

Decomposition of fractions:

Doing something backwards that we almost always do forwards.

What do you do with this?

$$\frac{2}{5} + \frac{5}{6} = \frac{2*6}{5*6} + \frac{5*5}{6*5} = \frac{12}{30} + \frac{25}{30} = \frac{27}{30} = \frac{9}{10}$$

Can you do that backwards?

$$\frac{11}{14}$$

1) 14 is  $7*2$

2) Then we can find some  $a$  and  $b$  such that:

$$\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{7} = \frac{11}{14}$$

3) Multiply through by 14

$$7a + 2b = 11 \quad \text{Pick } a=1 \text{ and } b=2$$



LIKE FACTORING: You are mentally working backwards.

Like factoring, we will have an algorithm or procedure to help us see the result.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3y \\ \hline xy \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1) \text{ } xy \text{ factors into } x \text{ and } y \\ 2) \quad \frac{2x + 3y}{xy} = \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{y} \end{array}$$

3) Multiply through by  $xy$

$$2x + 3y = ay + bx$$

$$a=3, b=2$$

$$\frac{7}{12}$$

$$\frac{2x+3y}{xy}$$

- Factor the denominator.
  - make an a fraction and a b fraction
  - multiply through by the denominator
  - choose the a and b that works
- ← This step gets trickier

Let's upgrade the problems.

$$\frac{5x-4}{x^2-3x-10} = \frac{\text{Something}}{x-5} + \frac{\text{Something}}{x+2}$$

~~(x-5)(x+2)~~

What is something going to look like?

$$\frac{5x-4}{x^2-3x-10} = \frac{A}{x-5} + \frac{B}{x+2}$$

First trick: Multiply through by the denominator (IN FACTORED FORM!)

$$5x-4 = A(x+2) + B(x-5)$$

How do we "pick" A and B?

Don't think of this as a pattern of rewriting, "do" the multiplication.

2 methods:

Method 1, use correspondence and simultaneous equations.

$$5x-4 = Ax + 2A + Bx - 5B$$

$$5x-4 = (A+B)x + (2A-5B)$$

$$A+B=5$$

$$2A-5B=-4$$

Solve (Substitution, linear combination, matrices)

Method 2, pick clever values for X and solve:

$$5x-4 = A(x+2) + B(x-5)$$

Pick  $X = 5$

$$5*5-4 = A(5+2) + B(5-5)$$

Why did we pick 5?

$$21 = A(5+2)$$

$A=3$

$$5x-4 = 3(x+2) + B(x-5)$$

$$5x-4 = 3x+6 + Bx - B5$$

$$2x-10 = Bx - B5$$

$$2(x-5) = B(x-5)$$

$$B = 2$$

Why not this?

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 + 4x^2 - 10x \\ \hline x^2 - 3x - 10 \end{array}$$

We will only do this for proper fractions.  
The technique can be used in analyzing  
the remainder of this rational function  
but we won't be doing that just to save time.

$$\frac{5x - 31}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$$

$$\frac{11x+52}{x^2+5x-6}$$

One step trickier problems.

They need a further technique.

(I am going to show you 3 ways to solve the next problem)

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

$(x+1), (x-1), (x-1)^2$   
 8.6      3.2

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

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

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

$$x^2: \begin{matrix} A & B & C \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} [A]^{-1} & [B] \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x: \begin{matrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} = 0$$

$$C: \begin{matrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \end{matrix} = 0$$

Trickier:

If the factors of the denominator have factors,  
we must allow for all of them possibly having a term.

Factor:

$$x^4 + 8x^3 + 16x^2 = x^2(x+4)^2 \quad \text{We will use this.}$$

List ALL the factors:  $x, x^2, (x+4), (x+4)^2$  We also use this, as we decompose across all factors.

$$1) \quad \frac{8x^2 + 32}{x^4 + 8x^3 + 16x^2} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+4} + \frac{D}{(x+4)^2}$$

2) Multiply through by the denominator (IN FACTORED FORM!)

A list of all the forms of the factors.

Make  
sure this  
makes  
sense

$$8x^2 + 32 = Ax(x+4)^2 + B(x+4)^2 + Cx^2(x+4) + Dx^2$$

How do we "pick" A, B, C, D? Lots of ways, learn what you like.

Do this:  $8x^2 + 32 = Ax(x+4)^2 + B(x+4)^2 + Cx^2(x+4) + Dx^2$

Phase 1: Make stuff go away by picking clever numbers

Assume  $x=-4$

$$8(-4)^2 + 32 = D(-4)^2$$

$$10 = D$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = Ax(x+4)^2 + B(x+4)^2 + Cx^2(x+4) + 10x^2$$

Assume  $x=0$  (Why?)

$$32 = B(0+4)^2$$

$$2 = B$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = Ax(x+4)^2 + 2(x+4)^2 + Cx^2(x+4) + 10x^2$$

No clever assumptions left. (Why?)

