

# Partial Fractions

Thursday - Review : Bring Questions

Theorem: every rational function can be integrated in elementary terms

Rational function: ratio of two polynomials

$$2x^7 + 8x^6 + 13x^5 + 20x^4 + 17x^3 + 16x^2 + 7x + 7$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{1}{(x^2+x+1)^2} + \frac{x+3}{x^2+2x+2}$$

$$\int \downarrow$$

$$\ln|x-1|$$

$$\int \downarrow$$

$$\frac{-2}{x-1}$$

$$\downarrow$$

complete square  
trig substitution,  
or other tricks.

Long division of polynomials  
use this if degree of numerator  $\geq$  degree of denominator

$$\frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 2}{x+1}$$

$$x+1 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 2 \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \phantom{+ 2} \\ 2x^2 + 3x + 2 \\ \underline{2x^2 + 2x} \phantom{+ 2} \\ x + 2 \\ \underline{x + 1} \\ 1 \end{array}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Quotient} &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ \text{remainder} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\int \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 2}{x+1} dx = \int \left[ x^2 + 2x + 1 + \frac{1}{x+1} \right] dx$$

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

Case I: Denominator is a product of linear factors, none of which are repeated

$$R(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \quad Q(x) = (a_1x + b_1)(a_2x + b_2) \cdots (a_r x + b_r)$$

$$\text{Then } R(x) = \frac{A_1}{a_1x + b_1} + \frac{A_2}{a_2x + b_2} + \cdots + \frac{A_r}{a_r x + b_r}$$

Ex  $\frac{10x^2 + 11x - 4}{3x^3 + 5x^2 - 2x}$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x) &= 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 2x \\ &= x(3x^2 + 5x - 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$= x(3x - 1)(x + 2)$$

$$\frac{10x^2 + 11x - 4}{x(3x - 1)(x + 2)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{3x - 1} + \frac{C}{x + 2}$$

How to determine A, B, C?

Clear denominator mult' by  $x(3x-1)(x+2)$

$$\begin{aligned}10x^2 + 11x - 4 &= A(3x-1)(x+2) + Bx(x+2) + Cx(3x-1) \\&= A(3x^2 + 5x - 2) + B(x^2 + 2x) + C(3x^2 - x) \\&= (3A + B + 3C)x^2 + (5A + 2B - C)x + (-2A)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}10 &= 3A + B + 3C \\11 &= 5A + 2B - C \\-4 &= -2A\end{aligned}$$

$$A = 2$$

$$10 = 6 + B + 3C$$

$$4 = B + 3C$$

$$B = 4 - 3C$$

$$11 = 10 + 2B - C$$

$$1 = 2B - C$$

$$1 = 2(4 - 3C) - C$$

$$1 = 8 - 6C - C$$

$$-7 = -7C \Rightarrow C = 1$$

$$B = 4 - 3(1) = 1$$

$$\frac{10x^2 + 11x - 4}{x(3x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{3x-1} + \frac{1}{x+2}$$

$$\int \left[ \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{3x-1} + \frac{1}{x+2} \right] dx$$

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

Another way

$$10x^2 + 11x - 4 = A(3x-1)(x+2) + Bx(x+2) + Cx(3x-1)$$

Plug in  $x=0$

$$-4 = A(-1)(2) + B \cdot 0(2) + C(0)(-1)$$

$$-4 = -2A \quad A=2$$

Plug in  $x=-2$

$$10(-2)^2 + 11(-2) - 4 = A \cdot 0 + B \cdot 0 + C(-2)(3(-2)-1)$$

$$40 - 22 - 4 = C \cdot 14$$

$$40 - 26 = 14C$$

$$14 = 14C$$

$$C=1$$

Plug in  $x=\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow (3x-1)=0$

Try it get  $B=1$

Case II repeated linear factors

If you see  $\frac{1}{(ax+b)^r}$  in the denominator

you'll need  $\frac{A_1}{ax+b} + \frac{A_2}{(ax+b)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_r}{(ax+b)^r}$

$$\begin{array}{l} R(x) \\ \text{Ex} \end{array} = \frac{x^4 - 2x^2 + 4x + 1}{x^3 - x^2 - x + 1} \stackrel{\text{long div}}{=} x + 1 + \frac{4x}{x^3 - x^2 - x + 1}$$

Focus on  $\frac{4x}{x^3 - x^2 - x + 1}$

$$\begin{array}{l} x^3 - x^2 - x + 1 \\ (1)^3 - (1)^2 - 1 + 1 = 0 \\ \text{divisible by } x - 1 \end{array}$$

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

$$\frac{4x}{(x-1)^2(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{C}{x+1}$$

$$4x = A(x-1)(x+1) + B(x+1) + C(x-1)^2$$

Plug in 1:  $4 = 0 + 2B + C \cdot 0$   
 $B = 2$

Plug in -1:  $-4 = 0 + 0 + C(-1-1)^2$   
 $-4 = C \cdot 4$   
 $C = -1$

Plug in 0:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A(-1)(1) + B(1) + C(-1)^2 \\ 0 &= -A + B + C \\ 0 &= -A + 2 - 1 \quad A = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

Fact any polynomial  $Q(x)$  factors essentially uniquely into linear factors and irreducible quadratic factors

eg.  $x^2 + 1$        $ax^2 + bx + c$ ,  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$   
 $\parallel$   
 $(x+i)(x-i)$   
 $i = \sqrt{-1}$

Case III irreducible quadratic factor, w/o repetition

$\frac{1}{ax^2+bx+c}$  need  $\frac{Ax+B}{ax^2+bx+c}$  in the partial fraction.

Eg.  $\frac{2x^2 - x + 4}{x^3 + 4x}$        $Q(x) = x^3 + 4x = x(x^2 + 4)$

$$\frac{2x^2 - x + 4}{x(x^2 + 4)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 4}$$

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

Plug in 0:  $4 = 4A + 0 \quad A = 1$

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

$$x^2 - x = (Bx + C)x$$

$$x - 1 = Bx + C \quad B = 1 \quad C = -1$$

$$R(x) = \frac{2x^2 - x + 4}{x(x^2 + 4)} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x - 1}{x^2 + 4}$$

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

$$\int R(x) dx = \int \left[ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{x^2 + 4} - \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} \right] dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x|$$

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

$u = x^2 + 4$   
 $du = 2x dx$

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

$$x = 2 \tan \theta$$

$$dx = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$x^2 + 4 = (2 \tan \theta)^2 + 4$$

$$= 4 \tan^2 \theta + 4$$

$$= 4(\tan^2 \theta + 1)$$

$$= 4(\sec^2 \theta)$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{4 \sec^2 \theta} 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \Theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{2}$$

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

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} dx \quad x = a \sin x$$

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

Case IV quadratic factor repeated.

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

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

$$\int \frac{x}{(x^2+1)^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{-1}{u} = \frac{-1}{2(x^2+1)}$$

$$u = x^2+1$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

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

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



$$\text{Ans} = \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) - \tan^{-1}x - \frac{1}{2(x^2+1)} + C$$