

4.7 Partial Fraction Integration



Old-A Integration Techniques

- Power Rule \rightarrow sum of functions
- Substitution Rule \rightarrow composition of functions
- Integration by Parts \rightarrow product of functions

[Examples] Determine which technique is appropriate. (Do not work out.)

$$\textcircled{1} \int x e^x dx$$

by parts

$$\textcircled{2} \int x e^{2x}$$

by parts

$$\textcircled{3} \int x e^{x^2} dx$$

u-substitution

$$\textcircled{4} \int x^2 e^{x^3} dx$$

u-substitution

$$\textcircled{5} \int x^2 e^x dx$$

by parts (twice)

$$\textcircled{4} \int x^2 e^{2x} dx$$

by parts (twice)

$$\textcircled{7} \int x^2 e^{x^2} dx$$

can't do

$$\textcircled{8} \int x^3 e^{x^2} dx$$

by parts

$$\textcircled{9} \int x^2 + 5 dx$$

power rule

more old... Long Polynomial Division with improper fractions

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3 \\ 2x - 1 \overline{) 4x^2 + 4x - 3} \\ \underline{\ominus 4x^2 + 2x} \\ 6x - 3 \\ \underline{\oplus 6x + 3} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 3}{x + 6} = x - 1 + \frac{9}{x + 6}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 1 \\ x + 6 \overline{) x^2 + 5x + 3} \\ \underline{\ominus x^2 + 6x} \\ -1x + 3 \\ \underline{\oplus 1x + 6} \\ 9 \end{array}$$

New-A Partial Fractions Integration

The method of partial fractions handles any rational function, $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$, with $p(x)$ & $q(x)$ are polynomials (quotients).

Case 1: Improper Fractions \rightarrow Long Polynomial Division

* Improper fractions — degree is higher in numerator than denominator.

$$\textcircled{1} \int \frac{12x^3 - 11x^2 + 9x + 18}{4x+3} dx$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 5x + 6 \\ 4x+3 \overline{) 12x^3 - 11x^2 + 9x + 18} \\ \underline{\ominus 12x^3 + 9x^2} \\ -20x^2 + 9x^2 \\ \underline{\oplus 20x^2 + 15x^2} \\ 24x^2 + 18 \\ \underline{\ominus 24x^2 + 18} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$= \int 3x^2 - 5x + 6 dx = \frac{3x^3}{3} - \frac{5x^2}{2} + 6x + C = x^3 - \frac{5x^2}{2} + 6x + C.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \int \frac{x^3}{x+1} dx$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x+1 \overline{) \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 0}} \\
 \underline{\ominus x^3 \quad \oplus x^2} \\
 -1x^2 + 0x \\
 \underline{\oplus x^2 \quad \oplus 1x} \\
 1x + 0 \\
 \underline{\ominus x \quad \oplus 1} \\
 -1
 \end{array}$$

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

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

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \downarrow u=x+1 \\
 du=1dx \dots \int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln|u| \\
 = \ln|x+1|
 \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \int \frac{2x^3 + 4x^2 - 5}{x+3} dx$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x+3 \overline{) \frac{2x^2 - 2x + 6}{2x^3 + 4x^2 + 0x - 5}} \\
 \underline{\ominus 2x^3 \quad \oplus 6x^2} \\
 -2x^2 + 0x \\
 \underline{\oplus 2x^2 \quad \oplus 6x} \\
 6x - 5 \\
 \underline{\ominus 6x \quad \oplus 18} \\
 -23
 \end{array}$$

$$= \int 2x^2 - 2x + 6 - \frac{23}{x+3} dx = \int 2x^2 - 2x + 6 dx - \int \frac{23}{x+3} dx$$

$$= \frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{2x^2}{2} + 6x - 23 \ln|x+3| + C.$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \downarrow u=x+3 \\
 du=1dx \\
 \frac{1}{23} du = 23dx \dots 23 \int \frac{1}{u} = \\
 = 23 \ln|u| \\
 = 23 \ln|x+3|
 \end{array}$$

more old... Adding & Subtracting Rational Expressions

[Examples]