Phase 2: Expand everything & collect like terms

$$8x^2 + 32 = A(x^3 + 8x^2 + 16x) + 2(x^2 + 8x + 16) + C(x^3 + 4x^2) + 10x^2$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = Ax^3 + 8Ax^2 + 16Ax + 2x^2 + 16x + 32 + Cx^3 + 4Cx^2 + 10x^2$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = (A+C)x^3 + (8A+2+4C+10)x^2 + (16A+16)x + 32$$

Use correspondence to set up equations and solve.

$$0 = A + C$$

$$8 = 8A + 4C + 12$$

$$0 = 16A + 16$$

$$A = -1$$

$$C = 1$$

$$\frac{8x^2 + 32}{x^4 + 8x^3 + 16x^2} = \frac{-1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x+4} + \frac{10}{(x+4)^2}$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = Ax(x+4)^2 + B(x+4)^2 + Cx^2(x+4) + Dx^2$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = Ax(x^2 + 8x + 16) + B(x^2 + 8x + 16) + Cx^3 + 4Cx^2 + Dx^2$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = Ax^3 + 8Ax^2 + 16Ax + Bx^2 + 8Bx + 16B + Cx^3 + 4Cx^2 + Dx^2$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = (A+C)x^3 + (8A+B+4C+D)x^2 + (16A+8B)x + 16B$$

	A	B	C	D	[A]=	0	[B] =	1	0	1	0
$x^3: 0 =$	1	0	1	0		8		8	1	4	1
$x^2: 8 =$	8	1	4	1		0		16	8	0	0
$x: 0 =$	16	8	0	0		32		0	16	0	0
$c: 32 =$	0	16	0	0							
					$[B]^{-1}[A] =$	-1					
						2					
						1					
							10				
								A=-1,B=2,C=1,D=10			

$$\frac{8x^2 + 32}{x^4 + 8x^3 + 16x^2} = \frac{-1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x+4} + \frac{10}{(x+4)^2}$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = Ax(x+4)^2 + B(x+4)^2 + Cx^2(x+4) + Dx^2$$

$$8x^2 + 32 = A(x^3 + 8x^2 + 16x) + B(x^2 + 8x + 16) + C(x^3 + 4x^2) + Dx^2$$

	A	B	C	D
x <sup>3</sup> : 0 =	1	0	1	0
x <sup>2</sup> : 8 =	8	1	4	1
x: 0 =	16	8	0	0
c: 32 =	0	16	0	0

A=-1, B=2, C=1, D=10

$$\frac{8x^2 + 32}{x^4 + 8x^3 + 16x^2} = \frac{-1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x+4} + \frac{10}{(x+4)^2}$$

And it still gets trickier....

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x+3 \\ \hline x^3 + x^2 - x + 15 \end{array}$$

$$(x-1)(x^2+x+1)$$

Cases: Every polynomial with real coefficients can be factored into  
- the product of linear factors

and/or

- irreducible quadratic factors

"List all the factors" some of them will be a quadratic.

$$x^3 + x^2 - x + 15$$

$$x^3 + x^2 - x + 15 = (3+x)(x^2 - 2x + 5)$$

When there is a irreducible quadratic in the denominator,  
you have a linear expression in the numerator

$$\frac{2x + 3}{x^3 + x^2 - x + 15} = \frac{A}{(3+x)} + \frac{Bx + C}{(x^2 - 2x + 5)}$$

So, every quadratic denominator generates at least two unknowns.

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x^2 \\ \hline x^3 - 2x - 4 \end{array}$$

Factor:  $(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 2)$   
 List all factors:  $(x-2), (x^2 + 2x + 2)$

$$\frac{5x^2}{(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 2)} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{Bx+C}{(x^2 + 2x + 2)}$$

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

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

$$5x^2 = (Ax^2 + Bx^2) + (2Ax - 2Bx + Cx) + 2A - 2C$$

$$5=A+B$$

$$0=2A-2B+C$$

$$0=2A-2C$$

$$10=2A+2B$$

$$0=2A-2B+C$$

$$10=4A+C$$

$$0=2A-2(10-4A)$$

$$0=10A-20$$

$$2=A$$

$$3=B$$

$$2=C$$

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

$$5=A+B$$

$$0=2A-2B+C$$

$$0=2A-2C$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - x - 8}{(x+1)(x^2 + 5x + 6)} =$$
$$= \frac{-3}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x+3} + \frac{2}{x+2}$$
$$\begin{aligned} & -15x - 6x - 8x \\ & -18 + 4 + 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{8x^2 + 32}{x^4 + 8x^3 + 16x^2} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+4} + \frac{D}{(x+4)^2}$$

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

Factor:  $x^2(x^2 + 1)^2$

List all the factors:  $x, x^2, (x^2 + 1), (x^2 + 1)^2$

$$\frac{4x^2 + 3}{x^6 + 2x^4 + x^2} = \frac{4x^2 + 3}{x^2(x^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{Cx + D}{(x^2 + 1)} + \frac{Ex + F}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$4x^2 + 3 = Ax(x^2 + 1)^2 + B(x^2 + 1)^2 + (Cx + D)x^2(x^2 + 1) + (Ex + F)x^2$$

	A	B	C	D	E	F	
$x^5:0=$	1	0	1	0	0	0	$A=0$
$x^4:0=$	0	1	0	1	0	0	$B=3$
$x^3:0=$	2	0	1	0	1	0	$C=0$
$x^2:4=$	0	2	0	1	0	1	$D=-3$
$x:0=$	1	0	0	0	0	0	$E=0$
$c:3=$	0	1	0	0	0	0	$F=1$

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



$$x = 3$$

$$x(t) = v_0 \cos(\theta) t$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}g t^2 + v_0 \sin(\theta) t + h$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}32t^2 + 50 \sin(90)t + 6$$

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

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

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

$$x+4 = A(x^2+4) + B(x^2+4) + ((x+D)x^2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} Ax^3 + 4Ax \\ A \quad B \quad C \quad D \\ \hline x^3 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad | \quad 0 \\ x^2 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad | \quad 0 \quad 1 \\ x \quad 4 \quad 0 \quad | \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -1 \\ 1 \quad 0 \quad 4 \quad | \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= 1 \\ A &= -\frac{1}{4} \\ D &= -1 \\ C &= -\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$