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Pure Math - 3

Binomial Theorem
and
Rational Functions

Ex. 1. Solution. (Revision)

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Revision

Example 1(a) Expand $(1+3x)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ in ascending powers of x , upto and including the term in x^2 , simplifying the coefficients. --- [3]

(b) State the set of values of x for which the expansion is valid. --- [1]

[SP-20/03/Q2]

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

(a)

$$= 1 - x + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{4}{3} \times 9x^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - x + 2x^2 + \dots \checkmark$$

(b) $|3x| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < \frac{1}{3} \checkmark$

Example 2 Let $f(x) = \frac{2+11x-10x^2}{(1+2x)(1-2x)(2+x)}$

(a) Express $f(x)$ in partial fractions. --- [5]

(b) Hence obtain the expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of x , upto and including powers of x , upto and including the term in x^2 . --- [5]

[M-20/32/Q9]

Solution: Consider $\frac{2+11x-10x^2}{(1+2x)(1-2x)(2+x)} = \frac{a}{1+2x} + \frac{b}{1-2x} + \frac{c}{2+x}$ --- (1)

(a) multiply (1) by $(1+2x)$,

$$\frac{2+11x-10x^2}{(1+2x)(2+x)} = \frac{a}{1-2x} + \frac{b(1+2x)}{2+x}$$

$(2+x)=0 \Rightarrow$

put $x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{-\frac{6}{3}}{3} = a \Rightarrow a = -2 \checkmark$

multiply (1) by $(1-2x) \Rightarrow \frac{2+11x-10x^2}{(1+2x)(2+x)} = \frac{a(1-2x)}{1+2x} + b + \frac{c(1-2x)}{2+x}$

$(1-2x)=0$ put $x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{5}{2 \times \frac{5}{2}} = b \Rightarrow b = 1 \checkmark$

multiply (1) by $(2+x)$

$$\frac{2+11x-10x^2}{(1+2x)(1-2x)} = \frac{a(2+x)}{1+2x} + \frac{b(2+x)}{1-2x} + c$$

let $2+x=0 \Rightarrow x=-2 \Rightarrow \frac{-60}{-15} = c \Rightarrow c = 4 \checkmark$

Hence from (1) Required partial fraction = $\frac{-2}{1+2x} + \frac{1}{1-2x} + \frac{4}{2+x}$ --- (2) $\checkmark \checkmark$

(b) $-2(1+2x)^{-1} = -2[1-2x + (2x)^2]^{-1} \rightarrow (1+x)^{-1} = 1-x+x^2 \dots$

$= -2 + 4x - 8x^2 \dots$ --- (3) $\left. \begin{array}{l} (1-x)^{-1} = 1+x+x^2 \dots \\ \text{add (3), (4) and (5), Req. Expansion} \\ = (-2+1+2) + x(4+2-1) + x^2(-8+4+2) \\ = [1+5x - \frac{7}{2}x^2 \dots] \checkmark \end{array} \right\}$

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

$= 1 + 2x + 4x^2 + \dots$ --- (4)

and $4(2+x)^{-1} = 4 \times 2^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} = 2 \left[1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} \dots\right]$

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

Example 3(a) Expand $(2-3x)^{-2}$ in ascending powers of x , upto and including the term in x^2 , simplifying the coefficients. ---[4]

(b) State the set of values of x for which the expansion is valid. ---[1]

[S-20/31/Q2]

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

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[1 + 3x + \frac{27}{4}x^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2 + \dots$$

(b) $\left| -\frac{3}{2}x \right| < 1 \Rightarrow x < \frac{2}{3}$ ✓

4. Let $f(x) = \frac{14-3x+2x^2}{(2+x)(3+x^2)}$

(a) Express $f(x)$ in partial fractions. --- [5]

(b) Hence obtain the expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of x , up to and including the term in x^2 . --- [5]

[S-21/32/Q9]

Solution (a) $f(x) = \frac{14-3x+2x^2}{(2+x)(3+x^2)} = \frac{a}{2+x} + \frac{bx+c}{3+x^2}$ --- (1)

multiply (1) by $(2+x)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{14-3x+2x^2}{3+x^2} = a + \frac{(bx+c)(2+x)}{3+x^2}$$
 --- (2)

Put $2+x=0 \Rightarrow x=-2$ in (2) $\Rightarrow 28 = a \Rightarrow a=4$ ✓

multiply by $(3+x^2)$ to $\text{---}^{\text{---}}$ (1)

$$14-3x+2x^2 = 4(3+x^2) + (bx+c)(x+2)$$
 --- (3)

Comparing constant term in (3) $\Rightarrow 14 = 12 + 2c \Rightarrow c = 1$ ✓

Comparing the coeff of x^2 in (3) $\Rightarrow 2 = 4 + b \Rightarrow b = -2$

\therefore from (1) the req. partial fractions are.

