

1. Given that

$$\frac{2x^4 - 3x^2 + x + 1}{(x^2 - 1)} \equiv (ax^2 + bx + c) + \frac{dx + e}{(x^2 - 1)},$$

find the values of the constants a, b, c, d and e .

(4)

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

$$\equiv 2x^2 + 0x - 1 + \frac{x + 0}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$a = 2, b = 0, c = -1, d = 1, e = 0$$

The new syllabus requires division by linear factors only. However, dividing by a quadratic factor is no more difficult.



4. The function f is defined by

$$f: x \mapsto \frac{2(x-1)}{x^2-2x-3} - \frac{1}{x-3}, \quad x > 3.$$

(a) Show that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$, $x > 3$. (4)

(b) Find the range of f . physicsandmathstutor.com (2)

(c) Find $f^{-1}(x)$. State the domain of this inverse function. (3)

The function g is defined by

$$g: x \mapsto 2x^2 - 3, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(d) Solve $fg(x) = \frac{1}{8}$. (3)

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

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

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

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

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

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

c) Let $y = \frac{1}{1+x}$

Swap variables $x = \frac{1}{1+y}$

$$(1+y)x = 1$$

$$1+y = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x} - 1 \quad f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 1$$

Domain $0 < x < \frac{1}{4}$

d) $g(x) = 2x^2 - 3$

$$fg(x) = f(2x^2 - 3)$$

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

Solve

$$\frac{1}{2x^2 - 2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$8 = 2x^2 - 2$$

b) Range of $f(x)$ for $x > 3$

$$0 < f(x) < \frac{1}{4}$$



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4d
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$$4 = x^2 - 1$$

$$5 = x^2$$

$$\pm \sqrt{5} = x$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{5}$$

2.

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

(a) Express $f(x)$ as a single fraction in its simplest form.

(4)

(b) Hence show that $f'(x) = \frac{2}{(x-3)^2}$

(3)

a)

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

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

$$= \frac{1-x}{x-3}$$

b)

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

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

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



7. The function f is defined by

$$f(x) = 1 - \frac{2}{(x+4)} + \frac{x-8}{(x-2)(x+4)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq -4, x \neq 2$$

(a) Show that $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x-2}$ (5)

The function g is defined by

$$g(x) = \frac{e^x - 3}{e^x - 2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq \ln 2$$

(b) Differentiate $g(x)$ to show that $g'(x) = \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 2)^2}$ (3)

(c) Find the exact values of x for which $g'(x) = 1$ (4)

a)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{(x-2)(x+4) - 2(x-2) + (x-8)}{(x-2)(x+4)} \\ &= \frac{x^2 - 2x + 4x - 8 - 2x + 4 + x - 8}{(x-2)(x+4)} \\ &= \frac{x^2 + x - 12}{(x-2)(x+4)} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{(x+4)}(x-3)}{(x-2)\cancel{(x+4)}} \\ &= \frac{x-3}{x-2} \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \frac{e^x - 3}{e^x - 2} \\ g'(x) &= \frac{(e^x - 2)(e^x) - (e^x - 3)e^x}{(e^x - 2)^2} \end{aligned}$$



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7b
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$$\begin{aligned}
 g'(x) &= \frac{e^x(e^x - 2 - e^x + 3)}{(e^x - 2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{e^x(1)}{(e^x - 2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 2)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

7c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 g'(x) = 1 &\Rightarrow e^x = (e^x - 2)^2 \\
 &e^x = e^{2x} - 4e^x + 4 \\
 0 &= e^{2x} - 5e^x + 4 \\
 0 &= (e^x - 4)(e^x - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Either

$$e^x - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{or } e^x - 1 = 0$$

$$e^x = 4$$

$$e^x = 1$$

$$x = \ln 4$$

$$x = 0$$

1. Express

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

as a single fraction in its simplest form.

(4)

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

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

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

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

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

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



8. (a) Simplify fully

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

Given that

$$\ln(2x^2 + 9x - 5) = 1 + \ln(x^2 + 2x - 15), \quad x \neq -5,$$

(b) find x in terms of e .

(4)

a)

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

$$= \frac{2x-1}{x-3}$$

b)

$$\ln(2x^2 + 9x - 5) - \ln(x^2 + 2x - 15) = 1$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{2x^2 + 9x - 5}{x^2 + 2x - 15}\right) = 1$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{2x-1}{x-3}\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{2x-1}{x-3} = e$$

$$2x-1 = e(x-3)$$

$$2x-1 = ex - 3e$$

$$3e-1 = ex-2x$$

$$3e-1 = x(e-2)$$

$$x = \frac{3e-1}{e-2}$$

