

ALGEBRAIC FRACTIONS

SIMPLIFYING RATIONAL EXPRESSIONS

Question 1

Simplify the following algebraic fractions.

a) $\frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 6x + 8}$

b) $\frac{y^2 + 2y - 15}{y^2 - 7y + 12}$

c) $\frac{t^2 + 12t + 36}{t^2 + t - 30}$

d) $\frac{w^2 + 4w - 12}{w^2 + 9w + 18}$

$$\frac{x}{x-2}, \frac{y+5}{y-4}, \frac{t+6}{t-5}, \frac{w-2}{w-3}$$

Handwritten solutions for the four algebraic fractions:

- a) $\frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 6x + 8} = \frac{x(x-4)}{(x-4)(x-2)} = \frac{x}{x-2}$
- b) $\frac{y^2 + 2y - 15}{y^2 - 7y + 12} = \frac{(y+5)(y-3)}{(y-3)(y-4)} = \frac{y+5}{y-4}$
- c) $\frac{t^2 + 12t + 36}{t^2 + t - 30} = \frac{(t+6)(t+6)}{(t+6)(t-5)} = \frac{t+6}{t-5}$
- d) $\frac{w^2 + 4w - 12}{w^2 + 9w + 18} = \frac{(w-2)(w+6)}{(w+3)(w+6)} = \frac{w-2}{w+3}$

Question 2

Simplify the following algebraic fractions.

a) $\frac{x^2 + 10x + 24}{x^2 + 5x - 6}$

b) $\frac{y^2 - 7y + 12}{y^2 - 8y + 15}$

c) $\frac{t^2 - 6t - 16}{t^2 - 11t + 24}$

d) $\frac{w^2 - 3w - 40}{w^2 - 12w + 32}$

$$\frac{x+4}{x-1}, \frac{y-4}{y-5}, \frac{t+2}{t-3}, \frac{w+5}{w-4}$$

Handwritten solutions for the four algebraic fractions:

- a) $\frac{x^2 + 10x + 24}{x^2 + 5x - 6} = \frac{(x+4)(x+6)}{(x-1)(x+6)} = \frac{x+4}{x-1}$
- b) $\frac{y^2 - 7y + 12}{y^2 - 8y + 15} = \frac{(y-4)(y-3)}{(y-3)(y-5)} = \frac{y-4}{y-5}$
- c) $\frac{t^2 - 6t - 16}{t^2 - 11t + 24} = \frac{(t-8)(t+2)}{(t-3)(t-8)} = \frac{t+2}{t-3}$
- d) $\frac{w^2 - 3w - 40}{w^2 - 12w + 32} = \frac{(w+5)(w-8)}{(w-4)(w-8)} = \frac{w+5}{w-4}$

Question 3

Simplify the following algebraic fractions:

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

b) $\frac{y^2 + 4y - 12}{y^2 + 8y - 20}$

c) $\frac{t^2 - 6t - 16}{t^2 + 7t + 10}$

d) $\frac{w^2 - 36}{w^2 + 10w + 24}$

$$\boxed{\frac{x}{x-1}}, \boxed{\frac{y+6}{y+10}}, \boxed{\frac{t-8}{t+5}}, \boxed{\frac{w-6}{w+4}}$$

Handwritten solutions for the four algebraic fractions:

- a) $\frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 5x + 4} = \frac{x(x-4)}{(x-1)(x-4)} = \frac{x}{x-1}$
- b) $\frac{y^2 + 4y - 12}{y^2 + 8y - 20} = \frac{(y-2)(y+6)}{(y-2)(y+10)} = \frac{y+6}{y+10}$
- c) $\frac{t^2 - 6t - 16}{t^2 + 7t + 10} = \frac{(t-8)(t+2)}{(t+2)(t+5)} = \frac{t-8}{t+5}$
- d) $\frac{w^2 - 36}{w^2 + 10w + 24} = \frac{(w-6)(w+6)}{(w+6)(w+4)} = \frac{w-6}{w+4}$

Question 4

Simplify the following algebraic fractions:

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

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

c) $\frac{6z - 9}{4z^2 - 9}$

d) $\frac{10t^2 - 5t}{2t^2 + 7t - 4}$

$$\boxed{\frac{3x}{x-3}}, \quad \boxed{\frac{y-5}{y+5}}, \quad \boxed{\frac{3}{2z+3}}, \quad \boxed{\frac{5t}{t+4}}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 4:

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

(b) $\frac{y^2 - 10y + 25}{y^2 - 25} = \frac{(y-5)(y-5)}{(y-5)(y+5)} = \frac{y-5}{y+5}$

(c) $\frac{6z - 9}{4z^2 - 9} = \frac{3(2z-3)}{(2z+3)(2z-3)} = \frac{3}{2z+3}$

(d) $\frac{10t^2 - 5t}{2t^2 + 7t - 4} = \frac{5t(2t-1)}{(t+4)(2t-1)} = \frac{5t}{t+4}$

Question 5

Simplify the following algebraic fractions:

a) $\frac{2x^2 - 50}{8x^2 - 39x - 5}$

b) $\frac{12y^2 - 36y + 15}{12y^2 - 3}$

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

d) $\frac{5w^2 + 14w - 3}{50w^2 - 2}$

$$\frac{2(x+5)}{8x-1}, \frac{2y-5}{2y+1}, \frac{2z-1}{z+1}, \frac{w+3}{2(5w+1)}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 5:

a) $\frac{2x^2 - 50}{8x^2 - 39x - 5} = \frac{2(x^2 - 25)}{(8x+1)(x-5)} = \frac{2(x-5)(x+5)}{(8x+1)(x-5)} = \frac{2(x+5)}{8x+1}$

b) $\frac{12y^2 - 36y + 15}{12y^2 - 3} = \frac{3(4y^2 - 12y + 5)}{3(4y^2 - 1)} = \frac{(4y-1)(4y-5)}{(4y-1)(4y+1)} = \frac{4y-5}{4y+1}$

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

d) $\frac{5w^2 + 14w - 3}{50w^2 - 2} = \frac{(5w-1)(w+3)}{2(25w-1)} = \frac{(5w-1)(w+3)}{2(5w-1)(5w+1)} = \frac{w+3}{2(5w+1)}$

Question 6

Simplify the following algebraic fractions:

a) $\frac{3x^2 - 7x + 4}{x^2 - 1}$

b) $\frac{y^3 - 8}{3y^2 - 8y + 4}$

c) $\frac{20 - 5w}{6w^2 - 24w}$

d) $\frac{2t^3 + t^2 - 13t + 6}{t^2 + t - 6}$

$$\boxed{\frac{3x-4}{x+1}}, \boxed{\frac{y^2+2y+4}{3y-2}}, \boxed{-\frac{5}{6w}}, \boxed{2t+1}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 6:

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

(b) $\frac{y^3 - 8}{3y^2 - 8y + 4} = \frac{(y-2)(y^2 + 2y + 4)}{(3y-2)(y-2)} = \frac{y^2 + 2y + 4}{3y-2}$ //

(c) $\frac{20 - 5w}{6w^2 - 24w} = \frac{5(4-w)}{6w(w-4)} = \frac{-5(-4+w)}{6w(w-4)} = \frac{-5(y-4)}{6w(y-4)} = -\frac{5}{6w}$ //

(d) $\frac{2t^3 + t^2 - 13t + 6}{t^2 + t - 6} = \frac{(t-2)(2t^2 + 5t - 3)}{(t-2)(t+3)} = 2t+1$ //

Question 7

Simplify the following algebraic fractions:

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

b)
$$\frac{y^3 - 8}{3y^2 - 8y + 4}$$

c)
$$\frac{20 - 5w}{6w^2 - 24w}$$

d)
$$\frac{(2t+1)(3t^2-6t)}{6t^3-19t^2+9t+10}$$

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

$$\frac{y^2+2y+4}{3y-2}$$

$$\frac{5}{6w}$$

$$\frac{3t}{3t-5}$$

ADDING ALGEBRAIC FRACTIONS

Question 1

Simplify the following expressions into a single fraction.

a) $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y}$

b) $\frac{4}{3x} - \frac{1}{x}$

c) $\frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{2}{3t} + \frac{5}{6}$

d) $\frac{1}{2}(w+2) + \frac{1}{3}(w-4)$

$$\frac{2x+y}{xy}, \quad \frac{1}{3x}, \quad \frac{5t^2+4t+6}{6t^2}, \quad \frac{5w-2}{6}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 1:

- (a) $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y} = \frac{1y + 2x}{xy} = \frac{y + 2x}{xy}$
- (b) $\frac{4}{3x} - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{4 - 3}{3x} = \frac{1}{3x}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{2}{3t} + \frac{5}{6} = \frac{6 + 4t + 5t^2}{6t^2} = \frac{5t^2 + 4t + 6}{6t^2}$
- (d) $\frac{1}{2}(w+2) + \frac{1}{3}(w-4) = \frac{3w+3}{6} + \frac{2w-4}{6} = \frac{5w-1}{6}$

Question 2

Simplify the following expressions into a single fraction.

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

b) $\frac{4}{y+1} - \frac{3}{y-2}$

c) $\frac{2}{2t+1} - \frac{1}{t+3}$

d) $\frac{3}{2(w+1)} + \frac{1}{4(w-1)}$

$$\frac{4x+7}{(x+1)(x+2)}, \frac{y-11}{(y+1)(y-2)}, \frac{5}{(2t+1)(t+3)}, \frac{7w-5}{4(w+1)(w-1)}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 2:

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

b) $\frac{4}{y+1} - \frac{3}{y-2} = \frac{4(y-2) - 3(y+1)}{(y+1)(y-2)} = \frac{4y-8-3y-3}{(y+1)(y-2)} = \frac{y-11}{(y+1)(y-2)}$

c) $\frac{2}{2t+1} - \frac{1}{t+3} = \frac{2(t+3) - 1(2t+1)}{(2t+1)(t+3)} = \frac{2t+6-2t-1}{(2t+1)(t+3)} = \frac{5}{(2t+1)(t+3)}$

d) $\frac{3}{2(w+1)} + \frac{1}{4(w-1)} = \frac{3 \times 2(w-1) + 1(w+1)}{4(w+1)(w-1)} = \frac{6w-6+w+1}{4(w+1)(w-1)} = \frac{7w-5}{4(w+1)(w-1)}$

Question 3

Simplify the following into a single fraction.

