

Note that the denom., as given is not factored yet completely:

The  $(x^2-1)$  term can be factored as  $(x-1)(x+1)$

We then get the PFD

$$x+4 + \frac{3x^6+4x^5+20x^4+4x^3+22x^2+x-18}{(x^2+2)^2(x-1)(x+1)(x+3)} =$$

$$= x+4 + \frac{ax+b}{(x^2+2)^2} + \frac{cx+d}{x^2+2} + \frac{e}{x-1} + \frac{f}{x+1} + \frac{g}{x+3}$$

Here is a little trick how to evaluate a polynomial efficiently for particular values of  $x$ . Write (eg.)

$$3x^6+4x^5+20x^4+4x^3+22x^2+x-18 =$$

$$\{ [ [ [ [ (3x+4)x + 20 ] x + 4 ] x + 22 ] x + 1 ] \} x - 18$$

For  $x=1$ :

~~66~~

~~66~~ 36

For  $x=-1$ :

~~54~~ ~~26~~ 18

For  $x=-3$ :

-5 →

-105 →

325 →

-974 →

$$3 \cdot 974 - 18 = 2904$$

Cover-up method for  $e, f, g$ :

$$e = \frac{36}{3^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$f = \frac{18}{3^2 \cdot (-2)(2)} = \underline{\underline{-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$g = \frac{2904}{11^2 \cdot (-4)(-2)} = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

Cover-up method for  $a, b$  involves  $x \rightarrow \sqrt{2}i$