

Partial Fractions

Consider  $\int \frac{x dx}{x^2-1} \stackrel{?}{=} \int \frac{dx}{x^2-1}$

How do we integrate these

1st one u-sub

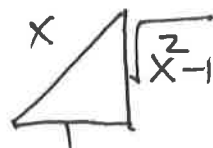
let  $u = x^2 - 1$  so  $\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u} = \frac{1}{2} \ln|u| + c$   
 $du = 2x dx$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2 - 1| + c$

Next one - u sub won't work but a trig sub

will  $x = \sec \theta$ ,  $dx = \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$ ,  $x^2 - 1 = \sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$

$$\int \frac{\sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta}{\tan^2 \theta} = \int \frac{\sec \theta d\theta}{\tan \theta} = \int \csc \theta d\theta$$

$$= -\ln|\csc \theta + \cot \theta| + c = -\ln \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} + c$$



$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right| \quad (\text{after some simplification})$$

However notice that

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

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x^2-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right\}$$

So why is this of use. Each of the terms in the  $\{ \}$  are easy to integrate

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \int \frac{dx}{x-1} + \int \frac{dx}{x+1} \right\} + c \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \ln|x-1| + \ln|x+1| \right\} + c \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln|(x-1)(x+1)| + c \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2-1| + c \end{aligned}$$

So now we want to integrate expressions like

$$\int \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \quad p, q \text{ are polynomials}$$

For example,

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$$\int \frac{x+7}{x^2-x-2} dx$$

well first notice that

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

so can we break up

$$\frac{x+7}{(x+1)(x-2)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-2} \quad ? \quad A \text{ \& B}$$

are to be found

$$\text{so } x+7 = \left( \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-2} \right) (x+1)(x-2)$$

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

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

$$x+7 = (A+B)x + (-2A+B)$$

compare left  
w/ right sides

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+B=1 \\ -2A+B=7 \end{cases} \quad A=-2, B=3$$

$$\text{so } \int \frac{x+7}{(x+1)(x-2)} dx = \int \left( \frac{-2}{x+1} + \frac{3}{x-2} \right) dx$$

$$= -2 \ln|x+1| + 3 \ln|x-2| + C$$

ex 2

$$\int \frac{2x^2 + 6x + 6}{(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)} dx$$

$$\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x+2} + \frac{C}{x+3} = \frac{2x^2 + 6x + 6}{(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)}$$

$$A(x+2)(x+3) + B(x+1)(x+3) + C(x+1)(x+2) = 2x^2 + 6x + 6$$

$$A(x^2 + 5x + 6) + B(x^2 + 4x + 3) + C(x^2 + 3x + 2) = \quad \quad \quad "$$

$$x^2) \quad A + B + C = 2$$

$$x) \quad 5A + 4B + 3C = 6$$

$$1) \quad 6A + 3B + 2C = 6$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A + B + C = 2 \\ 5A + 4B + 3C = 6 \\ 6A + 3B + 2C = 6 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} A = 1, B = -2, C = 3 \\ \text{that: solve 1st for } C \\ \text{sub into 2nd \& 3rd} \end{array}$$

2 eq<sup>n</sup> for 2 unknowns.

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$$\text{so } \int \frac{2x^2 + 6x + 6}{(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)} dx = \int \left( \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{3}{x+3} \right) dx$$

$$= \ln|x+1| - 2 \ln|x+2| + 3 \ln|x+3| + C$$

Repeated Factors

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

Note downstairs  
cubic so need 3  
constants

Does

$$\frac{A}{x^2} + \frac{B}{x+1} \text{ work?}$$

~~Not~~ No!

Not enough const.  
(need 1 more!)

Consider

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

2 terms

so I think

$$\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+1} = \frac{2x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2(x+1)}$$

Note:  
3 constants ✓

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

$$x^2) \quad A + C = 2$$

$$\text{so } B = 2$$

$$x) \quad A + B = 3$$

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

$$1) \quad B = 2$$

$$C = 2 - A = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$\int \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x+1} \right) dx$$

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

## Quadratic Fractions

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

down stairs

whic so 3 const

obs it  $\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2 + 1}$  note enough constant!

Note from previous prob

$$\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{linear} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{array}$$

so guess

$$\frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 1} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{lin} \\ \text{quad} \end{array}$$

also 3  
const.

$$\frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{3x^2 + x + 1}{x(x^2 + 1)}$$

$$A(x^2 + 1) + (Bx + C)x = 3x^2 + x + 1$$

$$2) A+B = 3 \Rightarrow B=2$$

$$x) C = 1$$

$$1) A = 1$$

$$\text{so } \int \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2x+1}{x^2+1} \right) dx$$

$$\int \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2x}{x^2+1} + \frac{1}{x^2+1} \right) dx$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\text{let } u = x^2+1 \text{ to } \int$$

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

Two quad factors

$$\int \frac{2x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 4}{(x^2+1)(x^2+4)} dx$$

denominator  
 4M order so  
 4 const's



$$\frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{Cx+D}{x^2+4} = \frac{2x^3+x^2+2x+4}{(x^2+1)(x^2+4)}$$

$$(Ax+B)(x^2+4) + (Cx+D)(x^2+1) = 2x^3+x^2+2x+4$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^3) \quad A+C = 2 \\ x^2) \quad B+D = 1 \\ x) \quad 4A+D = 2 \\ |) \quad 4B+D = 4 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} A=0, C=2 \\ B=1, D=0 \end{array}$$

so  $\int \left( \frac{1}{x^2+1} + \frac{2x}{x^2+4} \right) dx$   $\leftarrow u = x^2+4$

$$= \tan^{-1}x + \ln|x^2+4| + C$$

Note:  $\int \frac{1}{x^2+a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$   
if needed.

# Repeated Quadratic Factors

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

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

$$(Ax + B)(x^2 + 1) + (Cx + D) = 2x^3 + 6x - 1$$

$$x^3) \quad A = 2$$

$$A = 2, B = 0$$

$$x^2) \quad B = 0$$

$$C = 4, D = -1$$

$$x) \quad A + C = 6$$

$$1) \quad B + D = -1$$

$$u = x^2 + 1$$

$$\int \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{4x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} - \frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx$$

$$x = \tan \theta$$

$$= \ln|x^2 + 1| - \frac{2}{x^2 + 1} - \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{2} \right\} + C$$