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

b) $\frac{5}{y-1} - \frac{4}{y+2}$

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

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

$$\frac{5x-1}{(x+1)(x-2)}, \quad \frac{y+14}{(y+1)(y-2)}, \quad \frac{14}{(2t-1)(t+3)}, \quad \frac{3w-2}{(w+1)(w-1)}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 3:

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

b) $\frac{5}{y-1} - \frac{4}{y+2} = \frac{5(y+2) - 4(y-1)}{(y-1)(y+2)} = \frac{5y+10-4y+4}{(y-1)(y+2)} = \frac{y+14}{(y-1)(y+2)}$

c) $\frac{4}{2t-1} - \frac{2}{t+3} = \frac{4(t+3) - 2(2t-1)}{(2t-1)(t+3)} = \frac{4t+12-4t+2}{(2t-1)(t+3)} = \frac{14}{(2t-1)(t+3)}$

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

Question 4

Simplify the following algebraic expressions giving your final answer as a single fraction in its simplest form.

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

b) $\frac{2y+5}{y+3} - \frac{1}{(y+3)(y+2)}$

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

d) $\frac{2}{w-2} + \frac{3w}{w^2-4} - \frac{5}{w+2}$

$$\frac{4}{2x+1}, \frac{2y+3}{y+2}, \frac{4}{(t+1)(t+3)}, \frac{14}{(w-2)(w+2)} = \frac{14}{w^2-4}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 4:

a) $\frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{6}{(x-1)(2x+1)} = \frac{2(2x+1) - 6}{(x-1)(2x+1)} = \frac{4x+2-6}{(x-1)(2x+1)} = \frac{4x-4}{(x-1)(2x+1)} = \frac{4(x-1)}{(x-1)(2x+1)} = \frac{4}{2x+1}$

b) $\frac{2y+5}{y+3} - \frac{1}{(y+3)(y+2)} = \frac{(2y+5)(y+2) - 1}{(y+3)(y+2)} = \frac{2y^2+4y+5y+10-1}{(y+3)(y+2)} = \frac{2y^2+9y+9}{(y+3)(y+2)} = \frac{(y+3)(2y+3)}{(y+3)(y+2)} = \frac{2y+3}{y+2}$

c) $\frac{t+3}{(t+1)(t+2)} - \frac{t+1}{(t+2)(t+3)} = \frac{(t+3)(t+3) - (t+1)(t+1)}{(t+1)(t+2)(t+3)} = \frac{t^2+6t+9 - (t^2+2t+1)}{(t+1)(t+2)(t+3)} = \frac{4t+8}{(t+1)(t+2)(t+3)} = \frac{4(t+2)}{(t+1)(t+2)(t+3)} = \frac{4}{(t+1)(t+3)}$

d) $\frac{2}{w-2} + \frac{3w}{w^2-4} - \frac{5}{w+2} = \frac{2}{w-2} + \frac{3w}{(w-2)(w+2)} - \frac{5}{w+2} = \frac{2(w+2) + 3w - 5(w-2)}{(w-2)(w+2)} = \frac{2w+4+3w-5w+10}{(w-2)(w+2)} = \frac{14}{(w-2)(w+2)} = \frac{14}{w^2-4}$

Question 5

Simplify the following algebraic expressions giving your final answer as a single fraction in its simplest form.

a) $\frac{4x}{x^2-9} - \frac{2}{x+3}$

b) $\frac{y-10}{(y-3)(y+4)} - \frac{y-8}{(y-3)(2y-1)}$

c) $1 + \frac{4t}{2t-5} - \frac{15}{2t^2-7t+5}$

d) $\frac{2w^2}{(w+1)^3} + \frac{3w}{(w+1)^2} - \frac{4}{w+1}$

$$\frac{2}{x-3}, \frac{y-14}{(y+4)(2y-1)}, \frac{3t+2}{t-1}, \frac{w^2-5w-4}{(w+1)^3}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 5:

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

b) $\frac{y-10}{(y-3)(y+4)} - \frac{y-8}{(y-3)(2y-1)} = \frac{(y-10)(2y-1) - (y-8)(y+4)}{(y-3)(y+4)(2y-1)} = \frac{2y^2 - 10y - 2y + 10 - (y^2 + 4y - 8y - 32)}{(y-3)(y+4)(2y-1)} = \frac{2y^2 - 12y + 10 - y^2 - 4y + 8y + 32}{(y-3)(y+4)(2y-1)} = \frac{y^2 - 12y + 42}{(y-3)(y+4)(2y-1)} = \frac{(y-5)(y-4)}{(y-3)(y+4)(2y-1)}$

c) $1 + \frac{4t}{2t-5} - \frac{15}{2t^2-7t+5} = 1 + \frac{4t}{2t-5} - \frac{15}{(2t-5)(t-1)} = \frac{(2t-5)(t-1)}{(2t-5)(t-1)} + \frac{4t(t-1)}{(2t-5)(t-1)} - \frac{15}{(2t-5)(t-1)} = \frac{2t^2 - 5t - 2t + 5 + 4t^2 - 4t - 15}{(2t-5)(t-1)} = \frac{6t^2 - 11t - 10}{(2t-5)(t-1)} = \frac{(2t-5)(3t+2)}{(2t-5)(t-1)} = \frac{3t+2}{t-1}$

d) $\frac{2w^2}{(w+1)^3} + \frac{3w}{(w+1)^2} - \frac{4}{w+1} = \frac{2w^2 + 3w(w+1) - 4(w+1)^2}{(w+1)^3} = \frac{2w^2 + 3w^2 + 3w - 4w^2 - 8w - 4}{(w+1)^3} = \frac{w^2 - 5w - 4}{(w+1)^3}$

Question 6

Simplify the following algebraic expressions giving your final answer as a single fraction in its simplest form.

a) $\frac{1}{x+4} - \frac{2(x-1)}{3x^2+14x+8}$

b) $\frac{y}{y^2-9} - \frac{1}{y^2-4y+3}$

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

d) $\frac{2w+2}{w^2-2w-3} - \frac{w+1}{w-3}$

$$\frac{1}{3x+2}, \frac{y+1}{(y-1)(y+3)}, \frac{t}{t-1}, \boxed{-1}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 6:

a) $\frac{1}{x+4} - \frac{2(x-1)}{3x^2+14x+8} = \frac{1}{x+4} - \frac{2(x-1)}{(3x+2)(x+4)} = \frac{(3x+2) - 2(x-1)}{(3x+2)(x+4)} = \frac{3x+2-2x+2}{(3x+2)(x+4)} = \frac{x+4}{(3x+2)(x+4)} = \frac{1}{3x+2}$

b) $\frac{y}{y^2-9} - \frac{1}{y^2-4y+3} = \frac{y}{(y+3)(y-3)} - \frac{1}{(y-3)(y-1)} = \frac{y(y-1) - (y+3)}{(y+3)(y-3)(y-1)} = \frac{y^2-y-3}{(y+3)(y-3)(y-1)} = \frac{y^2-4y-3}{(y+3)(y-3)(y-1)} = \frac{(y+1)(y-3)}{(y+3)(y-3)(y-1)} = \frac{y+1}{(y-1)(y+3)}$

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

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

Question 7

Prove that

$$\text{a) } \frac{3x-4}{x+1} - \frac{2x^2-12x}{x^2-1} \equiv \frac{x+4}{x-1}$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{5x^2-11x+9}{x^2+3x-10} - \frac{2x-3}{x-2} \equiv \frac{3(x-4)}{x+5}$$

$$\text{c) } \frac{5x^2-10x-15}{x^2-9x-36} - \frac{3x+3}{x-12} \equiv \frac{2(x+1)}{x+3}$$

$$\text{d) } \frac{x}{(x+1)(x+3)} + \frac{x+12}{x^2-9} \equiv \frac{2(x+2)}{(x+1)(x-3)}$$

proof

Handwritten proof for Question 7, showing the simplification of four algebraic expressions (a, b, c, d) to their respective simplified forms.

a) $\frac{3x-4}{x+1} - \frac{2x^2-12x}{x^2-1} \equiv \frac{x+4}{x-1}$

$$= \frac{3x-4}{x+1} - \frac{2x^2-12x}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{(3x-4)(x-1) - (2x^2-12x)}{(x+1)(x-1)}$$

$$= \frac{3x^2-7x+4 - 2x^2+12x}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{x^2+5x+4}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{(x+4)(x+1)}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{x+4}{x-1}$$

b) $\frac{5x^2-11x+9}{x^2+3x-10} - \frac{2x-3}{x-2} \equiv \frac{3(x-4)}{x+5}$

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

$$= \frac{5x^2-11x+9 - (2x^2+10x-3x-15)}{(x-2)(x+5)} = \frac{5x^2-11x+9 - 2x^2-7x+15}{(x-2)(x+5)}$$

$$= \frac{3x^2-18x+24}{(x-2)(x+5)} = \frac{3(x^2-6x+8)}{(x-2)(x+5)} = \frac{3(x-2)(x-4)}{(x-2)(x+5)} = \frac{3(x-4)}{x+5}$$

c) $\frac{5x^2-10x-15}{x^2-9x-36} - \frac{3x+3}{x-12} \equiv \frac{2(x+1)}{x+3}$

$$= \frac{5x^2-10x-15}{(x-12)(x+3)} - \frac{3x+3}{x-12} = \frac{5x^2-10x-15 - (3x+3)(x+3)}{(x-12)(x+3)}$$

$$= \frac{5x^2-10x-15 - (3x^2+9x+3x+9)}{(x-12)(x+3)} = \frac{5x^2-10x-15 - 3x^2-12x-12}{(x-12)(x+3)}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2-22x-27}{(x-12)(x+3)} = \frac{2(x^2-11x-13.5)}{(x-12)(x+3)}$$

$$= \frac{2(x-12)(x+3)}{(x-12)(x+3)} = \frac{2(x+1)}{x+3}$$

d) $\frac{x}{(x+1)(x+3)} + \frac{x+12}{x^2-9} \equiv \frac{2(x+2)}{(x+1)(x-3)}$

$$= \frac{x}{(x+1)(x+3)} + \frac{x+12}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{x(x-3) + (x+12)(x+1)}{(x+1)(x+3)(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2-3x + x^2+13x+12}{(x+1)(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{2x^2+10x+12}{(x+1)(x+3)(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{2(x^2+5x+6)}{(x+1)(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{2(x+2)(x+3)}{(x+1)(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{2(x+2)}{(x+1)(x-3)}$$