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

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

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (1) \quad (1+x)^{-1} &= 1-x+x^2+\dots \\ (b) \quad (1+x)^n &= 1+nx+\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2}+\dots \end{aligned} \right\}$$

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

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

$$= 2 + \frac{1}{3} - x - \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 = \frac{7}{3} - \frac{5}{3}x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{7}{3} - \frac{5}{3}x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots$$

Binomial theorem:

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

for $|x| < 1$

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5. Expand $(1+3x)^{2/3}$ in ascending powers of x , upto and including the term in x^3 , simplifying the coefficients, --- [4]

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

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

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

Binomial theorem:

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots \text{ for } |x| < 1$$

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6 (a) Expand $(2-x^2)^{-2}$ in ascending powers of x , upto and including the term in x^4 , simplify the coefficients. --- [4]

(b) State the set of values of x for which the expansion is valid. --- [1]

Solution: $(2-x^2)^{-2} = [2(1-\frac{x^2}{2})]^{-2} = 2^{-2}(1-\frac{x^2}{2})^{-2} = \frac{1}{4}(1-x^2)^{-2}$

Now $\frac{1}{4}(1-x^2)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} [1 + (-2)(-\frac{x^2}{2}) + \frac{(-2)(-3)(-\frac{x^2}{2})^2}{2!} + \dots] (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$
 $= \frac{1}{4} [1 + x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x^4 + \dots] = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{3}{16}x^4 + \dots$ (for $|x| < 1$)

(b) Expansion is valid for $|\frac{-x^2}{2}| < 1 \Rightarrow |x|^2 < 2 \Rightarrow |x| < \sqrt{2}$

7. Let $f(x) = \frac{5x^2 + 8x - 3}{(x-2)(2x^2+3)}$

(a) Express $f(x)$ in partial fractions. --- [5]

(b) Hence obtain the expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of x , up to and including the term in x^2 . --- [5]

Solution: $f(x) = \frac{5x^2 + 8x - 3}{(x-2)(2x^2+3)} = \frac{a}{x-2} + \frac{bx+c}{2x^2+3}$ --- (1)

(a) multiply (1) by $(x-2) \Rightarrow \frac{5x^2+8x-3}{(2x^2+3)} = a + \frac{(bx+c)(x-2)}{(2x^2+3)}$

$(x-2)=0 \Rightarrow x=2$ put $\Rightarrow \frac{33}{11} = a \Rightarrow a=3$

Now from (1) $\frac{5x^2+8x-3}{(x-2)(2x^2+3)} = \frac{3}{(x-2)} + \frac{bx+c}{(2x^2+3)}$

{ multiply by $D^n \Rightarrow 5x^2+8x-3 = 3(2x^2+3) + (bx+c)(x-2)$ --- (2)

{ Comparing the coeff of $x^2 \Rightarrow 5 = 6 + b \Rightarrow b = -1$

Comparing the constant term $\Rightarrow -3 = 9 - 2c \Rightarrow c = 6$

Hence from (1) the required partial fractions $= \frac{3}{x-2} + \frac{(-x+6)}{2x^2+3}$

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

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

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

$= -\frac{3}{2}(1+\frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4}) + \frac{1}{3}(6-x)(1-\frac{2}{3}x^2 + \dots)$
 $= -\frac{3}{2} + 2 + \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{3}{8}x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x^2 + \dots$
 $= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{13}{12}x - \frac{41}{24}x^2 + \dots$

8. Find the coefficient of x^3 in the binomial expansion of $(3+x)\sqrt{1+4x} \dots [4]$

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

Hence

$(3+x)\sqrt{1+4x}$ fm (1)

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

\Rightarrow Coeff of x^3 in (2) $= 3 \times 4 + 1 \times (-2) = 12 - 2 = 10 \checkmark$

$$\begin{cases} (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 \\ + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} x^3 + \dots \end{cases}$$

9. Let $f(x) = \frac{21-8x-2x^2}{(1+2x)(3-x)^2}$

(a) Express $f(x)$ in partial fractions.

