

Last Time: Partial Fractions

Sometimes, to integrate a **rational** function, express it as *partial* fraction then solve for constants.

$$\text{ex. } \int \frac{-14x+17}{10x^2+11x-6} dx = \int \frac{-14x+17}{(2x+3)(5x-2)} dx = \int \left(\frac{A}{2x+3} + \frac{B}{5x-2} \right) dx$$

Do: factor denom.

idea: use AC method?

find A, B:

multiply by LCD

$$\frac{-14x+17}{(2x+3)(5x-2)} = \frac{A}{2x+3} + \frac{B}{5x-2}$$

$$-14x+17 = A(5x-2) + B(2x+3)$$

$$-14x+17 = 5Ax - 2A + 2Bx + 3B$$

$$\begin{cases} -14 = 5A + 2B \\ 17 = -2A + 3B \end{cases} \quad \text{created sys of eqns to solve for A, B}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} -28 &= 10A + 4B \\ 85 &= -10A + 15B \end{aligned} \quad \text{add to eliminate A}$$

$$\frac{57}{19} = \frac{19B}{19} \Rightarrow B = 3$$

plug in to solve for A:

$$\begin{aligned} -14 &= 5A + 2(3) \\ -14 &= 5A + 6 \\ -20 &= 5A \Rightarrow A = -4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= A \int \frac{1}{2x+3} dx + B \int \frac{1}{5x-2} dx \\ &= -4 \int \frac{1}{2x+3} dx + 3 \int \frac{1}{5x-2} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= -4 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \ln |2x+3| + 3 \left(\frac{1}{5} \right) \ln |5x-2| + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int \frac{1}{2x+3} dx && u = 2x+3 \\ & && du = 2dx \\ & && \downarrow \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du && \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) du = dx \end{aligned}$$

Recall: What happens when there are more than two factors in denominator

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex. } \int \frac{x-5}{2x^3+7x^2-4x} dx &\approx \int \frac{x-5}{x(2x-1)(x+4)} dx \\ &= \int \frac{A}{x} dx + \int \frac{B}{2x-1} dx + \int \frac{C}{x+4} dx \\ &= \frac{5}{4} \int \frac{1}{x} dx - 2 \int \frac{1}{2x-1} dx - \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1}{x+4} dx \\ &= \left(\frac{5}{4} \ln|x| - 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \ln|2x-1| - \frac{1}{4} \ln|x+4| + C \right) \end{aligned}$$

solve for A, B, C

$$\frac{x-5}{x(2x-1)(x+4)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{2x-1} + \frac{C}{x+4} \quad \text{mult. each term by LCP}$$

$$x-5 = A(2x-1)(x+4) + Bx(x+4) + Cx(2x-1)$$

$x=0: -5 = A(-1)(4)$
 $-5 = -4A \Rightarrow A = \frac{5}{4}$

$$\frac{5}{4} \cdot 2 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x-5 = \frac{5}{4}(2x-1)(x+4) + Bx(x+4) + Cx(2x-1)$$

$$x-5 = \frac{5}{4}(2x^2+7x-4) + Bx^2+4Bx + 2Cx^2-Cx$$

$$x-5 = \frac{5}{2}x^2 + \frac{35}{4}x - 5 + Bx^2 + 4Bx + 2Cx^2 - Cx$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{5}{2} + B + 2C & (x^2 \text{ terms}) &\Rightarrow -\frac{5}{2} = B + 2C & -\frac{5}{2} &= B + 2C \\ 1 &= \frac{35}{4} + 4B - C & (x \text{ terms}) &\Rightarrow 2\left(-\frac{31}{4} = 4B - C\right) & -\frac{31}{2} &= 8B - 2C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -8B &= 9B \\ B &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{4}{4} - \frac{35}{4} = \frac{31}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{5}{2} &= -2 + 2C \\ -\frac{5}{2} + \frac{4}{2} &= 2C \\ -\frac{1}{2} &= 2C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

repeated factor

ex. Expand $\frac{2x^2+9x+8}{(x+2)^2(x+1)}$ to 3 terms using partial fractions technique.

$$= \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{x+1}$$

$$(x+2)^2(x+1) = (x+2)(x+2)(x+1)$$

↑ factors all hv degree = 1

Recall: $(\arctan x)' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ **then:** $\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \arctan x + C$

then $\int \frac{1}{a^2+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$

ex. $\int \frac{dx}{4+x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$

$2^2 \rightarrow a=2$

Check with differentiation:

What happens when denominator doesn't fully factor?

ex. $\int \frac{x^2-2x-3}{(x^2+1)(x-1)} dx = \int \left(\frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{C}{x-1} \right) dx = \int \frac{3x+1}{x^2+1} dx - 2 \int \frac{1}{x-1} dx$

factor has degree 2 can't factor further on reals *degree is 1*

$x^2-1 = (x+1)(x-1)$
DOTS

$= 3 \int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx + \int \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx - 2 \ln|x-1|$
u sub

$= 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du + \arctan x - 2 \ln|x-1|$

$= \frac{3}{2} \ln|x^2+1| + \arctan x - 2 \ln|x-1| + C$

solve for A, B, C

$\frac{x^2-2x-3}{(x^2+1)(x-1)} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{C}{x-1}$ *mult by LCD*

$x^2-2x-3 = (Ax+B)(x-1) + C(x^2+1)$

$x^2-2x-3 = Ax^2 - Ax + Bx - B + Cx^2 + C$

$\frac{a+b}{c} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c}$

$1 = A + C$ (x^2 terms)

$-2 = -A + B$ (x terms)

$-3 = C - B$ (constants)

$A = 1 - C$

$A = 1 - (-2)$
A = 3

$-2 = (1 - C) + B$

$-2 = -1 + C + B$

$-1 = C + B$

$-3 = C - B$

$-4 = 2C \Rightarrow C = -2$

$-3 = -2 - B$
 $-1 = -B$
B = 1

$$\text{ex. } \int \frac{2x^2 - x + 4}{x^3 + 4x} dx = \int \frac{2x^2 - x + 4}{x(x^2 + 4)} dx = \int \left(\frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 4} \right) dx$$

here's the solution for constants

$$2x^2 - x - 4 = A(x^2 + 4) + (Bx + C) \cdot x$$

$$2x^2 - x - 4 = Ax^2 + 4A + Bx^2 + Cx$$

$$2x^2 = Ax^2 + Bx^2 \Rightarrow 2 = A + B$$

$$-x = Cx \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$-4 = 4A \Rightarrow A = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= -1 + B \\ 3 &= B \end{aligned}$$

$$= A \int \frac{1}{x} dx + \int \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 4} dx$$

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

$$= -\ln|x| + 3 \int \frac{x}{x^2 + 4} dx - \int \frac{1}{4 + x^2} dx$$

$$= -\ln|x| + \frac{3}{2} \ln|x^2 + 4| - \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$$

u sub (pointing to x in the second integral)
notice (pointing to $4 + x^2$ in the third integral)
always positive (pointing to $x^2 + 4$ in the second term)
we solved this earlier (pointing to $\arctan(x/2)$)

$$\Rightarrow -\ln|x| + \frac{3}{2} \ln(x^2 + 4) - \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$$