Question 8

Prove that

$$\text{a) } \frac{2x+3}{x+2} - \frac{2x+9}{2x^2+3x-2} \equiv \frac{2(2x-3)}{2x-1}$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{2x^2+3x}{2x^2-x-6} - \frac{6}{x^2-x-2} \equiv \frac{x+3}{x+1}$$

$$\text{c) } 1 + \frac{x-8}{x^2+2x-8} - \frac{2}{x+4} \equiv \frac{x-3}{x-2}$$

$$\text{d) } x - \frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{5}{x^2+x-6} \equiv \frac{x^2+3x-1}{x+3}$$

proof

a) $\frac{2x+3}{x+2} - \frac{2x+9}{2x^2+3x-2} = \frac{2x+3}{x+2} - \frac{2x+9}{(2x-1)(x+2)}$
 $= \frac{(2x+3)(x+2) - (2x+9)}{(x+2)(2x-1)} = \frac{4x^2+5x+6-2x-9}{(x+2)(2x-1)} = \frac{4x^2+3x-3}{(x+2)(2x-1)}$
 $= \frac{2(2x^2+3x-2)}{(x+2)(2x-1)} = \frac{2(2x-3)}{(x+2)(2x-1)} = \frac{2(2x-3)}{2x-1} \quad \text{As } 2x+2 \neq 0$

b) $\frac{2x^2+3x}{2x^2-x-6} - \frac{6}{x^2-x-2} = \frac{2(2x+3)}{(2x+4)(x-3)} - \frac{6}{(x+1)(x-2)}$
 $= \frac{2}{x+2} - \frac{6}{(x+1)(x-2)} = \frac{2(x+1) - 6}{(x+2)(x-2)} = \frac{x^2+x-6}{(x+2)(x-2)}$
 $= \frac{(x-2)(x+3)}{(x+2)(x-2)} = \frac{x+3}{x+2} \quad \text{As } x-2 \neq 0$

c) $1 + \frac{x-8}{x^2+2x-8} - \frac{2}{x+4} = \frac{x-8}{x^2+2x-8} - \frac{2}{x+4}$
 $= \frac{(x+4)(x-2) + (x-8) - 2(x+4)}{(x+4)(x-2)} = \frac{x^2+2x-8-2x-8-2x-8}{(x+4)(x-2)} = \frac{x^2-8x-24}{(x+4)(x-2)}$
 $= \frac{(x+4)(x-12)}{(x+4)(x-2)} = \frac{x-12}{x-2} \quad \text{As } x+4 \neq 0$

d) $x - \frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{5}{x^2+x-6} = x - \frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{5}{(x+3)(x-2)}$
 $= \frac{x(x+3)(x-2) - (x+3) + 5}{(x+3)(x-2)} = \frac{x^3+x^2-2x-6-x-3+5}{(x+3)(x-2)} = \frac{x^3+x^2-3x-4}{(x+3)(x-2)}$
 $= \frac{(x^3+x^2-3x-4)}{(x+3)(x-2)} = \frac{(x^3+x^2-3x-4)}{(x+3)(x-2)} \quad \text{As } x^3+x^2-3x-4 \neq 0$

Prove that

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b) $\frac{3x^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - 1} - \frac{1}{x^2 + x} \equiv \frac{3x - 1}{x}$

c) $\frac{4x-1}{2(x-1)} - \frac{3}{2(x-1)(2x-1)} - 2 \equiv \frac{3}{2x-1}$

d) $1 - \frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{3}{x^2-x-2} \equiv \frac{x}{x+1}$

proof

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad \frac{x}{x-1} + \frac{x-1}{x^2+2x-3} &= \frac{x}{x-1} + \frac{x-1}{(x-1)(x+3)} = \frac{x(x+3) + (x-1)}{(x-1)(x+3)} \\ &= \frac{x^2+3x+x-1}{(x-1)(x+3)} = \frac{x^2+4x-1}{(x-1)(x+3)} = \frac{x^2+4x-1}{x^2-1} \\ \text{(d)} \quad \frac{3x^2-3x-2}{x^2-1} - \frac{1}{x^2+2} &= \frac{(3x^2-3x-2)}{(x-1)(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2(x+1)} = \frac{3x^2-3x-2}{2(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{3x^2-3x-2-1}{2(x+1)} = \frac{3x^2-3x-3}{2(x+1)} = \frac{3x(x-1)-3}{2(x+1)} \\ \text{(e)} \quad \frac{\frac{1}{2}x-1}{2(x-1)} - \frac{3}{2(x-1)(x-1)} &= \frac{(\frac{1}{2}x-1)(x-1)-3}{2(x-1)(x-1)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x - x + 1 - 3}{2(x-1)(x-1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x - 2}{2(x-1)(x-1)} \\ &= \frac{x^2-6}{2(x-1)(x-1)} = \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{2(x-1)(x-1)} = \frac{x-3}{2(x-1)} \end{aligned}$$

Question 10

Prove that

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

$$\text{b) } \frac{x}{x+2} - \frac{2}{x^2+3x+2} - \frac{1}{x+1} \equiv \frac{x-2}{x+1}$$

$$\text{c) } \frac{4x-1}{2x^2-x-6} - \frac{2(x+1)}{x^2+2x-8} \equiv \frac{5}{(2x+3)(x+4)}$$

$$\text{d) } x - \frac{12}{x^2+2x-3} + \frac{3}{x-1} \equiv \frac{x^2+3x+3}{x+3}$$

proof

a) $\frac{x}{x-2} - \frac{2}{x^2-3x+2} = \frac{x}{x-2} - \frac{2}{(x-2)(x-1)}$
 $= \frac{x(x-1) - 2}{(x-2)(x-1)} = \frac{x^2-x-2}{(x-2)(x-1)} = \frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x-1)}$
 $= \frac{x+1}{x-1}$ $\checkmark$ RHS OK

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

c) $\frac{4x-1}{2x^2-x-6} - \frac{2(x+1)}{x^2+2x-8} = \frac{4x-1}{(2x-3)(x+2)} - \frac{2(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+4)}$
 $= \frac{(4x-1)(x+4) - 2(x+1)(2x-3)}{(2x-3)(x+2)(x+4)} = \frac{4x^2+15x-4 - 2(2x^2-5x+3)}{(2x-3)(x+2)(x+4)}$
 $= \frac{4x^2+15x-4 - 4x^2+10x-6}{(2x-3)(x+2)(x+4)} = \frac{25x-10}{(2x-3)(x+2)(x+4)}$
 $= \frac{5(5x-2)}{(2x-3)(x+2)(x+4)} = \frac{5}{(2x+3)(x+4)}$ $\checkmark$ RHS OK

d) $x - \frac{12}{x^2+2x-3} + \frac{3}{x-1} = x - \frac{12}{(x+3)(x-1)} + \frac{3}{x-1}$
 $= \frac{x(x-1)(x+3) - 12 + 3(x+3)}{(x+3)(x-1)} = \frac{x^3-x^2-3x+3 - 12 + 3x+9}{(x+3)(x-1)} = \frac{x^3-2x^2+3x-3}{(x+3)(x-1)}$
 $= \frac{x^2(x-2)+3(x-1)}{(x+3)(x-1)} = \frac{x^2+3x+3}{x+3}$ $\checkmark$ RHS OK

ALGEBRAIC DIVISIONS

Question 1

Find the values of the constants in the each of the following identities.

a) $\frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x - 1}{x+1} \equiv ax^2 + bx + c + \frac{d}{x+1}$

b) $\frac{2x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 2}{x-2} \equiv Ax^2 + Bx + C + \frac{D}{x-2}$

c) $\frac{6x^3 - 4x + 8}{x+2} \equiv Px^2 + Qx + R + \frac{S}{x+2}$

$(a, b, c, d) = (1, -3, 10, -11)$, $(A, B, C, D) = (2, 1, 1, 4)$, $(P, Q, R, S) = (6, 12, 20, -32)$

The image shows handwritten solutions for the three problems. For (a), the polynomial $x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x - 1$ is divided by $x+1$ using long division, resulting in $x^2 - 3x + 10$ with a remainder of -11 . For (b), $2x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 2$ is divided by $x-2$, resulting in $2x^2 + x + 1$ with a remainder of 4 . For (c), $6x^3 - 4x + 8$ is divided by $x+2$, resulting in $6x^2 - 12x + 20$ with a remainder of -32 . Each solution includes both long division and a check using the identity $(divisor)(quotient) + remainder = dividend$.

Question 2

Find the values of the constants in the each of the following identities.

a) $\frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + 1}{x - 2} \equiv ax^2 + bx + c + \frac{d}{x - 2}$

b) $\frac{2x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 2}{x + 1} \equiv Ax^2 + Bx + C + \frac{D}{x + 1}$

c) $\frac{2x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 4}{x - 1} \equiv Px^2 + Qx + R + \frac{S}{x - 1}$

$$\boxed{(a, b, c, d) = (1, 4, 5, 11)}, \boxed{(A, B, C, D) = (2, -3, 6, -8)}, \boxed{(P, Q, R, S) = (2, -1, 0, -4)}$$

Question 3

Find the values of the constants in the each of the following identities.

a) $\frac{3x^3 - x^2 - 20x + 31}{x+3} \equiv ax^2 + bx + c + \frac{d}{x+3}$

b) $\frac{4x^3 - 7x^2 - 30x - 21}{x-4} \equiv Ax^2 + Bx + C + \frac{D}{x-4}$

c) $\frac{2x^3 - 7x + 2}{x+1} \equiv Px^2 + Qx + R + \frac{S}{x+1}$

$$\boxed{(a, b, c, d) = (3, -10, 10, 1)}, \quad \boxed{(A, B, C, D) = (4, 9, 6, 3)}, \quad \boxed{(P, Q, R, S) = (2, -2, -5, 7)}$$

Question 4

Find the values of the constants in the each of the following identities.

a) $\frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1}{x^2 + 1} \equiv ax + b + \frac{cx + d}{x^2 + 1}$

b) $\frac{3x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 2}{x^2 - 2} \equiv Ax + B + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 - 2}$

c) $\frac{5x^3 - 4x + 5}{x^2 - 1} \equiv Px + Q + \frac{Rx + S}{x^2 - 1}$

$(a, b, c, d) = (1, -2, 1, 1)$, $(A, B, C, D) = (3, -1, 2, 0)$, $(P, Q, R, S) = (5, 0, 1, 5)$

The image shows handwritten solutions for the three polynomial division problems. For (a), the division of $x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1$ by $x^2 + 1$ yields a quotient of $x - 2$ and a remainder of $x + 1$, leading to $a=1, b=-2, c=1, d=1$. For (b), the division of $3x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 2$ by $x^2 - 2$ yields a quotient of $3x - 1$ and a remainder of $2x$, leading to $A=3, B=-1, C=2, D=0$. For (c), the division of $5x^3 - 4x + 5$ by $x^2 - 1$ yields a quotient of $5x + 5$ and a remainder of x , leading to $P=5, Q=0, R=1, S=5$.

