

**Binomial expansion 4C**

**1 a** Let  $\frac{8x+4}{(1-x)(2+x)} \equiv \frac{A}{(1-x)} + \frac{B}{(2+x)}$

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

Set the numerators equal:

$$8x + 4 \equiv A(2 + x) + B(1 - x)$$

Substitute  $x = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \times 1 + 4 &= A \times 3 + B \times 0 \\ \Rightarrow 12 &= 3A \\ \Rightarrow A &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $x = -2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \times (-2) + 4 &= A \times 0 + B \times 3 \\ \Rightarrow -12 &= 3B \\ \Rightarrow B &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\frac{8x+4}{(1-x)(2+x)} \equiv \frac{4}{(1-x)} - \frac{4}{(2+x)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{1} \quad \mathbf{b} \quad & \frac{4}{(1-x)} = 4(1-x)^{-1} \\
 &= 4 \left( 1 + (-1)(-x) + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-x)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) \\
 &= 4(1 + x + x^2 + \dots) \\
 &= 4 + 4x + 4x^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{4}{(2+x)} = 4(2+x)^{-1} \\
 &= 4 \left( 2 \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2} \right) \right)^{-1} \\
 &= 4 \times 2^{-1} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2} \right)^{-1} \\
 &= 4 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \left( 1 + (-1) \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)^2 + \dots \right) \\
 &= 2 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \dots \right) \\
 &= 2 - x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{8x+4}{(1-x)(2+x)} &\equiv \frac{4}{(1-x)} - \frac{4}{(2+x)} \\
 &= (4 + 4x + 4x^2 + \dots) - \left( 2 - x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \dots \right) \\
 &= 2 + 5x + \frac{7x^2}{2} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

**c**  $\frac{4}{(1-x)}$  is valid for  $|x| < 1$

$\frac{4}{(2+x)}$  is valid for  $|x| < 2$

Both are valid when  $|x| < 1$ .

**2 a** Let  $\frac{-2x}{(2+x)^2} \equiv \frac{A}{(2+x)} + \frac{B}{(2+x)^2}$

$$\equiv \frac{A(2+x) + B}{(2+x)^2}$$

Set the numerators equal:

$$-2x \equiv A(2+x) + B$$

Substitute  $x = -2$ :

$$4 = A \times 0 + B \Rightarrow B = 4$$

Equate terms in  $x$ :

$$-2 = A \Rightarrow A = -2$$

Hence  $\frac{-2x}{(2+x)^2} \equiv \frac{-2}{(2+x)} + \frac{4}{(2+x)^2}$

**2 b**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{-2}{2+x} &= -2(2+x)^{-1} \\
 &= -2\left(2\left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)\right)^{-1} \\
 &= -2 \times 2^{-1} \times \left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} \\
 &= -1 \times \left(1 + (-1)\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)}{3!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots\right) \\
 &= -1 \times \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{x^3}{8} + \dots\right) \\
 &= -1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{4}{(2+x)^2} &= 4(2+x)^{-2} \\
 &= 4\left(2\left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)\right)^{-2} \\
 &= 4 \times 2^{-2} \times \left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-2} \\
 &= 1 \times \left(1 + (-2)\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)}{3!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots\right) \\
 &= 1 \times \left(1 - x + \frac{3x^2}{4} - \frac{x^3}{2} + \dots\right) \\
 &= 1 - x + \frac{3x^2}{4} - \frac{x^3}{2} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{-2x}{(2+x)^2} &\equiv \frac{-2}{(2+x)} + \frac{4}{(2+x)^2} \\
 &= -1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} + \dots + 1 - x + \frac{3x^2}{4} - \frac{x^3}{2} + \dots \\
 &= 0 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{8}x^3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $B = \frac{1}{2}$  (coefficient of  $x^2$ ) and  $C = -\frac{3}{8}$  (coefficient of  $x^3$ ).

**2 c**  $\frac{-2}{(2+x)}$  is valid for  $|x| < 2$

$\frac{4}{(2+x)^2}$  is valid for  $|x| < 2$

Hence whole expression is valid  $|x| < 2$ .

