(x+1)(x+2)^2 \times \frac{5x^2 + 17x + 15}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} = \left( \frac{A}{(x+1)} + \frac{B}{(x+2)} + \frac{C}{(x+2)^2} \right) \times (x+1)(x+2)^2$$

$$5x^2 + 17x + 15 = A(x+2)^2 + B(x+1)(x+2) + C(x+1)$$

Using substitution method,

$$\text{let } x = -2, \quad 5(-2)^2 + 17(-2) + 15 = A(-2+2)^2 + B(-2+1)(-2+2) + C(-2+1)$$

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

$$-1 = C$$

$$\text{let } x = -1, \quad 5(-1)^2 + 17(-1) + 15 = A(-1+2)^2 + B(-1+1)(-1+2) + C(-1+1)$$

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

$$3 = A$$

Using equating coefficients method to find value of A,

$$5x^2 + 17x + 15 = A(x^2 + 4x + 4) + B(x^2 + 3x + 2) + C(x+1)$$

$$5x^2 + 17x + 15 = Ax^2 + 4Ax + 4A + Bx^2 + 3Bx + 2B + Cx + C$$

$$5x^2 + 17x + 15 = (A+B)x^2 + (4A+3B+C)x + (4A+2B+C)$$

Compare both sides,

$$A+B=5, \quad A=5-B, \quad \text{So } B=2$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{5x^2 + 17x + 15}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} = \frac{3}{(x+1)} + \frac{2}{(x+2)} - \frac{1}{(x+2)^2}$$

C) Partial Fraction using Proper Fraction with Quadratic Factors

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Example

Express the following as a sum of partial fractions.

$$a) \frac{13}{(2x+3)(x^2+1)}$$

Since the denominator in form of quadratic factors, then

$$\frac{13}{(2x+3)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{2x+3} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$

Multiply both sides with common denominator  $(2x+3)(x^2+1)$ ,

$$(2x+3)(x^2+1) \times \frac{13}{(2x+3)(x^2+1)} = \left( \frac{A}{2x+3} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1} \right) \times (2x+3)(x^2+1)$$

$$13 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(2x+3)$$

Using substitution method,

$$\text{let } x = -\frac{3}{2}, \quad 13 = A \left( \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right)^2 + 1 \right) + \left( B \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right) + C \right) \left( 2 \left( -\frac{3}{2} \right) + 3 \right)$$

$$13 = \frac{13}{4}A + \left( -\frac{3}{2}B + C \right)(0)$$

$$4 = A$$

Using equating coefficients method to find value of A,

$$13 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(2x+3)$$

$$13 = Ax^2 + A + 2Bx^2 + 3Bx + 2Cx + 3C$$

$$13 = (A+2B)x^2 + (3B+2C)x + A+3C$$

Compare both sides,

$$A+2B=0, \quad B = -\frac{A}{2}, \quad \text{So } B = -\frac{4}{2} = -2$$

$$A+3C=13, \quad 3C=13-A, \quad \text{So } C = \frac{9}{3} = 3$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{13}{(2x+3)(x^2+1)} = \frac{4}{2x+3} + \frac{3-2x}{x^2+1}$$

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

Since the denominator in form of quadratic factors, than

$$\frac{5x}{(x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + x + 1} + \frac{C}{x - 2}$$

Multiply both sides with common denominator  $(x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2)$ ,

$$(x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2) \times \frac{5x}{(x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2)} = \left( \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + x + 1} + \frac{C}{x - 2} \right) \times (x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2)$$

$$5x = (Ax + B)(x - 2) + C(x^2 + x + 1)$$

Using substitution method,

$$\text{let } x = 2, \quad 5(2) = (2A + B)(2 - 2) + C(2^2 + 2 + 1)$$

$$10 = (2A + B)(0) + 7C$$

$$\frac{10}{7} = C$$

Using equating coefficients method to find value of A,

$$5x = (Ax + B)(x - 2) + C(x^2 + x + 1)$$

$$5x = Ax^2 - 2Ax + Bx - 2B + Cx^2 + Cx + C$$

$$5x = (A + C)x^2 + (-2A + B + C)x + (-2B + C)$$

Compare both sides,

$$A + C = 0, \quad A = -C, \quad \text{So } A = -\frac{10}{7}$$

$$-2B + C = 0, \quad B = \frac{C}{2}, \quad \text{So } B = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{5x}{(x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2)} = \frac{-\frac{10}{7}x + \frac{5}{7}}{x^2 + x + 1} + \frac{\frac{10}{7}}{x - 2} = \frac{-10x + 5}{7(x^2 + x + 1)} + \frac{10}{7(x - 2)}$$



**PRACTICE**

1. Simplify the following algebraic expressions.

- a)  $10x - 3y + 15x + 20y$
- b)  $8b^2 + \frac{5}{2}b - \frac{3}{2}b^2 + 10b$
- c)  $-5k^3 + 3k - 6k^2 + 8k^3 + k - 4$
- d)  $3p^2q^2 - 4pq - q(5p) + 2(pq)^2$
- e)  $3(y^2 + 1) + y^2 - 6$
- f)  $6(m^2 - m - 2) - 2(3m^2 - 2m + 4)$
- g)  $5(c + 6) - 4(a^2 - 2a - 1)$
- h)  $2[3(s - 5) - 4(s^2 + s + 3)]$
- i)  $n^2(n^4 - n^2) + 4n^3(n + 1)$
- j)  $2pq(q^2 - 3) - pq(q^2 + 2)$
- k)  $5y^3 + \frac{4y^5}{2y^2} - (7y)y^2$