Question 5

Find the values of the constants in the each of the following identities.

$$\text{a) } \frac{3x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^2 + x - 1} \equiv ax + b + \frac{cx + d}{x^2 + x - 1}$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{2x^3 + x - 2}{x^2 + 1} \equiv Ax + B + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$\text{c) } \frac{4x^3 + x - 4}{2x^2 - x} \equiv Px + Q + \frac{Rx + S}{2x^2 - x}$$

$$(a, b, c, d) = (3, -4, 5, -3), \quad (A, B, C, D) = (2, 0, -1, -2), \quad (P, Q, R, S) = (2, 1, 2, -4)$$

Handwritten solutions for the three parts of Question 5:

a) $\frac{3x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^2 + x - 1} \equiv ax + b + \frac{cx + d}{x^2 + x - 1}$

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

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

$$\begin{array}{l} a = 3 \\ b = -4 \\ c = 5 \\ d = -3 \end{array}$$

b) $\frac{2x^3 + x - 2}{x^2 + 1} \equiv Ax + B + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 1}$

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

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

$$\begin{array}{l} A = 2 \\ B = 0 \\ C = -1 \\ D = -2 \end{array}$$

c) $\frac{4x^3 + x - 4}{2x^2 - x} \equiv Px + Q + \frac{Rx + S}{2x^2 - x}$

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

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

$$\begin{array}{l} P = 2 \\ Q = 1 \\ R = 2 \\ S = -4 \end{array}$$

Question 6

Find the values of the constants in the each of the following identities.

a) $\frac{2x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 1}{x^2 + x - 2} \equiv ax + b + \frac{c}{x + d}$

b) $\frac{2x^3 + 3x^2 - 10x - 3}{x^2 + x - 6} \equiv Ax + B + \frac{C}{x + D}$

c) $\frac{-x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 4}{x^2 + 3x + 2} \equiv Px + Q + \frac{R}{x + S}$

$(a, b, c, d) = (2, -1, 1, 2)$, $(A, B, C, D) = (2, 1, 1, -2)$, $(P, Q, R, S) = (-1, -2, 4, 1)$

Handwritten solutions for the three parts of Question 6:

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

(b) $\frac{2x^3 + 3x^2 - 10x - 3}{x^2 + x - 6} = 2x + 1 + \frac{1}{x - 2}$

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

**MULTIPLICATION
AND
DIVISION
OF
ALGEBRAIC
FRACTIONS**

Question 1

Simplify the following algebraic expressions giving your final answer as a single fraction in its simplest form:

a) $\frac{2x^3 + x^2}{x^2 - 4} \times \frac{x - 2}{2x^2 - 5x - 3}$

b) $\frac{18y^2 - 8}{12y^2} \times \frac{3y^2 + 9y}{3y^2 + 11y + 6}$

c) $\frac{t^3 + 1}{2t^2 + 7t + 5} \times \frac{4t^2 - 25}{4t^2 - t + 1}$

$$\boxed{\frac{x^2}{(x+2)(x+3)}}, \quad \boxed{\frac{3y-2}{2y}}, \quad \boxed{2t-5}$$

Question 2

Simplify the following algebraic expressions giving your final answer as a single fraction in its simplest form:

a) $\frac{2x}{2x^2 + 3x - 5} \div \frac{x^3}{x^2 - x}$

b) $\frac{y^2 - 8y + 15}{(y-5)^2} \div \frac{y^2 - 9}{2y^2 + 6y}$

$$\boxed{\frac{2}{x(2x+5)}}, \quad \boxed{\frac{2y}{y-5}}$$

Question 3

Simplify the following algebraic expressions giving your final answer as a single fraction in its simplest form:

a)
$$\frac{\frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 9}}{\frac{x - 2}{4}}$$

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

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

$$\boxed{\frac{4}{x-3}}, \boxed{\frac{5}{x+4}}, \boxed{4x^2 - 4x - 3}$$

PARTIAL FRACTIONS

Question 1

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

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

b) $\frac{7y-11}{(y+2)(y-3)}$

c) $\frac{19-4t}{(t+4)(t-3)}$

d) $\frac{w-22}{(w+2)(w-6)}$

e) $\frac{8z+7}{(z+2)(z-7)}$

$$\frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{4}{x+2}, \quad \frac{2}{y-3} + \frac{5}{y+2}, \quad \frac{1}{t-3} - \frac{5}{t+4}, \quad \frac{3}{w+2} - \frac{2}{w-6}, \quad \frac{1}{z+2} + \frac{7}{z-7}$$

Handwritten solutions for the partial fraction decomposition problems:

a) $\frac{6x}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+2}$
 $6x = A(x+2) + B(x-1)$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} x=1 \Rightarrow 6 = 3A \Rightarrow A=2$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} x=-2 \Rightarrow -12 = -3B \Rightarrow B=4$
 $\frac{6x}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{4}{x+2}$

b) $\frac{7y-11}{(y+2)(y-3)} = \frac{A}{y+2} + \frac{B}{y-3}$
 $7y-11 = A(y-3) + B(y+2)$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} y=3 \Rightarrow 10 = 5B \Rightarrow B=2$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} y=-2 \Rightarrow -25 = -5A \Rightarrow A=5$
 $\frac{7y-11}{(y+2)(y-3)} = \frac{5}{y+2} + \frac{2}{y-3}$

c) $\frac{19-4t}{(t+4)(t-3)} = \frac{A}{t+4} + \frac{B}{t-3}$
 $19-4t = A(t-3) + B(t+4)$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} t=3 \Rightarrow 7 = 7B \Rightarrow B=1$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} t=-4 \Rightarrow 35 = -7A \Rightarrow A=-5$
 $\frac{19-4t}{(t+4)(t-3)} = \frac{-5}{t+4} - \frac{1}{t-3}$

d) $\frac{w-22}{(w+2)(w-6)} = \frac{A}{w+2} + \frac{B}{w-6}$
 $w-22 = A(w-6) + B(w+2)$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} w=6 \Rightarrow -16 = 6B \Rightarrow B=-\frac{8}{3}$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} w=-2 \Rightarrow -24 = -4A \Rightarrow A=6$
 $\frac{w-22}{(w+2)(w-6)} = \frac{6}{w+2} - \frac{8}{w-6}$

e) $\frac{8z+7}{(z+2)(z-7)} = \frac{A}{z+2} + \frac{B}{z-7}$
 $8z+7 = A(z-7) + B(z+2)$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} z=7 \Rightarrow 63 = 9B \Rightarrow B=7$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} z=-2 \Rightarrow -1 = -9A \Rightarrow A=\frac{1}{9}$
 $\frac{8z+7}{(z+2)(z-7)} = \frac{1}{9(z+2)} + \frac{7}{z-7}$

Question 2

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

a) $\frac{5x+1}{(x+1)(x-3)}$

b) $\frac{5y+3}{(y+2)(y-5)}$

c) $\frac{t+4}{(t+1)(t-2)}$

d) $\frac{13-2w}{(w+4)(2w+1)}$

$$\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{4}{x-3}, \quad \frac{4}{y-5} + \frac{1}{y+2}, \quad \frac{2}{t-2} - \frac{1}{t+1}, \quad \frac{4}{2w+1} - \frac{3}{w+4}$$

Handwritten solutions for the partial fraction decomposition problems:

(a) $\frac{5x+1}{(x+1)(x-3)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-3}$
 $5x+1 \equiv A(x-3) + B(x+1)$
 $\begin{cases} x=3 & 16 = 4B \Rightarrow B=4 \\ x=-1 & -4 = -4A \Rightarrow A=1 \end{cases} \therefore \frac{5x+1}{(x+1)(x-3)} = \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{4}{x-3}$

(b) $\frac{5y+3}{(y+2)(y-5)} = \frac{A}{y+2} + \frac{B}{y-5}$
 $5y+3 \equiv A(y-5) + B(y+2)$
 $\begin{cases} y=5 & 28 = 7B \Rightarrow B=4 \\ y=-2 & -7 = -7A \Rightarrow A=1 \end{cases} \therefore \frac{5y+3}{(y+2)(y-5)} = \frac{4}{y-5} + \frac{1}{y+2}$

(c) $\frac{t+4}{(t+1)(t-2)} = \frac{A}{t+1} + \frac{B}{t-2}$
 $t+4 \equiv A(t-2) + B(t+1)$
 $\begin{cases} t=2 & 6 = 3B \Rightarrow B=2 \\ t=-1 & 3 = -3A \Rightarrow A=-1 \end{cases} \therefore \frac{t+4}{(t+1)(t-2)} = \frac{2}{t-2} - \frac{1}{t+1}$

(d) $\frac{13-2w}{(w+4)(2w+1)} = \frac{A}{w+4} + \frac{B}{2w+1}$
 $13-2w \equiv A(2w+1) + B(w+4)$
 $\begin{cases} w=4 & 21 = 9A \Rightarrow A=3 \\ w=0 & 13 = 4B \Rightarrow B=4 \end{cases} \therefore \frac{13-2w}{(w+4)(2w+1)} = \frac{4}{2w+1} - \frac{3}{w+4}$