**3 a** Let  $\frac{6+7x+5x^2}{(1+x)(1-x)(2+x)} \equiv \frac{A}{(1+x)} + \frac{B}{(1-x)} + \frac{C}{(2+x)}$

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

Set the numerators equal

$$6 + 7x + 5x^2 \equiv A(1 - x)(2 + x) + B(1 + x)(2 + x) + C(1 + x)(1 - x)$$

Substitute  $x = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 6 + 7 + 5 &= A \times 0 + B \times 2 \times 3 + C \times 0 \\ \Rightarrow 18 &= 6B \\ \Rightarrow B &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $x = -1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 6 - 7 + 5 &= A \times 2 \times 1 + B \times 0 + C \times 0 \\ \Rightarrow 4 &= 2A \\ \Rightarrow A &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $x = -2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 6 - 14 + 20 &= A \times 0 + B \times 0 + C \times (-1) \times 3 \\ \Rightarrow 12 &= -3C \\ \Rightarrow C &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\frac{6+7x+5x^2}{(1+x)(1-x)(2+x)} \equiv \frac{2}{(1+x)} + \frac{3}{(1-x)} - \frac{4}{(2+x)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3 \quad \mathbf{b} \quad \frac{2}{1+x} &= 2(1+x)^{-1} \\
 &= 2\left(1+(-1)(x) + \frac{(-1)(-2)(x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)(x)^3}{3!} + \dots\right) \\
 &= 2(1-x+x^2-x^3+\dots) \\
 &\approx 2-2x+2x^2-2x^3 \quad \text{Valid for } |x|<1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3}{1-x} &= 3(1-x)^{-1} \\
 &= 3\left(1+(-1)(-x) + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)(-x)^3}{3!} + \dots\right) \\
 &= 3(1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots) \\
 &\approx 3+3x+3x^2+3x^3 \quad \text{Valid for } |x|<1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{4}{2+x} &= 4(2+x)^{-1} \\
 &= 4\left(2\left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)\right)^{-1} \\
 &= 4 \times 2^{-1} \times \left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} \\
 &= 2\left(1+(-1)\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)}{3!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots\right) \\
 &= 2\left(1-\frac{x}{2}+\frac{x^2}{4}-\frac{x^3}{8}+\dots\right) \\
 &\approx 2-x+\frac{x^2}{2}-\frac{x^3}{4} \quad \text{Valid for } |x|<2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hence } \frac{6+7x+5x^2}{(1+x)(1-x)(2+x)} &\equiv \frac{2}{(1+x)} + \frac{3}{(1-x)} - \frac{4}{(2+x)} \\
 &= (2-2x+2x^2-2x^3) + (3+3x+3x^2+3x^3) - \left(2-x+\frac{x^2}{2}-\frac{x^3}{4}\right) + \dots \\
 &= 2+3-2-2x+3x+x+2x^2+3x^2-\frac{x^2}{2}-2x^3+3x^3+\frac{x^3}{4}+\dots \\
 &= 3+2x+\frac{9}{2}x^2+\frac{5}{4}x^3+\dots
 \end{aligned}$$

**c** All expansions are valid when  $|x|<1$ .

**4 a**  $\frac{12x-1}{(1+2x)(1-3x)} \equiv \frac{A}{1+2x} + \frac{B}{1-3x} \equiv \frac{A(1-3x) + B(1+2x)}{(1+2x)(1-3x)}$

So  $12x-1 \equiv A(1-3x) + B(1+2x)$

Let  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ :

$$-6 - 1 = A \times \frac{5}{2} + 0$$

$$-7 = \frac{5}{2}A$$

$$A = -\frac{14}{5}$$

Let  $x = \frac{1}{3}$ :

$$4 - 1 = 0 + B \times \frac{5}{3}$$

$$3 = \frac{5}{3}B$$

$$B = \frac{9}{5}$$

$$A = -\frac{14}{5}, B = \frac{9}{5}$$

**b**  $\frac{12x-1}{(1+2x)(1-3x)} \equiv \frac{-14}{5(1+2x)} + \frac{9}{5(1-3x)}$

$$\frac{-14}{5(1+2x)} = -\frac{14}{5}(1+2x)^{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{14}{5} \left( 1 + (-1)(2x) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} (2x)^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$= -\frac{14}{5} (1 - 2x + 4x^2 + \dots)$$

