

$$(A) \left[ \frac{1}{7}, 7 \right]$$

$$(B) \left[ \frac{1}{3}, 3 \right]$$

$$(C) \{1\}$$

(D) None of these.

Solution: let  $f(x) = y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2 - 3x + 4}{x^2 + 3x + 4} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3x + 4 = x^2 y + 3xy + 4y$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = x^2 y - x^2 + 3xy + 3x + 4y - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(y-1) + 3x(y+1) + 4(y-1) = 0$$

This equation is of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

where  $a = y - 1$

$$b = 3(y + 1)$$

and  $c = 4(y - 1)$

$$\therefore \text{Discriminant } (D) = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [3(y+1)]^2 - 4(y-1)4(y-1)$$

$$= 9(y^2 + 2y + 1) - 16(y^2 - 2y + 1)$$

$$= 9y^2 + 18y + 9 - 16y^2 + 32y - 16$$

$$= -7y^2 + 50y - 7$$

$$= -(7y^2 - 50y + 7)$$

∵  $D < 0$

$$\Rightarrow -(7y^2 - 50y + 7) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7y^2 - 50y + 7 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in \left[-\frac{1}{7}, 7\right]$$

~~$$\Rightarrow f(x) \in \left[-\frac{1}{7}, 7\right]$$~~

$$\Rightarrow \text{Range}(f(x)) \in \left[-\frac{1}{7}, 7\right]$$

Hence option (A) is correct.