Question 3

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

a) $\frac{8x-31}{(x-5)(x+4)}$

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

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

d) $\frac{w-35}{(w+1)(w-5)}$

$$\frac{7}{x+4} + \frac{1}{x-5}, \quad \frac{2}{2y+1} - \frac{1}{y-2}, \quad \frac{2}{2t+1} - \frac{1}{2t-1}, \quad \frac{6}{w+1} - \frac{5}{w-5}$$

Handwritten solutions for the partial fraction decomposition problems:

(a) $\frac{8x-31}{(x-5)(x+4)} = \frac{A}{x-5} + \frac{B}{x+4}$
 $8x-31 = A(x+4) + B(x-5)$
 $\downarrow x=5 \Rightarrow 9 = 9A \Rightarrow A=1$
 $\downarrow x=-4 \Rightarrow -63 = -9B \Rightarrow B=7$
 $\therefore \frac{8x-31}{(x-5)(x+4)} = \frac{1}{x-5} + \frac{7}{x+4}$

(b) $\frac{5}{(2y+1)(y-2)} = \frac{A}{2y+1} + \frac{B}{y-2}$
 $5 = A(y-2) + B(2y+1)$
 $\downarrow y=2 \Rightarrow 5 = 5B \Rightarrow B=1$
 $\downarrow y=0 \Rightarrow 5 = -2A + B$
 $5 = -2A + 1$
 $2A = -4$
 $A = -2$
 $\therefore \frac{5}{(2y+1)(y-2)} = \frac{-2}{2y+1} + \frac{1}{y-2}$

(c) $\frac{2t-3}{(2t-1)(2t+1)} = \frac{A}{2t-1} + \frac{B}{2t+1}$
 $2t-3 = A(2t+1) + B(2t-1)$
 $\downarrow t=\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -2 = 2A \Rightarrow A=-1$
 $\downarrow t=-\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -4 = -2B \Rightarrow B=2$
 $\therefore \frac{2t-3}{(2t-1)(2t+1)} = \frac{2}{2t+1} - \frac{1}{2t-1}$

(d) $\frac{w-35}{(w+1)(w-5)} = \frac{A}{w+1} + \frac{B}{w-5}$
 $w-35 = A(w-5) + B(w+1)$
 $\downarrow w=5 \Rightarrow -30 = 5B \Rightarrow B=-6$
 $\downarrow w=-1 \Rightarrow -36 = -4A \Rightarrow A=9$
 $\therefore \frac{w-35}{(w+1)(w-5)} = \frac{9}{w+1} - \frac{6}{w-5}$

Question 4

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

a) $\frac{5-x}{x^2-5x+6}$

b) $\frac{7y+2}{y^2-3y-4}$

c) $\frac{t+16}{2t^2+t-6}$

d) $\frac{18-20w}{8w^2-18w+9}$

$$\left[\frac{2}{x-3} - \frac{3}{x-2} \right], \left[\frac{6}{y-4} + \frac{1}{y+1} \right], \left[\frac{5}{2t-3} - \frac{2}{t+2} \right], \left[\frac{2}{3-4w} + \frac{4}{3-2w} \right]$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 4:

a) $\frac{5-x}{x^2-5x+6} = \frac{5-x}{(x-2)(x-3)} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x-3}$
 $\frac{5-x}{(x-2)(x-3)} = \frac{A(x-3) + B(x-2)}{(x-2)(x-3)}$
 $5-x = A(x-3) + B(x-2)$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2=3 \quad 2=8 \Rightarrow \frac{8-3}{2-3}$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3=2 \quad 3=-1 \Rightarrow \frac{2-2}{3-2}$
 $\therefore \frac{5-x}{x^2-5x+6} = \frac{5}{x-2} - \frac{2}{x-3}$

b) $\frac{7y+2}{y^2-3y-4} = \frac{7y+2}{(y+1)(y-4)} = \frac{A}{y+1} + \frac{B}{y-4}$
 $\frac{7y+2}{(y+1)(y-4)} = \frac{A(y-4) + B(y+1)}{(y+1)(y-4)}$
 $7y+2 = A(y-4) + B(y+1)$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{4} \cdot 4=1 \quad 1=8 \Rightarrow \frac{8-2}{4-1}$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{1} \cdot 1=0 \quad 0=5B \Rightarrow \frac{0-5}{1-4}$
 $\therefore \frac{7y+2}{y^2-3y-4} = \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{5}{y-4}$

c) $\frac{t+16}{2t^2+t-6} = \frac{t+16}{(2t-3)(t+2)} = \frac{A}{2t-3} + \frac{B}{t+2}$
 $\frac{t+16}{(2t-3)(t+2)} = \frac{A(t+2) + B(2t-3)}{(2t-3)(t+2)}$
 $t+16 = A(t+2) + B(2t-3)$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2=1 \quad 1=8 \Rightarrow \frac{8-2}{2-1}$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{1} \cdot 1=0 \quad 0=2A-3B$
 $16 = 2A+6B$
 $10 = 2A$
 $A=5$
 $\therefore \frac{t+16}{2t^2+t-6} = \frac{5}{2t-3} - \frac{2}{t+2}$

d) $\frac{18-20w}{8w^2-18w+9} = \frac{18-20w}{(4w-3)(2w-3)} = \frac{A}{4w-3} + \frac{B}{2w-3}$
 $\frac{18-20w}{(4w-3)(2w-3)} = \frac{A(2w-3) + B(4w-3)}{(4w-3)(2w-3)}$
 $18-20w = A(2w-3) + B(4w-3)$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2=9 \quad 9=3B \Rightarrow \frac{9-4}{2-3}$
 $\bullet \frac{1}{1} \cdot 1=0 \quad 0=-3A-3B$
 $4 = -A-B$
 $A=-2$
 $\therefore \frac{18-20w}{8w^2-18w+9} = -\frac{2}{4w-3} - \frac{4}{2w-3} = \frac{2}{3-4w} + \frac{4}{3-2w}$

Question 5

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

a) $\frac{x+7}{(x+1)(x+2)}$

b) $\frac{3y-17}{(y-3)(y+5)}$

c) $\frac{2t^2-5t+12}{t^3+t^2-6t}$

d) $\frac{6w^2-12w+9}{(w+1)(2w-1)(w-2)}$

$$\frac{6}{x+1} - \frac{5}{x+2}, \quad \frac{4}{y+5} - \frac{1}{y-3}, \quad \frac{1}{t-2} - \frac{2}{t} + \frac{3}{t+3}, \quad \frac{1}{w-2} - \frac{2}{2w-1} + \frac{3}{w+1}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 5:

(a) $\frac{x+7}{(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x+2}$
 $x+7 = A(x+2) + B(x+1)$
 • If $x = -1 \Rightarrow 6 = A$
 • If $x = -2 \Rightarrow 5 = B$
 $\therefore \frac{x+7}{(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{6}{x+1} + \frac{5}{x+2}$

(b) $\frac{3y-17}{(y-3)(y+5)} = \frac{A}{y-3} + \frac{B}{y+5}$
 $3y-17 = A(y+5) + B(y-3)$
 • If $y = 3 \Rightarrow -8 = 8A \Rightarrow A = -1$
 • If $y = -5 \Rightarrow -32 = -8B \Rightarrow B = 4$
 $\therefore \frac{3y-17}{(y-3)(y+5)} = \frac{4}{y+5} - \frac{1}{y-3}$

(c) $\frac{2t^2-5t+12}{t^3+t^2-6t} = \frac{2t^2-5t+12}{t(t^2+t-6)} = \frac{2t^2-5t+12}{t(t+3)(t-2)} = \frac{A}{t} + \frac{B}{t+3} + \frac{C}{t-2}$
 $2t^2-5t+12 = A(t+3)(t-2) + B(t)(t-2) + C(t)(t+3)$
 • If $t = 2 \Rightarrow 12 = 10C \Rightarrow C = 1.2$
 • If $t = -3 \Rightarrow -15 = 15B \Rightarrow B = -1$
 • If $t = 0 \Rightarrow 12 = -6A \Rightarrow A = -2$
 $\therefore \frac{2t^2-5t+12}{t^3+t^2-6t} = \frac{-2}{t} + \frac{3}{t+3} + \frac{6}{t-2}$

(d) $\frac{6w^2-12w+9}{(w+1)(2w-1)(w-2)} = \frac{A}{w+1} + \frac{B}{2w-1} + \frac{C}{w-2}$
 $6w^2-12w+9 = A(2w-1)(w-2) + B(w+1)(w-2) + C(w+1)(2w-1)$
 • If $w = 2 \Rightarrow 9 = 9C \Rightarrow C = 1$
 • If $w = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{9}{2} = \frac{3}{2}B \Rightarrow B = 3$
 • If $w = -1 \Rightarrow -3 = -3A \Rightarrow A = 1$
 $\therefore \frac{6w^2-12w+9}{(w+1)(2w-1)(w-2)} = \frac{1}{w-2} - \frac{2}{2w-1} + \frac{3}{w+1}$

Question 6

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

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

b) $\frac{10}{(y+1)(y+3)(2y+1)}$

c) $\frac{4t^2 - 5t + 3}{(t+1)(t-1)(t-2)}$

d) $\frac{12w^2 - 4w + 3}{(2w+1)(2w-1)(2w-3)}$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2x-1} - \frac{2}{x+1}, \quad \frac{1}{y+3} - \frac{5}{y+1} + \frac{8}{2y+1}, \quad \frac{2}{t+1} - \frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{3}{t-2}, \quad \frac{1}{2w+1} - \frac{1}{2w-1} + \frac{3}{2w-3}$$

(a) $\frac{x^2 - 4x + 1}{x(x+1)(1-2x)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{1-2x}$
 $x^2 - 4x + 1 \equiv A(x+1)(1-2x) + Bx(1-2x) + Cx(x+1)$
 • If $x=0$, $1 = A \Rightarrow A = 1$
 • If $x=-1$, $6 = -2B \Rightarrow B = -3$
 • If $x=\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{2}C \Rightarrow C = -1$
 $\therefore \frac{x^2 - 4x + 1}{x(x+1)(1-2x)} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{3}{x+1} - \frac{1}{1-2x}$

