

Algebra.

$$1^{\circ} \frac{1}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)} = \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b} + \frac{C}{x-c}$$

$$\therefore 1 = A(x-b)(x-c) + B(x-a)(x-c) + C(x-a)(x-b)$$

This expression being an identical we can write any number instead of x : if we put x equal to a , then,

$$1 = A(a-b)(a-c)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{(a-b)(a-c)}$$

Similarly, if we put x equal to b and c , we can find

$$B = \frac{1}{(b-c)(b-a)} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \frac{1}{(c-a)(c-b)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b} + \frac{C}{x-c} = \frac{1}{x-a} \cdot \frac{1}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{1}{x-b} \cdot \frac{1}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{1}{x-c} \cdot \frac{1}{(c-a)(c-b)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)} = \frac{1}{(x-a)(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{1}{(a-b)(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{1}{(x-c)(c-a)(c-b)}$$

$$2^{\circ} \frac{x}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)} = \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b} + \frac{C}{x-c}$$

$$\therefore x = A(x-b)(x-c) + B(x-a)(x-c) + C(x-a)(x-b)$$

Put $x = a$, then;

$$A = \frac{a}{(a-b)(a-c)}$$

" $x = b$, then;

$$B = \frac{b}{(b-a)(b-c)}$$

" $x = c$, "

$$C = \frac{c}{(c-a)(c-b)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b} + \frac{C}{x-c} = \frac{1}{x-a} \cdot \frac{a}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{1}{x-b} \cdot \frac{b}{(b-a)(b-c)} + \frac{1}{x-c} \cdot \frac{c}{(c-a)(c-b)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)} = \frac{a}{(x-a)(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{b}{(x-b)(b-a)(b-c)} + \frac{c}{(x-c)(c-a)(c-b)}$$

$$3^{\circ} \frac{x^2}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)} = \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b} + \frac{C}{x-c}$$

$$\therefore x^2 = A(x-b)(x-c) + B(x-a)(x-c) + C(x-a)(x-b)$$

Put $x = a$, then,

$$a^2 = A(a-b)(a-c) \therefore A = \frac{a^2}{(a-b)(a-c)}$$

Put $x = b$ then,

$$b^2 = B(b-a)(b-c) \therefore B = \frac{b^2}{(b-a)(b-c)}$$

Put $x = c$ then,

$$c^2 = c(c-a)(c-b) \therefore C = \frac{c^2}{(c-a)(c-b)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)} = \frac{a^2}{(x-a)(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{b^2}{(x-b)(b-a)(b-c)} + \frac{c^2}{(x-c)(c-a)(c-b)}$$

$$4^{\circ} \frac{x^2+px+q}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)} = \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b} + \frac{C}{x-c}$$

$$\therefore x^2+px+q = A(x-b)(x-c) + B(x-a)(x-c) + C(x-a)(x-b)$$

$$\text{Put } x = a, \text{ then } a^2+pa+q = A(a-b)(a-c) \therefore A = \frac{a^2+pa+q}{(a-b)(a-c)}$$

$$\text{Put } x = b, \text{ then } b^2+pb+q = B(b-a)(b-c) \therefore B = \frac{b^2+pb+q}{(b-c)(b-a)}$$

$$\text{Put } x = c, \text{ then } c^2+pc+q = C(c-a)(c-b) \therefore C = \frac{c^2+pc+q}{(c-a)(c-b)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2+px+q}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)} = \frac{a^2+pa+q}{(x-a)(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{b^2+pb+q}{(x-b)(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{c^2+pc+q}{(x-c)(c-a)(c-b)}$$

Example 2.

If ax^3+3bx^2+d , $bx^3+3dx+e$, have a common divisor;

$$\text{then } (4bd-ae)^3+27(ad^2+b^2e)^2=0$$

$$b(ax^3+3bx^2+d) = a bx^3+3b^2x^2+bd$$

$$a(bx^3+3dx+e) = a bx^3+3adx+ae$$

$$\therefore \text{the difference is } 3b^2x^2-3adx+(bd-ae) \quad (1)$$

$$c(ax^3+3bx^2+d) = acx^3+3bcx^2+cd$$

$$d(bx^3+3dx+e) = bdx^3+3d^2x+ed$$

$$\therefore \text{The difference is } (bd-ae)x^3-3bcx^2+3d^2x$$

$$\text{By taking away } x \quad (bd-ae)x^2-3bcx+3d^2 \quad (2)$$

If we put $bd-ae$ equal to u

$$(1) = 3b^2x^2-3adx+u$$

$$(2) = ux^2-3bcx+3d^2$$

$$u(3b^2x^2-3adx+u) = 3b^2ux^2-3adux+u^2$$

$$3b^2(ux^2-3bcx+3d^2) = 3b^2ux^2-9b^3cx+9b^2d^2$$

$$x(9b^3c-3adu) + u^2 - 9b^2d^2 \quad (3)$$

$$3d^2(3b^2x^2-3adx+u) = 9b^2d^2x^2-9ad^3x+3d^2u$$

$$u(ux^2-3bcx+3d^2) = u^2x^2-3bcux+3d^2u$$

$$x^2(u^2-9b^2d^2) + 9ad^3x - 3bcux$$

$$\text{By taking away } x, \quad x(u^2-9b^2d^2) + 9ad^3 - 3bcu \quad (4)$$

$$\text{but } (3) = x + \frac{u^2-9b^2d^2}{9b^3c-3adu}, \quad (4) = x + \frac{9ad^3-3bcu}{u^2-9b^2d^2}$$

Since (3) and (4) have a common divisor, if their common divisor is the form of $x+u$; then

$$x+u = x + \frac{u^2-9b^2d^2}{9b^3c-3adu} = x + \frac{9ad^3-3bcu}{u^2-9b^2d^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{u^2-9b^2d^2}{9b^3c-3adu} = \frac{9ad^3-3bcu}{u^2-9b^2d^2}$$

$$\therefore (u^2-9b^2d^2)^2 = (9ad^3-3bcu)(9b^3c-3adu)$$

$$(u^2-9b^2d^2)^2 - (9ad^3-3bcu)(9b^3c-3adu) = 0$$

$$u^4 - 18u^2b^2d^2 + 81b^4d^4 - (81acbd^3 - 27b^4c^2u - 27a^2d^4u + 9abed^3u)$$

If we divide out u or $bd-ae$; then

$$u \left\{ (bd-ae)^3 - 18b^2d^2(bd-ae) + 27(b^4c^2 + a^2d^4) - 9abed^3(bd-ae) + 81b^4d^3 \right\} = 0$$

the common factor is

By taking away and expanding the expression, we have,

$$6^3 d^3 - 36^2 d^2 a c + 36 d a^2 c^2 - a^3 c^3 - 18 b^3 d^3 + 18 b^2 d^2 a c - 9 b d a^2 c^2 + 9 b d a^2 c^2 + 81 b d^3 + 27(b^4 c^2 + a^2 d^4) = 0.$$

i.l.

$$64 b^3 d^3 + 6 b^2 d^2 a c + 12 b d a^2 c^2 - a^3 c^3 + 27(b^4 c^2 + a^2 d^4) = 0$$

i.l.

$$64 b^3 d^3 - 48 b^2 d^2 a c + 12 b d a^2 c^2 - a^3 c^3 + 27(b^4 c^2 + 2 b^2 d a c + a^2 d^4) = 0$$

i.l. $(4bd - ac)^3 + 27(b^2c + ad^2)^2 = 0$. which is to be proved.

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