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Sect. 6-8

Partial Fraction  
Decomposition

Simplify:

$$\frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{2}{x+1} \quad \text{LCD: } (x-2)(x+1)$$

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

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

PFD goes the other way.

$$\frac{x+7}{x^2-x-6}$$

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

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x-3} \quad \text{LCD: } (x+2)(x-3)$$

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

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

$$\frac{Ax - 3A + Bx + 2B}{\cancel{x^2 - x - 6}} = \frac{X + 7}{\cancel{x^2 - x - 6}}$$

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

$$\begin{cases} A + B = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1 - B \\ -3A + 2B = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$-3(1 - B) + 2B = 7$$

$$-3 + 3B + 2B = 7$$

$$5B = 10$$

$$B = 2$$

$$A = 1 - 2$$

$$A = -1$$

Final Answer:

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

Shortcut:

$$A(x-3) + B(x+2) = x+7$$

Pick Convenient  $x$ 's

Let  $x=3$

$$A(\cancel{3-3}) + B(3+2) = 3+7$$

$$5B = 10$$

$$B = 2$$

Let  $x = -2$

$$A(-2-3) + B(-2+2) = -2+7$$

$$-5A = 5$$

$$A = -1$$

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



$$\frac{x^4 + 2x^3 + 6x^2 + 20x + 6}{x^3 + 2x^2 + x}$$

Long Div.

Remember  
me!

$$\textcircled{x} + \frac{5x^2 + 20x + 6}{x^3 + 2x^2 + x}$$

quot.      remainder

Do PFD on the remainder

$$\frac{5x^2 + 20x + 6}{x^3 + 2x^2 + x}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x(x^2 + 2x + 1) \quad \underline{\underline{\text{LCD}}}: \\ x(x+1)(x+1) = x(x+1)^2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 5x^2 + 20x + 6 = A(x+1)^2 + Bx(x+1) + Cx$$

$$5x^2 + 20x + 6 = A(x+1)^2 + Bx(x+1) + Cx$$

Let  $x = -1$

$$5 - 20 + 6 = 0 + 0 - C$$

$$-9 = -C$$

$$C = 9$$

Let  $x=0$

$$0+0+6 = A+0+0$$

$$A=6$$

Let  $x=1$

$$5+20+6 = 6(4) + 2B + 9(1)$$

$$31 = 33 + 2B \Rightarrow B = -1$$

Final answer:

$$\frac{x^4 + 2x^3 + 6x^2 + 20x + 6}{x^3 + 2x^2 + x} = x + \frac{6}{x} + \frac{-1}{x+1} + \frac{9}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$\frac{7}{x^2 - 14x}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x(x-14)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-14}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 7 = A(x-14) + Bx$$

$$7 = A(x-14) + Bx$$

$$\text{Let } x=14$$

$$7 = 0 + 14B$$

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

$$\text{Let } x=0$$

$$7 = -14A + 0$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Final Answer: } \frac{7}{x^2-14x} &= \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{x} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x-14} \\ &= \frac{-1}{2x} + \frac{1}{2(x-14)} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x(x^2 + 4)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 4}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 3x^2 + 4x + 4 = A(x^2 + 4) + (Bx + C)x$$



$$3x^2 + 4x + 4 = A(x^2 + 4) + (Bx + C)x$$

$$3x^2 + 4x + 4 = Ax^2 + 4A + Bx^2 + Cx$$

$$3x^2 + 4x + 4 = (A+B)x^2 + Cx + 4A$$

$$3 = A + B$$

$$1 + B = 3$$

$$B = 2$$

$$4 = C$$

$$C = 4$$

$$4 = 4A$$

$$A = 1$$

Final Answer:

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

$$\frac{8x^3 + 13x}{(x^2 + 2)^2}$$

① done  $(x^2 + 2)^2$

②  $\frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 2} + \frac{Cx + D}{(x^2 + 2)^2}$

③  $8x^3 + 13x = (Ax + B)(x^2 + 2) + (Cx + D)(1)$

$$8x^3 + 13x = (Ax+B)(x^2+2) + (Cx+D) \quad (1)$$

$$8x^3 + 13x = Ax^3 + Bx^2 + 2Ax + 2B + Cx + D$$

$$8x^3 + 13x = Ax^3 + Bx^2 + (2A+C)x + (2B+D)$$

$$8 = A$$

$$A = 8$$

$$B = 0$$

$$2A + C = 13$$

$$2(8) + C = 13$$

$$C = -3$$

$$2B + D = 0$$

$$0 + D = 0$$

$$D = 0$$

Final answer:

$$\frac{8x^3 + 13x}{(x^2 + 2)^2} = \frac{8x}{x^2 + 2} + \frac{-3x}{(x^2 + 2)^2}$$