(b) $\frac{10}{(y+1)(y+3)(2y+1)} = \frac{A}{y+1} + \frac{B}{y+3} + \frac{C}{2y+1}$
 $10 \equiv A(y+3)(2y+1) + B(y+1)(2y+1) + C(y+1)(y+3)$
 • If $y=-1$, $10 = -2A \Rightarrow A = -5$
 • If $y=-3$, $10 = 10B \Rightarrow B = 1$
 • If $y=-\frac{1}{2}$, $10 = \frac{3}{2}C \Rightarrow C = 8$
 $\therefore \frac{10}{(y+1)(y+3)(2y+1)} = \frac{-5}{y+1} + \frac{1}{y+3} + \frac{8}{2y+1}$

(c) $\frac{4t^2 - 5t + 3}{(t+1)(t-1)(t-2)} = \frac{A}{t+1} + \frac{B}{t-1} + \frac{C}{t-2}$
 $4t^2 - 5t + 3 \equiv A(t-1)(t-2) + B(t+1)(t-2) + C(t+1)(t-1)$
 • If $t=-1$, $2 = -2B \Rightarrow B = -1$
 • If $t=1$, $9 = 2C \Rightarrow C = \frac{9}{2}$
 • If $t=2$, $12 = 6A \Rightarrow A = 2$
 $\therefore \frac{4t^2 - 5t + 3}{(t+1)(t-1)(t-2)} = \frac{2}{t+1} - \frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{9}{2(t-2)}$

(d) $\frac{12w^2 - 4w + 3}{(2w+1)(2w-1)(2w-3)} = \frac{A}{2w+1} + \frac{B}{2w-1} + \frac{C}{2w-3}$
 $12w^2 - 4w + 3 \equiv A(2w-1)(2w-3) + B(2w+1)(2w-3) + C(2w+1)(2w-1)$
 • If $w = -\frac{1}{2}$, $4 = -4B \Rightarrow B = -1$
 • If $w = \frac{1}{2}$, $8 = 8A \Rightarrow A = 1$
 • If $w = \frac{3}{2}$, $24 = 8C \Rightarrow C = 3$
 $\therefore \frac{12w^2 - 4w + 3}{(2w+1)(2w-1)(2w-3)} = \frac{1}{2w+1} - \frac{1}{2w-1} + \frac{3}{2w-3}$

Question 7

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

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

b) $\frac{y^2 - 2y + 8}{(y+2)(y-2)^2}$

c) $\frac{-3t^2 + 12t + 7}{(t-3)(t+1)^2}$

d) $\frac{-3w^2 + 10w - 11}{(w-2)(w-1)^2}$

$$\left[\frac{3}{x-2} - \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{(x-1)^2} \right], \left[\frac{2}{(y-2)^2} + \frac{1}{y+2} \right], \left[\frac{1}{t-3} - \frac{4}{t+1} + \frac{2}{(t+1)^2} \right], \left[\frac{4}{(w-1)^2} - \frac{3}{w-2} \right]$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 7:

a) $\frac{2x^2 - x - 3}{(x-2)(x-1)^2} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{(x-1)^2}$
 $2x^2 - x - 3 \equiv A(x-1)^2 + B(x-2) + C(x-1)$
 • If $x=1 \Rightarrow -2 = -B \Rightarrow B=2$
 • If $x=2 \Rightarrow 3 = A \Rightarrow A=3$
 • If $x=0 \Rightarrow -3 = 4 - 2B + 2C$
 $-3 = 4 - 4 + 2C$
 $C = -1$
 $\therefore \frac{2x^2 - x - 3}{(x-2)(x-1)^2} = \frac{3}{x-2} - \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{(x-1)^2}$

b) $\frac{y^2 - 2y + 8}{(y+2)(y-2)^2} = \frac{A}{y+2} + \frac{B}{y-2} + \frac{C}{(y-2)^2}$
 $y^2 - 2y + 8 \equiv A(y-2)^2 + B(y+2) + C(y-2)$
 • If $y=2 \Rightarrow 8 = 4B \Rightarrow B=2$
 • If $y=-2 \Rightarrow 16 = 4A \Rightarrow A=4$
 • If $y=0 \Rightarrow 8 = 4A + 2B - 2C$
 $8 = 16 + 4 - 4C$
 $C = 0$
 $\therefore \frac{y^2 - 2y + 8}{(y+2)(y-2)^2} = \frac{4}{y+2} + \frac{2}{(y-2)^2}$

c) $\frac{-3t^2 + 12t + 7}{(t-3)(t+1)^2} = \frac{A}{t-3} + \frac{B}{t+1} + \frac{C}{(t+1)^2}$
 $-3t^2 + 12t + 7 \equiv A(t+1)^2 + B(t-3) + C(t+1)$
 • If $t=3 \Rightarrow 16 = 16A \Rightarrow A=1$
 • If $t=-1 \Rightarrow -5 = -4B \Rightarrow B=5/4$
 • If $t=0 \Rightarrow 7 = 1 - 6 - 3C$
 $7 = 1 - 6 - 3C$
 $C = -4$
 $\therefore \frac{-3t^2 + 12t + 7}{(t-3)(t+1)^2} = \frac{1}{t-3} + \frac{5}{4(t+1)} - \frac{4}{(t+1)^2}$

d) $\frac{-3w^2 + 10w - 11}{(w-2)(w-1)^2} = \frac{A}{w-2} + \frac{B}{w-1} + \frac{C}{(w-1)^2}$
 $-3w^2 + 10w - 11 \equiv A(w-1)^2 + B(w-2) + C(w-1)$
 • If $w=1 \Rightarrow -4 = -B \Rightarrow B=4$
 • If $w=2 \Rightarrow -11 = A \Rightarrow A=-11$
 • If $w=0 \Rightarrow -11 = A - 2B + C$
 $-11 = -11 + 8 + C$
 $C = 0$
 $\therefore \frac{-3w^2 + 10w - 11}{(w-2)(w-1)^2} = \frac{-11}{w-2} + \frac{4}{(w-1)^2}$

Question 8

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

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

b) $\frac{3y^2 + 17y + 4}{y^2(y+4)}$

c) $\frac{t^2}{(t-2)(t-1)^2}$

d) $\frac{9w^2}{(2w+1)(w-1)^2}$

$$\frac{6}{3-2x} - \frac{2}{1-x} - \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}, \quad \frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{4}{y} - \frac{1}{y+4}, \quad \frac{4}{t-2} - \frac{1}{(t-1)^2} - \frac{3}{t-1}, \quad \frac{4}{w-1} + \frac{3}{(w-1)^2} + \frac{1}{2w+1}$$

Handwritten solutions for the partial fraction decomposition problems:

a) $\frac{2x^2 - 3}{(3-2x)(1-x)^2} = \frac{A}{3-2x} + \frac{B}{1-x} + \frac{C}{(1-x)^2}$
 $2x^2 - 3 = A(1-x)^2 + B(3-2x) + C(1-x)(3-2x)$
 • If $2x-1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow B = -1$
 • If $3-2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow A = 6$
 • If $1-x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow C = -2$
 $\therefore \frac{2x^2 - 3}{(3-2x)(1-x)^2} = \frac{6}{3-2x} - \frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{2}{(1-x)^2}$

b) $\frac{3y^2 + 17y + 4}{y^2(y+4)} = \frac{A}{y^2} + \frac{B}{y} + \frac{C}{y+4}$
 $3y^2 + 17y + 4 = A(y+4) + B(y^2) + C(y^2)$
 • If $y = 0 \Rightarrow 4 = 4A \Rightarrow A = 1$
 • If $y = -4 \Rightarrow -16 = 16B \Rightarrow B = -1$
 • If $y = 1 \Rightarrow 24 = 5A + B + 4C \Rightarrow C = 4$
 $\therefore \frac{3y^2 + 17y + 4}{y^2(y+4)} = \frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{y} + \frac{4}{y+4}$

c) $\frac{t^2}{(t-2)(t-1)^2} = \frac{A}{t-2} + \frac{B}{t-1} + \frac{C}{(t-1)^2}$
 $t^2 = A(t-1)^2 + B(t-2)(t-1) + C(t-2)(t-1)$
 • If $t = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = -B \Rightarrow B = -1$
 • If $t = 2 \Rightarrow 4 = A$
 • If $t = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 4 - 2B + 2C \Rightarrow C = 3$
 $\therefore \frac{t^2}{(t-2)(t-1)^2} = \frac{4}{t-2} - \frac{1}{t-1} - \frac{3}{(t-1)^2}$

d) $\frac{9w^2}{(2w+1)(w-1)^2} = \frac{A}{2w+1} + \frac{B}{w-1} + \frac{C}{(w-1)^2}$
 $9w^2 = A(w-1)^2 + B(2w+1)(w-1) + C(2w+1)(w-1)$
 • If $w = 1 \Rightarrow 9 = 3B \Rightarrow B = 3$
 • If $w = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{9}{4} = \frac{3}{4}A \Rightarrow A = 1$
 • If $w = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 1 + B - C \Rightarrow C = 4$
 $\therefore \frac{9w^2}{(2w+1)(w-1)^2} = \frac{1}{2w+1} + \frac{3}{w-1} + \frac{4}{(w-1)^2}$

Question 9

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

a) $\frac{8x^2 + x - 5}{(x+2)(2x-1)^2}$

b) $\frac{4y^2 + 5y - 1}{(2y+1)^2(y-2)}$

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

d) $\frac{w^2 + 8w - 1}{(w-3)(w-1)^2}$

$$\frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{2}{2x-1} - \frac{1}{(2x-1)^2}, \quad \frac{1}{(2y+1)^2} + \frac{1}{y-2}, \quad \frac{6}{t-1} - \frac{1}{t^2} - \frac{3}{t}, \quad \frac{8}{w-3} - \frac{4}{(w-1)^2} - \frac{7}{w-1}$$