(b) Hence obtain the expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of x , upto and including the term in x^2 . --- [5]

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Solution (a) $f(x) = \frac{21-8x-2x^2}{(1+2x)(3-x)^2} = \frac{a}{1+2x} + \frac{b}{(3-x)} + \frac{c}{(3-x)^2} \dots \text{--- (1)}$

Multiply (1) by $(1+2x)(3-x)^2 \Rightarrow 21-8x-2x^2 = a(3-x)^2 + b(1+2x) + c(3-x)(1+2x) \dots \text{--- (2)}$

Put $(1+2x)=0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$ in (2) $\Rightarrow 21 + 4 - 2 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = a \left(3 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 0 + 0 \Rightarrow \frac{49}{4} a = \frac{49}{4} \Rightarrow a = 1 \checkmark$

Put $(3-x)=0 \Rightarrow x = 3$ in (2) $\Rightarrow 21 - 24 - 18 = 0 + b \times 7 + 0 \Rightarrow 7b = -21 \Rightarrow b = -3 \checkmark$

Put the values of a and b in (2)

$\Rightarrow 21 - 8x - 2x^2 = 1(3-x)^2 - 3(1+2x) + c(3-x)(1+2x) \dots \text{--- (3)}$

Put $x=0$ in (3) $\Rightarrow 21 = 18 - 3 + 3c \Rightarrow 3c = 6 \Rightarrow c = 2 \checkmark$

Put the values of a, b and c in (1): $f(x) = \frac{2}{(1+2x)} - \frac{3}{(3-x)} + \frac{2}{(3-x)^2}$ --- (4)
Req. partial fractions:

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

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

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

$= 2 \left[1 - 2x + 4x^2 \dots \right] + \frac{2}{3} \left[1 + \frac{x}{3} + \frac{2x^2}{9} \dots \right] - \frac{1}{3} \left[1 + 2x + \frac{x^2}{3} \dots \right]$

$= \left(2 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(-4 + \frac{2}{9} - \frac{2}{9}\right)x + \left(8 + \frac{2}{27} - \frac{1}{9}\right)x^2 + \dots$

$= \frac{7}{3} - 4x + \frac{215}{27}x^2 + \dots$

10. Let $f(x) = \frac{8+5x+12x^2}{(1-x)(2+3x)^2}$

(a) Express $f(x)$ in partial fractions. --- [5]

(b) Hence obtain the expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of x , upto and including the term in x^2 . --- [5]

[W-20/31/29]

Solution: $f(x) = \frac{8+5x+12x^2}{(1-x)(2+3x)^2} = \frac{a}{1-x} + \frac{b}{2+3x} + \frac{c}{(2+3x)^2}$ --- (1)

$\Rightarrow \frac{8+5x+12x^2}{(2+3x)^2} = a + \frac{b(1-x)}{2+3x} + \frac{c(1-x)}{(2+3x)^2}$ [multiply (1) by $(1-x)$]

Let $(1-x)=0 \Rightarrow x=1$; put $x=1 \Rightarrow \frac{25}{25} = a + 0 + 0 \Rightarrow \underline{a=1}$

multiply (1) by $(2+3x)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{8+5x+12x^2}{(1-x)} = \frac{a(2+3x)^2}{(1-x)} + b(2+3x) + c$ --- (2)

Let $2+3x=0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{10}{5/3} = c \Rightarrow \underline{c=6}$

multiply (1) by x^0

$8+5x+12x^2 = 1 \cdot (2+3x)^2 + b(2+3x)(1-x) + 6(1-x)$ [$\begin{matrix} a=1 \\ b=6 \end{matrix}$]

put $x=0 \Rightarrow 8 = 4 + 2b + 6 \Rightarrow \underline{b=-1}$

\therefore from (1) $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)} + \frac{-1}{(2+3x)} + \frac{6}{(2+3x)^2}$ ✓

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

$= (1+x+x^2+\dots) - \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{9}{4}x^2 - \dots\right) + \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2}x + 3 \cdot \frac{9}{4}x^2 - \dots\right)$

$\left[\begin{matrix} (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2 + \dots \\ (1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 + \dots \\ (1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots \\ (1+x)^{-2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 + \dots \end{matrix} \right]$

$= (1+x+x^2+\dots) + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2 + \dots\right) + \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{9}{2}x + \frac{81}{8}x^2 + \dots\right)$

$= \underline{2 - \frac{11}{4}x + 10x^2 + \dots}$

11 (a) Expand $\sqrt[3]{1+6x}$ in ascending powers of x , upto and including the term x^3 , simplifying the coefficients. --- [4]