$$= -\frac{14}{5} + \frac{28}{5}x - \frac{56}{5}x^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{9}{5(1-3x)} = \frac{9}{5}(1-3x)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{9}{5} \left( 1 + (-1)(-3x) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} (-3x)^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$= \frac{9}{5} (1 + 3x + 9x^2 + \dots)$$

$$= \frac{9}{5} + \frac{27}{5}x + \frac{81}{5}x^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{-14}{5(1+2x)} + \frac{9}{5(1-3x)} = -\frac{14}{5} + \frac{28}{5}x - \frac{56}{5}x^2 + \frac{9}{5} + \frac{27}{5}x + \frac{81}{5}x^2 + \dots$$

$$= -1 + 11x + 5x^2 + \dots$$

**5 a**  $\frac{2x^2 + 7x - 6}{(x+5)(x-4)} \equiv A + \frac{B}{x+5} + \frac{C}{x-4}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + x - 20 \\ \overline{)2x^2 + 7x - 6} \\ 2x^2 + 2x - 40 \\ \hline 5x + 34 \end{array}$$

$$A = 2$$

$$\frac{2x^2 + 7x - 6}{(x+5)(x-4)} \equiv 2 + \frac{5x + 34}{(x+5)(x-4)}$$

$$\frac{5x + 34}{(x+5)(x-4)} \equiv \frac{B}{x+5} + \frac{C}{x-4} = \frac{B(x-4) + C(x+5)}{(x+5)(x-4)}$$

$$5x + 34 = B(x-4) + C(x+5)$$

Let  $x = -5$ :

$$-25 + 34 = B \times (-9) + 0$$

$$9 = -9B$$

$$B = -1$$

Let  $x = 4$ :

$$20 + 34 = 0 + C \times 9 \quad ;$$

$$54 = 9C$$

$$C = 6$$

$$\frac{2x^2 + 7x - 6}{(x+5)(x-4)} \equiv 2 - \frac{1}{x+5} + \frac{6}{x-4}$$

**b**  $2 - \frac{1}{x+5} + \frac{6}{x-4} = 2 - (5+x)^{-1} + 6(-4+x)^{-1} = 2 - \frac{1}{5} \left(1 + \frac{1}{5}x\right)^{-1} - \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}x\right)^{-1}$

$$\frac{1}{5} \left(1 + \frac{1}{5}x\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \left(1 + (-1) \left(\frac{1}{5}x\right) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{5}x\right)^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{1}{25}x^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{25}x + \frac{1}{125}x^2 + \dots$$

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

$$= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{16}x^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{8}x + \frac{3}{32}x^2 + \dots$$

$$2 - \frac{1}{x+5} + \frac{6}{x-4} = 2 - \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{25}x + \frac{1}{125}x^2 + \dots\right) - \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{8}x + \frac{3}{32}x^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{10} - \frac{67}{200}x + \frac{407}{4000}x^2 + \dots$$

**5 c**  $|x| < 4$

**6 a**

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ \hline x^2 + x - 6 \end{array} \overbrace{\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 4x - 5 \\ 3x^2 + 3x - 18 \\ \hline x + 13 \end{array}}$$

$$A = 3$$

$$\frac{3x^2 + 4x - 5}{(x+3)(x-2)} \equiv 3 + \frac{x+13}{(x+3)(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{x+13}{(x+3)(x-2)} \equiv \frac{B}{x+3} + \frac{C}{x-2} = \frac{B(x-2) + C(x+3)}{(x+3)(x-2)}$$

$$x+13 = B(x-2) + C(x+3)$$

Let  $x = -3$

$$-3+13 = B \times (-5) + 0$$

$$10 = -5B$$

$$B = -2$$

Let  $x = 2$ :

$$2+13 = 0 + C \times 5$$

$$15 = 5C$$

$$C = 3$$

$$A = 3, B = -2 \text{ and } C = 3$$

**6 b**  $\frac{3x^2+4x-5}{(x+3)(x-2)} \equiv 3 - \frac{2}{x+3} + \frac{3}{x-2}$

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

$$\frac{2}{3}\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}x\right)^{-1} = \frac{2}{3}\left(1 + (-1)\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!}\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{9}x^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{9}x + \frac{2}{27}x^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{3}{2}\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x\right)^{-1} = \frac{3}{2}\left(1 + (-1)\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!}\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right)^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 + \dots$$

$$3 - \frac{2}{x+3} + \frac{3}{x-2} = 3 - \left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{9}x + \frac{2}{27}x^2 + \dots\right) - \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= \frac{5}{6} - \frac{19}{36}x - \frac{97}{216}x^2 + \dots$$