Handwritten solutions for the partial fraction decomposition problems:

a) $\frac{8x^2 + x - 5}{(x+2)(2x-1)^2} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{2x-1} + \frac{C}{(2x-1)^2}$
 $8x^2 + x - 5 = A(2x-1)^2 + B(x+2)(2x-1)$
 $\begin{aligned} \text{At } x = -2: 25 = 25A \Rightarrow A = 1 \\ \text{At } x = \frac{1}{2}: -\frac{9}{2} = \frac{9}{2}B \Rightarrow B = -1 \\ \text{At } x = 0: -5 = A + 2B - 2C \Rightarrow -5 = 1 - 2 - 2C \Rightarrow C = 0 \end{aligned}$
 $\therefore \frac{8x^2 + x - 5}{(x+2)(2x-1)^2} = \frac{1}{x+2} - \frac{1}{2x-1}$

b) $\frac{4y^2 + 5y - 1}{(2y+1)^2(y-2)} = \frac{A}{(2y+1)^2} + \frac{B}{y-2} + \frac{C}{2y+1}$
 $4y^2 + 5y - 1 = A(y-2) + B(2y+1)^2 + C(y-2)(2y+1)$
 $\begin{aligned} \text{At } y = 2: 25 = 25B \Rightarrow B = 1 \\ \text{At } y = -\frac{1}{2}: -\frac{9}{2} = -\frac{9}{2}A \Rightarrow A = 1 \\ \text{At } y = 0: -1 = -2A + B - 2C \Rightarrow -1 = -2 + 1 - 2C \Rightarrow C = 0 \end{aligned}$
 $\therefore \frac{4y^2 + 5y - 1}{(2y+1)^2(y-2)} = \frac{1}{(2y+1)^2} + \frac{1}{y-2}$

c) $\frac{3t^2 + 2t + 1}{t^2(t-1)} = \frac{A}{t-1} + \frac{B}{t} + \frac{C}{t^2}$
 $3t^2 + 2t + 1 = A(t^2) + B(t-1) + C(t-1)$
 $\begin{aligned} \text{At } t = 1: 4 = 4A \Rightarrow A = 1 \\ \text{At } t = 0: 1 = -B - C \\ \text{At } t = 2: 17 = 4A + 2B + C \Rightarrow 17 = 4 + 2B + C \end{aligned}$
 $\therefore \frac{3t^2 + 2t + 1}{t^2(t-1)} = \frac{1}{t-1} - \frac{3}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2}$

d) $\frac{w^2 + 8w - 1}{(w-3)(w-1)^2} = \frac{A}{w-3} + \frac{B}{w-1} + \frac{C}{(w-1)^2}$
 $w^2 + 8w - 1 = A(w-1)^2 + B(w-3)(w-1) + C(w-3)$
 $\begin{aligned} \text{At } w = 3: 22 = 4A \Rightarrow A = \frac{11}{2} \\ \text{At } w = 1: -2 = -2C \Rightarrow C = 1 \\ \text{At } w = 0: -1 = 3A - 3B - 3C \Rightarrow -1 = 3(\frac{11}{2}) - 3B - 3 \end{aligned}$
 $\therefore \frac{w^2 + 8w - 1}{(w-3)(w-1)^2} = \frac{11}{2(w-3)} - \frac{7}{w-1} + \frac{1}{(w-1)^2}$

Question 10

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

a) $\frac{25x+1}{(2x-1)(x+1)^2}$

b) $\frac{5y^2-19y+13}{(y-2)^2(y-7)}$

c) $\frac{15-13t+4t^2}{(1-t)^2(4-t)}$

d) $\frac{2w^2-3}{(3-2w)(1-w)^2}$

$$\frac{6}{2x-1} - \frac{3}{x+1} + \frac{8}{(x+1)^2}, \quad \frac{1}{(y-2)^2} + \frac{5}{y-7}, \quad \frac{3}{4-t} + \frac{1}{1-t} + \frac{2}{(1-t)^2}, \quad \frac{6}{3-2w} - \frac{1}{(1-w)^2} - \frac{2}{1-w}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 10:

(a) $\frac{25x+1}{(2x-1)(x+1)^2} = \frac{A}{2x-1} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}$
 $25x+1 = A(x+1)^2 + B(2x-1)(x+1) + C(2x-1)$
 • If $x = -1$, $-25 = -2C \Rightarrow C = 12.5$
 • If $x = 0$, $1 = A - B + C \Rightarrow A - B = -12.5$
 • If $x = 1$, $30 = 4A \Rightarrow A = 7.5$
 $\therefore \frac{25x+1}{(2x-1)(x+1)^2} = \frac{7.5}{2x-1} - \frac{20}{x+1} + \frac{12.5}{(x+1)^2}$

(b) $\frac{5y^2-19y+13}{(y-2)^2(y-7)} = \frac{A}{y-2} + \frac{B}{(y-2)^2} + \frac{C}{y-7}$
 $5y^2-19y+13 = A(y-2)(y-7) + B(y-7) + C(y-2)^2$
 • If $y = 2$, $-15 = -5B \Rightarrow B = 3$
 • If $y = 7$, $195 = 25C \Rightarrow C = 7.8$
 • If $y = 0$, $13 = 28A - 14B + 4C \Rightarrow A = 1$
 $\therefore \frac{5y^2-19y+13}{(y-2)^2(y-7)} = \frac{1}{y-2} + \frac{3}{(y-2)^2} + \frac{7.8}{y-7}$

(c) $\frac{15-13t+4t^2}{(1-t)^2(4-t)} = \frac{A}{1-t} + \frac{B}{(1-t)^2} + \frac{C}{4-t}$
 $15-13t+4t^2 = A(1-t)(4-t) + B(4-t) + C(1-t)^2$
 • If $t = 1$, $4 = 3B \Rightarrow B = 4/3$
 • If $t = 4$, $-15 = 9C \Rightarrow C = -5/3$
 • If $t = 0$, $15 = 4A + 4B + C \Rightarrow A = 1$
 $\therefore \frac{15-13t+4t^2}{(1-t)^2(4-t)} = \frac{1}{1-t} + \frac{4/3}{(1-t)^2} - \frac{5/3}{4-t}$

(d) $\frac{2w^2-3}{(3-2w)(1-w)^2} = \frac{A}{3-2w} + \frac{B}{1-w} + \frac{C}{(1-w)^2}$
 $2w^2-3 = A(1-w)^2 + B(3-2w)(1-w) + C(3-2w)$
 • If $w = 1$, $-1 = 3C \Rightarrow C = -1/3$
 • If $w = 3/2$, $-3 = 4A \Rightarrow A = -3/4$
 • If $w = 0$, $-3 = 3A + 3B + 3C \Rightarrow B = 1$
 $\therefore \frac{2w^2-3}{(3-2w)(1-w)^2} = \frac{-3/4}{3-2w} + \frac{1}{1-w} - \frac{1/3}{(1-w)^2}$

Question 11

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

a) $\frac{2x^2 - 8x + 5}{(x-1)(x-2)}$

b) $\frac{4x^2 - 5x - 15}{(x+1)(x-2)}$

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

d) $\frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 7}{x^2 - 1}$

$\boxed{2 + \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{3}{x-2}}, \boxed{4 + \frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{3}{x-2}}, \boxed{2x-1 + \frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{3}{x-2}}, \boxed{x-2 + \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{4}{x+1}}$

Handwritten solutions for Question 11:

a) $\frac{2x^2 - 8x + 5}{(x-1)(x-2)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-2}$
 $2x^2 - 8x + 5 = A(x-2) + B(x-1)$
 $\begin{cases} x=1: -1 = -2A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2} \\ x=2: -3 = -B \Rightarrow B = 3 \end{cases}$
 $\therefore \frac{2x^2 - 8x + 5}{(x-1)(x-2)} = \frac{1}{2(x-1)} + \frac{3}{x-2}$

b) $\frac{4x^2 - 5x - 15}{(x+1)(x-2)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-2}$
 $4x^2 - 5x - 15 = A(x-2) + B(x+1)$
 $\begin{cases} x=2: -1 = -2A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2} \\ x=-1: -6 = -3B \Rightarrow B = 2 \end{cases}$
 $\therefore \frac{4x^2 - 5x - 15}{(x+1)(x-2)} = \frac{1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{2}{x-2}$

c) $\frac{2x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x - 3}{(x-1)(x-2)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-2}$
 $2x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x - 3 = A(x-2) + B(x-1)$
 $\begin{cases} x=1: -1 = -2A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2} \\ x=2: -3 = -B \Rightarrow B = 3 \end{cases}$
 $\therefore \frac{2x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x - 3}{(x-1)(x-2)} = \frac{1}{2(x-1)} + \frac{3}{x-2}$

d) $\frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 7}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 7}{(x-1)(x+1)}$
 $x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 7 = A(x-1) + B(x+1)$
 $\begin{cases} x=1: 0 = -2A \Rightarrow A = 0 \\ x=-1: 0 = 0 \end{cases}$
 $\therefore \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 7}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{0}{x-1} + \frac{0}{x+1} = 0$

Question 12

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

a) $\frac{10x^2+8}{(x+1)(5x+1)}$

b) $\frac{2y^2}{y^2-16}$

c) $\frac{2t^2-t+11}{(t+2)(2t-3)}$

d) $\frac{3w^2-31w+45}{(w-2)(w-7)}$

$$2 + \frac{21}{2(5x+1)} - \frac{9}{2(x+1)}, \quad 2 + \frac{4}{y-4} - \frac{4}{y+4}, \quad 1 + \frac{4}{2t-3} - \frac{3}{t+2}, \quad 3 + \frac{1}{w-2} - \frac{5}{w-7}$$

(a) $\frac{10x^2+8}{(x+1)(5x+1)} = \frac{10x^2+8}{5x^2+6x+1}$
 $\frac{10x^2+8}{(x+1)(5x+1)} = A + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{5x+1}$
 $10x^2+8 = A(5x+1) + B(x+1) + C(x+1)$
 $\bullet \text{ If } x=-1 \quad 10(-1)^2+8 = -5A+1 \Rightarrow 18 = -5A \Rightarrow A = -\frac{18}{5}$
 $\bullet \text{ If } x=-\frac{1}{5} \quad 10(-\frac{1}{5})^2+8 = 0 \Rightarrow 8 = B(-\frac{1}{5}+1) + C(-\frac{1}{5}+1)$
 $\bullet \text{ If } x=0 \quad 8 = A+B+C$
 $A = -\frac{18}{5}$
 $\therefore \frac{10x^2+8}{(x+1)(5x+1)} = -\frac{18}{5} + \frac{21}{2(x+1)} - \frac{9}{2(5x+1)}$