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \frac{x-1}{x} + \frac{x+2}{x^2} &= \frac{x-1(x)}{x(x)} + \frac{x+2}{x^2} = \frac{x^2-x}{x^2} + \frac{x+2}{x^2} = \frac{x^2-x+x+2}{x^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2+2}{x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad \frac{x-1}{x^2+3x+2} + \frac{x}{x+1} &= \frac{x-1}{(x+2)(x+1)} + \frac{x}{x+1} = \frac{x-1}{(x+2)(x+1)} + \frac{x(x+2)}{(x+1)(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{x-1+x(x+2)}{(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{x-1+x^2+2x}{(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{x^2+3x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad \frac{5}{x+3} - \frac{2}{x-1} &= \frac{5(x-1)}{x+3(x-1)} - \frac{2(x+3)}{x-1(x+3)} = \frac{5x-5-(2x+6)}{(x+3)(x-1)} \\ &= \frac{5x-5-2x-6}{(x+3)(x-1)} = \frac{3x-11}{(x+3)(x-1)} \end{aligned}$$

New Partial Fractions Integration

Case 2: proper fractions \rightarrow partial fractions decompositions

goal We need to go in reverse from adding & subtracting rational expressions.

Let's consider the rational function: $\frac{3x-11}{x^2+2x-3}$ Deconstruct the rational.

$$\frac{3x-11}{x^2+2x-3}$$

$$= \frac{3x-11}{(x+3)(x-1)} \quad \text{--- factor the denominator if necessary}$$

$$= \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{B}{x-1} \quad \text{--- break up factor products into sum}$$

$$= \frac{A(x-1) + B(x+3)}{(x+3)(x-1)} \quad \text{--- get common denominator}$$

$$\rightarrow Ax - A + Bx + 3B$$

--- group & match variables

$$\begin{aligned} x: 3 &= A + B \\ \text{constant: } -11 &= -A + 3B \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -8 &= 4B \\ -2 &= B. \end{aligned}$$

--- solve system of equations
i.e. elimination is useful usually

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find A: } 3 &= A + (-2) \\ 5 &= A. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{5}{x+3} + \frac{-2}{x-1} \quad \leftarrow \text{much easier to integrate!}$$

Let's use this technique to integrate proper fractions!

[Examples] Integrate.

$$\textcircled{1} \int \frac{3x+5}{(x-3)(2x+1)} dx = \int \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{2x+1} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x+5}{(x-3)(2x+1)} = \frac{A(2x+1) + B(x-3)}{(x-3)(2x+1)} \rightarrow 2Ax + A + Bx - 3B$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x: \quad 3 \quad = 2A + B \\ \text{constant: } 5 \quad = A - 3B \end{array} \Rightarrow 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 = 2A + B \\ 5 = A - 3B \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} 9 = 6A + 3B \\ 5 = A - 3B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 14 = 7A \\ 2 = A \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Find } B: 9 = 6(2) + 3B \\ 9 = 12 + 3B \\ -3 = 3B \\ -1 = B \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{l} u = x-3 \quad v = 2x+1 \\ du = 1 dx \quad dv = 2 dx \\ 2 du = 2 dx \quad \frac{1}{2} dv = 1 dx \end{array}$$

$$= 2 \int \frac{1}{u} du - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{v} dv = 2 \ln|u| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|v| = 2 \ln|x-3| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|2x+1| + C$$

$$\textcircled{2} \int \frac{x^2+x+2}{x^2(x-2)} dx = \int \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x-2} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x^2+x+2 &= Ax(x-2) + B(x-2) + Cx^2 \\ x^2+x+2 &= Ax^2-2Ax+Bx-2B+Cx^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^2: 1 = A+C$$

$$x: 1 = -2A+B$$

$$\text{constant: } 2 = -2B$$

Find B:

$$2 = -2B$$

$$-1 = B$$

Find A:

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

$$2 = -2A$$

$$-1 = A$$

Find C:

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

$$2 = C$$

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

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

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