7 a  $\frac{2x^2 + 5x + 11}{(2x-1)^2(x+1)} \equiv \frac{A}{2x-1} + \frac{B}{(2x-1)^2} + \frac{C}{x+1}$   
 $\equiv \frac{A(2x-1)(x+1) + B(x+1) + C(2x-1)^2}{(2x-1)^2(x+1)}$   
 $2x^2 + 5x + 11 \equiv A(2x-1)(x+1) + B(x+1) + C(2x-1)^2$

Let  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ :

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{2} + 11 = 0 + B \times \frac{3}{2} + 0$$

$$14 = \frac{3}{2}B$$

$$B = \frac{28}{3}$$

Let  $x = -1$ :

$$2 - 5 + 11 = 0 + 0 + C \times 9$$

$$8 = 9C$$

$$C = \frac{8}{9}$$

Equating coefficients of  $x^2$  gives:

$$2 = 2A + 4C$$

$$2 = 2A + \frac{32}{9}$$

$$A = -\frac{7}{9}$$

$$A = -\frac{7}{9}, B = \frac{28}{3} \text{ and } C = \frac{8}{9}$$

**7 b**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{2x^2+5x+11}{(2x-1)^2(x+1)} &\equiv \frac{-7}{9(2x-1)} + \frac{28}{3(2x-1)^2} + \frac{8}{9(x+1)} \\
 &= \frac{7}{9}(-1+2x)^{-1} + \frac{28}{3}(-1+2x)^{-2} + \frac{8}{9}(1+x)^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{7}{9}(1-2x)^{-1} + \frac{28}{3}(1-2x)^{-2} + \frac{8}{9}(1+x)^{-1} \\
 \frac{7}{9}(1-2x)^{-1} &= \frac{7}{9}\left(1+(-1)(-2x) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!}(-2x)^2 + \dots\right) \\
 &= \frac{7}{9}(1+2x+4x^2+\dots) \\
 &= \frac{7}{9} + \frac{14}{9}x + \frac{28}{9}x^2 + \dots \\
 \frac{28}{3}(1-2x)^{-2} &= \frac{28}{3}\left(1+(-2)(-2x) + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2!}(-2x)^2 + \dots\right) \\
 &= \frac{28}{3}(1+4x+12x^2+\dots) \\
 &= \frac{28}{3} + \frac{112}{3}x + 112x^2 + \dots \\
 \frac{8}{9}(1+x)^{-1} &= \frac{8}{9}\left(1+(-1)x + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!}x^2 + \dots\right) \\
 &= \frac{8}{9}(1-x+x^2+\dots) \\
 &= \frac{8}{9} - \frac{8}{9}x + \frac{8}{9}x^2 + \dots \\
 \frac{2x^2+5x+11}{(2x-1)^2(x+1)} &= \frac{7}{9} + \frac{14}{9}x + \frac{28}{9}x^2 + \dots + \frac{28}{3} + \frac{112}{3}x + 112x^2 + \dots + \frac{8}{9} - \frac{8}{9}x + \frac{8}{9}x^2 + \dots \\
 &= 11 + 38x + 116x^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

**c**

$$f(0.05) = \frac{2(0.05)^2 + 5(0.05) + 11}{(2(0.05) - 1)^2(0.05 + 1)} = 13.23339212$$

Using the expansion:

$$f(0.05) \approx 11 + 38(0.05) + 116(0.05)^2 = 13.19$$

$$\text{Percentage error} = \frac{13.23339212 - 13.19}{13.23339212} \times 100 = 0.33\%$$