(b) $\frac{2y^2}{y^2-16} = \frac{2y^2}{(y+4)(y-4)} = A + \frac{B}{y+4} + \frac{C}{y-4}$
 $2y^2 = A(y+4)(y-4) + B(y-4) + C(y+4)$
 $\bullet \text{ If } y=4 \quad 32 = 0 + 0 + C(8) \Rightarrow C=4$
 $\bullet \text{ If } y=-4 \quad -32 = 0 + B(-8) + 0 \Rightarrow B=-4$
 $\bullet \text{ If } y=0 \quad 0 = 16A + 0 + 0 \Rightarrow A=0$
 $\therefore \frac{2y^2}{y^2-16} = 2 + \frac{4}{y-4} - \frac{4}{y+4}$

(c) $\frac{2t^2-t+11}{(t+2)(2t-3)} = \frac{2t^2-t+11}{2t^2-t-6} = A + \frac{B}{t+2} + \frac{C}{2t-3}$
 $2t^2-t+11 = A(2t-3) + B(t+2) + C(t+2)$
 $\bullet \text{ If } t=-2 \quad 10 = -4A \Rightarrow A = -\frac{5}{2}$
 $\bullet \text{ If } t=\frac{3}{2} \quad 14 = 3C \Rightarrow C = \frac{14}{3}$
 $\bullet \text{ If } t=0 \quad 11 = -6A + 2B + 2C$
 $11 = -6(-\frac{5}{2}) + 2B + 2(\frac{14}{3})$
 $11 = 15 + 2B + \frac{28}{3}$
 $11 = 25 + 2B + \frac{28}{3}$
 $11 - 25 - \frac{28}{3} = 2B$
 $-\frac{44}{3} = 2B \Rightarrow B = -\frac{22}{3}$
 $\therefore \frac{2t^2-t+11}{(t+2)(2t-3)} = 1 + \frac{4}{2t-3} - \frac{3}{t+2}$

(d) $\frac{3w^2-31w+45}{(w-2)(w-7)} = \frac{3w^2-31w+45}{w^2-9w+14} = A + \frac{B}{w-2} + \frac{C}{w-7}$
 $3w^2-31w+45 = A(w-7) + B(w-2) + C(w-2)$
 $\bullet \text{ If } w=2 \quad -5 = -5A \Rightarrow A=1$
 $\bullet \text{ If } w=7 \quad -25 = 5C \Rightarrow C=-5$
 $\bullet \text{ If } w=0 \quad 45 = 14A - 7B - 2C$
 $45 = 14(1) - 7B - 2(-5)$
 $45 = 14 - 7B + 10$
 $45 = 24 - 7B$
 $21 = -7B \Rightarrow B = -3$
 $\therefore \frac{3w^2-31w+45}{(w-2)(w-7)} = 3 + \frac{1}{w-2} - \frac{5}{w-7}$

Question 13

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

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

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

c) $\frac{2t^2+t+27}{(t^2+9)(t-1)}$

d) $\frac{2w^2-w+1}{(w^2+1)(w^2+2)}$

$$\frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{x}{x^2+1}, \quad \frac{1}{y-2} - \frac{y+2}{y^2+1}, \quad \frac{3}{t-1} - \frac{t}{t^2+9}, \quad \frac{w+3}{w^2+2} - \frac{w+1}{w^2+1}$$

Handwritten solutions for Question 13:

a) $\frac{1-x}{(x^2+1)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$
 $[1-x] \equiv A(x^2+1) + (x+1)(Bx+C)$
 • If $x = -1 \Rightarrow 2 = 2A \Rightarrow [A=1]$
 • If $x = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = A+C \Rightarrow [C=0]$
 • If $x = 1 \Rightarrow 0 = 2A+2(B+C) \Rightarrow [B=-1]$
 $\therefore \frac{1-x}{(x^2+1)(x+1)} = \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{x}{x^2+1}$

b) $\frac{5}{(y^2+1)(y-2)} = \frac{A}{y-2} + \frac{By+C}{y^2+1}$
 $[5] \equiv A(y^2+1) + (y-2)(By+C)$
 • If $y = 2 \Rightarrow 5 = 5A \Rightarrow [A=1]$
 • If $y = 0 \Rightarrow 5 = A-2C \Rightarrow [C=2]$
 • If $y = 1 \Rightarrow 5 = A+B+C \Rightarrow [B=-2]$
 $\therefore \frac{5}{(y^2+1)(y-2)} = \frac{1}{y-2} - \frac{2y+2}{y^2+1}$

c) $\frac{2t^2+t+27}{(t^2+9)(t-1)} = \frac{A}{t-1} + \frac{Bt+C}{t^2+9}$
 $[2t^2+t+27] \equiv A(t^2+9) + (t-1)(Bt+C)$
 • If $t = 1 \Rightarrow 2+1+27 = 10A \Rightarrow [A=3]$
 • If $t = 0 \Rightarrow 27 = 9A-C \Rightarrow [C=28]$
 • If $t = 2 \Rightarrow 8+2+27 = 13A+2B+C \Rightarrow [B=-1]$
 $\therefore \frac{2t^2+t+27}{(t^2+9)(t-1)} = \frac{3}{t-1} - \frac{t}{t^2+9}$

d) $\frac{2w^2-w+1}{(w^2+1)(w^2+2)} = \frac{Aw+B}{w^2+1} + \frac{Cw+D}{w^2+2}$
 $[2w^2-w+1] \equiv (Aw+B)(w^2+2) + (Cw+D)(w^2+1)$
 $2w^2-w+1 \equiv (Aw^3+Bw^2+2Aw+2B) + (Cw^3+Dw^2+Cw+D)$
 $2w^2-w+1 \equiv (A+C)w^3 + (B+D)w^2 + (2A+C)w + (2B+D)$
 • $A+C=0$
 • $2A+C=-1$
 • $B+D=2$
 • $2B+D=1$
 $\therefore [A=-1], [C=1], [B=-1], [D=3]$
 $\therefore \frac{2w^2-w+1}{(w^2+1)(w^2+2)} = \frac{-w+3}{w^2+2} - \frac{w+1}{w^2+1}$

Question 14

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

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

b) $\frac{y^2+3y+36}{(y^2+9)(y+9)}$

c) $\frac{12t^2+t+3}{(2t^2+1)(6t+1)}$

d) $\frac{4w}{1-w^4}$

$$\frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{2x+2}{x^2+1}, \quad \frac{1}{y+9} + \frac{3}{y^2+9}, \quad \frac{3}{6t+1} + \frac{t}{2t^2+1}, \quad \frac{1}{1-w} - \frac{1}{1+w} + \frac{2w}{1+w^2}$$

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

• If $x=1 \Rightarrow 4 = 2C \Rightarrow C=2$
 • If $x=0 \Rightarrow 4 = -B+C \Rightarrow B=2$
 • If $x=2 \Rightarrow 4 = (2A+B) + 2C$
 $4 = 2A - 2 + 10$
 $-4 = 2A$
 $A = -2$
 $\therefore \frac{4}{(x^2+1)(x-1)} = \frac{-2x-2}{x^2+1} + \frac{2}{x-1}$

b) $\frac{y^2+3y+36}{(y^2+9)(y+9)} = \frac{A}{y+9} + \frac{B_1y+B_2}{y^2+9}$

• If $y=-9 \Rightarrow 10 = 9A \Rightarrow A=1$
 • If $y=0 \Rightarrow 36 = 9A + 9(B_1y+B_2)$
 $36 = 9 + 9C$
 $C=3$

c) $\frac{12t^2+t+3}{(2t^2+1)(6t+1)} = \frac{A(6t+B)}{2t^2+1} + \frac{C}{6t+1}$

• If $t=-\frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{15}{8} = \frac{15B}{8} \Rightarrow B=1$
 • If $t=0 \Rightarrow 3 = B+C \Rightarrow C=2$
 • If $t=1 \Rightarrow 16 = 7A+3C$
 $16 = 7A+6$
 $10 = 7A$
 $A=1$

d) $\frac{4w}{1-w^4} = \frac{4w}{(1-w)(1+w)(1+w^2)} = \frac{A}{1-w} + \frac{B}{1+w} + \frac{Cw+D}{1+w^2}$

• If $w=1 \Rightarrow -4 = 8A \Rightarrow A=-\frac{1}{2}$
 • If $w=-1 \Rightarrow -4 = 8B \Rightarrow B=-\frac{1}{2}$
 • If $w=0 \Rightarrow 0 = A+B+D$
 $0 = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + D$
 $D=1$

b) $\frac{4w}{1-w^4} = \frac{4w}{(1-w)(1+w)(1+w^2)} = \frac{A}{1-w} + \frac{B}{1+w} + \frac{Cw+D}{1+w^2}$

• If $w=1 \Rightarrow -4 = 8A \Rightarrow A=-\frac{1}{2}$
 • If $w=-1 \Rightarrow -4 = 8B \Rightarrow B=-\frac{1}{2}$
 • If $w=0 \Rightarrow 0 = A+B+D$
 $0 = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + D$
 $D=1$

• $8 = A(1+w)(1+w^2) + B(1-w)(1+w^2) + (Cw+D)(1-w)(1+w)$
 $8 = 15 + 5w - 6C$
 $6C = 12$
 $C=2$

$\therefore \frac{4w}{1-w^4} = \frac{-1}{1-w} - \frac{1}{1+w} + \frac{2w}{1+w^2}$

Question 15

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

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

b) $\frac{y^2+3y+36}{(y^2+9)(y+9)}$

c) $\frac{12t^2+t+3}{(2t^2+1)(6t+1)}$

d) $\frac{4w}{1-w^4}$

$$\frac{1}{x^2+3} - \frac{1}{(x-2)^2}, \quad \frac{1}{y+9} + \frac{1}{y^2+9}, \quad \frac{3}{6t+1} + \frac{t}{2t^2+1}, \quad \frac{1}{1-w} - \frac{1}{1+w} + \frac{2w}{1+w^2}$$

Question 16

Express each of the following into partial fractions.

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

b) $\frac{y^2 + 3y + 36}{(y^2 + 9)(y + 9)}$

c) $\frac{12t^2 + t + 3}{(2t^2 + 1)(6t + 1)}$

d) $\frac{4w}{1 - w^4}$

$$2 + \frac{3}{2x-1} - \frac{2x+3}{x^2+1}, \quad \frac{1}{y+9} + \frac{1}{y^2+9}, \quad \frac{3}{6t+1} + \frac{t}{2t^2+1}, \quad \frac{1}{1-w} - \frac{1}{1+w} + \frac{2w}{1+w^2}$$