(b) State the set of values of x for which the expansion is valid. --- [1]

[W-20/32/22]

Solution: $\sqrt[3]{1+6x}$
 (a) $= (1+6x)^{1/3}$

$\because (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$
 for $|x| < 1$

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

$$= 1 + 2x - 4x^2 + \frac{40}{3}x^3 + \dots \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Expansion is valid for $|6x| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < \frac{1}{6} \checkmark$

12. When $(a+bx)\sqrt{1+4x}$, where a and b are constants, is expanded in ascending power of x , the coefficient of x and x^2 are 3 and -6 respectively. Find the values of a and b . --- [6]

[W-21/31/Q6]

Solution: $(a+bx)(1+4x)^{1/2} = (a+bx) \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \times 4x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right) \cdot (4x)^2 + \dots \right]$

$$= a + (b+2a)x + (2b-2a)x^2 + \dots$$

\therefore Coeff of x ; $2a+b=3$ --- (i) } Solving (i) and (ii)
and Coeff of x^2 , $-2a+2b=-6$ --- (ii) } $a=2$ and $b=-1$

13. Express: $\frac{4x^2-13x+13}{(2x-1)(x-3)}$ in partial fractions. --- [5]

[W-31/32/Q4]

Solution: $\frac{4x^2-13x+13}{(2x-1)(x-3)} = \frac{4x^2-13x+13}{2x^2-7x+3} = 2 + \frac{x+7}{(2x-1)(x-3)}$ --- (1)

Consider $\frac{x+7}{(2x-1)(x-3)} = \frac{a}{(2x-1)} + \frac{b}{(x-3)}$ --- (2)

{ (2) multiply by $(2x-1) \Rightarrow \frac{x+7}{x-3} = a + \frac{(2x-1)b}{x-3}$

{ Now $(2x-1)=0 \Rightarrow$ put $x=\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{-15/2}{-5/2} = a \Rightarrow a = -3$

{ Again multiply by $(x-3)$ to (2) $\Rightarrow \frac{x+7}{2x-1} = \frac{a(x-3)}{(2x-1)} + b$

{ Now $x-3=0 \Rightarrow$ put $x=3 \Rightarrow \frac{10}{5} = b \Rightarrow b=2$

put $a=-3$ and $b=2$ in (1)

Required partial fractions are: $2 - \frac{3}{(2x-1)} + \frac{2}{(x-3)}$ ✓

14. Let $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 8}{(1+x)(2+x)^2}$

(a) Express $f(x)$ in partial fractions. --- [5]

(b) Hence obtain the expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of x , up to and including the term in x^2 . --- [5]

Solution: $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 8}{(1+x)(2+x)^2} = \frac{a}{(1+x)} + \frac{b}{(2+x)} + \frac{c}{(2+x)^2}$ (1) W-22/31/210

{ multiply (1) by $(1+x) \Rightarrow \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 8}{(2+x)^2} = \frac{a + b(1+x) + c \cdot (1+x)}{(2+x)^2}$

{ let $x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{1} = a + 0 + 0 \Rightarrow a = 3$

{ multiply (1) by $(2+x)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 8}{(1+x)} = \frac{a(2+x)^2 + b(2+x) + c}{(1+x)}$

{ put $2+x=0 \Rightarrow x=-2 \Rightarrow \frac{8-14+8}{-1} = c \Rightarrow c = -2$

Now multiply (1) by x^2 and (let $a=3, b=-2$)

$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 7x + 8 = 3(2+x)^2 + b(1+x)(2+x) - 2(1+x)$

put $x=0 \Rightarrow 8 = 12 + 2b - 2 \Rightarrow b = -1$

Hence from (1) the required partial fractions are:

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

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

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

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

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

$= 2 - \frac{9}{4}x + \frac{5}{2}x^2 + \dots$

$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots \quad ; |x| < 1$

15. Expand $\sqrt{\frac{1+2x}{1-2x}}$ in ascending powers of x , upto and including the terms in x^2 , simplify the coefficients. ---[5]

Solution: $\sqrt{\frac{1+2x}{1-2x}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1+2x) \cdot (1+2x)}{(1-2x) \cdot (1+2x)}} = \frac{(1+2x)}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$ [W-22 | 33 | Q2]

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

$$= (1+2x)(1+2x^2) = 1 + 2x^2 + 2x + 4x^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 2x + 2x^2 + \dots \quad \checkmark \quad \left\{ (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2 + \dots \right\}$$