2. Solve the following equations.

- a)  $2y - 3 = 13$
- b)  $5a - 6 = 2a - 15$
- c)  $2k + 7 = 12 - 3k$
- d)  $5(2a - 3) = 15$
- e)  $7x + 2 = 5(x - 2)$
- f)  $4(2p - 3) = 3p - 27$
- g)  $3(x - 4) - 2(x - 5) = 6x - 2(x - 5)$
- h)  $\frac{3}{4}m + \frac{5}{6} = 5m - \frac{125}{3}$
- i)  $5 - \frac{3}{g} = 35$
- j)  $\frac{2y + 3}{4} = 3y - 5$

3. Express the following algebraic fractions as the single fraction in its simplest form.

- a)  $\frac{s}{6k} - \frac{2-s}{k}$
- b)  $\frac{8-p}{3p} - \frac{p+11}{2p}$
- c)  $\frac{10-c}{3cd} - \frac{3}{12d}$
- d)  $\frac{2}{5h} - \frac{13-h}{15h^2}$

4. Solve the following equations by factoring

- a)  $4x^2 + x - 14 = 0$
- b)  $15x^2 - 14 = 29x$
- c)  $2x(4x + 15) = 27$
- d)  $8 + 2x - x^2 = 0$
- e)  $\frac{3x}{x-2} + \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{4}{x^2-4}$

5. Solve by using the quadratic formula.

- a)  $x^2 - 6x - 3 = 0$
- b)  $4y^2 + 81 = 36x$
- c)  $\frac{5}{3}p^2 + 3p + 1 = 0$
- d)  $\frac{5}{k^2} + \frac{10}{k} + 2 = 0$
- e)  $\frac{x+1}{3x+2} = \frac{x-2}{2x-3}$

6. Solve by completing the square.

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

b)  $y^2 = 8y - 11$

c)  $3x^2 + 5x - 12 = 0$

d)  $4x^2 = 12x + 11$

g)  $\frac{3x^3 + 13x - 1}{(x^2 + 4)^2}$

h)  $\frac{37 - 11x}{(x + 1)(x^2 - 5x + 6)}$

7. Convert the following improper fractions to mixed numbers.

a)  $\frac{x^3 + 5}{x^3}$

b)  $\frac{8x^2 + 2}{x - 1}$

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

e)  $\frac{4x^2 - 6x + 3}{2x + 3}$

8. Find the partial fraction decomposition.

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

b)  $\frac{10 - x}{x^2 + 10x + 25}$

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

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

e)  $\frac{x^2 + 10x - 36}{x(x - 3)^2}$

f)  $\frac{x^2 - x - 21}{(x^2 + 4)(2x - 1)}$

### Answer

1. a)  $2x + 17y$

b)  $\frac{b}{2}(13b + 25b)$

c)  $3k^3 - 6k^2 + 4k - 4$

d)  $pq(5pq - q)$

e)  $4y^2 - 3$

f)  $-2(m + 10)$

g)  $5c + 30 - 4a^2 + 8a + 4$

h)  $-2(4s^2 - s - 27)$

i)  $n^3(n^3 + 3n + 4)$

j)  $pq(q^2 - 8)$

k)  $2y^3$

2. a)  $y = 8$

b)  $a = -3$

c)  $k = 1$

d)  $a = 3$

e)  $x = -6$

f)  $p = -3$

g)  $x = -4$

h)  $m = 10$

i)  $g = -\frac{1}{10}$

j)  $y = \frac{23}{10}$

3. a)  $\frac{7s-12}{6k}$

b)  $\frac{-17-5p}{6p}$

c)  $\frac{10-7c}{12cd}$

d)  $\frac{5h-13}{15h^2}$

4. a)  $x_1 = \frac{7}{4}$  or  $x_2 = -2$

b)  $x_1 = \frac{7}{3}$  or  $x_2 = -\frac{2}{5}$

c)  $x_1 = \frac{3}{4}$  or  $x_2 = -\frac{9}{2}$

d)  $x_1 = -2$  or  $x_2 = 4$

e)  $x_1 = 0$  or  $x_2 = -\frac{1}{3}$

5. a)  $x_1 = 6.46$  or  $x_2 = -0.46$

b)  $y_1 = \frac{9}{2}$  or  $y_2 = \frac{9}{2}$

c)  $p_1 = -0.44$  or  $p_2 = -1.36$

d)  $k_1 = -0.56$  or  $k_2 = -4.44$

e)  $x_1 = 0.30$  or  $x_2 = -3.30$

6. a)  $x_1 = 1$  or  $x_2 = -7$

b)  $y_1 = 6.24$  or  $y_2 = 1.76$

c)  $x_1 = \frac{4}{3}$  or  $x_2 = -3$

d)  $x_1 = 3.74$  or  $x_2 = -0.74$

7. a)  $1 + \frac{5}{x^3}$

b)  $8x + \frac{8x+2}{x-1}$

c)  $x^2 - 5x + 14 - \frac{27}{x+2}$

d)  $2x - 6 + \frac{21}{2x+3}$

8. a)  $\frac{3}{x-2} + \frac{5}{x+3}$

b)  $-\frac{1}{x+5} + \frac{15}{(x+5)^2}$

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

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

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

f)  $\frac{3x+1}{x^2+4} - \frac{85}{17(2x-1)}$

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

h)  $\frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{13-4x}{x^2-5x+6}$