

Integration of Rational Functions Using Partial Fraction Decomposition

If

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$$

or

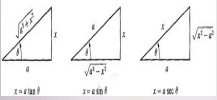
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

Then

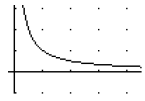
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

provided that the latter limit exists.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x) + f'(x)(x-x) + \frac{f''(x_1)}{2!}(x-x)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{f'''(x_1)}{3!}(x-x)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x_1)}{4!}(x-x)^4 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_1)}{n!}(x-x)^n. \end{aligned}$$



$$\ln(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt \Rightarrow \ln(2) = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{t} dt \approx 0.69315$$



$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

where it comes from:

The product rule for differentiation

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

put into reverse

$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \int (v \frac{du}{dx} + u \frac{dv}{dx})$$

and then rearranged

$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(uv) = uv + \int u \frac{dv}{dx} - \int v \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{x-2} + \frac{b}{x+2} &= \frac{4}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\ \frac{a(x+2)}{(x-2)(x+2)} + \frac{b(x-2)}{(x+2)(x-2)} &= \frac{4}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\ \frac{(a+b)x + 2(a-b)}{(x-2)(x+2)} &= \frac{4}{(x-2)(x+2)} \end{aligned}$$

Partial Fraction Decomposition

A rational function is the quotient of two polynomials.

A proper rational function is the quotient of two polynomials where the numerator has a lower degree than the denominator.

improper rational fn: degree of numerator \geq

Review of partial fraction decomposition (pfd)

ex $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4}$: I have $\frac{3}{4}$.

EX 1 Rewrite this as a sum/difference of two fractions.

$$\frac{x-7}{x^2-x-12} = \frac{x-7}{(x-4)(x+3)}$$

$$= \frac{A}{x-4} + \frac{B}{x+3}$$

$$\cancel{(x-4)}\cancel{(x+3)} \left(\frac{x-7}{(x-4)(x+3)} \right) = \frac{A(x+3)\cancel{(x-4)}}{\cancel{x-4}} + \frac{B(x+3)\cancel{(x-4)}}{\cancel{x+3}}$$

$$(*) \quad x-7 = A(x+3) + B(x-4)$$

① if this eqn is true for all x values, then I can plug in x values I want.

$$x=-3: \quad -3-7 = 0A + -7B$$

$$-10 = -7B$$

$$B = 10/7$$

$$x=4: \quad 4-7 = 7A + 0B$$

$$-3 = 7A$$

$$A = -3/7$$

$$\frac{x-7}{(x-4)(x+3)} = \frac{-3/7}{x-4} + \frac{10/7}{x+3}$$

degree of denominator

Note: Before

doing PFD,

you must have a proper rational

fn! So, if you

have an improper rational fn, you

must do long

division first.

② if (*) is true for all x values, then we can equate coefficients of like terms, i.e. # of x 's on left = # of x 's on right, etc.

$$x-7 = Ax + 3A + Bx - 4B$$

$$x-7 = x(A+B) + (3A-4B)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{matrix} x \\ | \\ 1 \end{matrix} = A+B \quad \textcircled{2} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{const} \\ -7 \end{matrix} = 3A-4B$$

$$A=1-B \implies -7 = 3(1-B) - 4B$$

$$-7 = 3 - 3B - 4B$$

$$-10 = -7B$$

$$A = 1 - \frac{10}{7} = \frac{7}{7} - \frac{10}{7} = \frac{-3}{7} \quad \leftarrow B = 10/7$$

EX 2 $\int \frac{4x^2 - 6x + 2}{x^2(x-1)(x+3)} dx$ (have a proper rational fr;
do PFD)

$$\frac{4x^2 - 6x + 2}{x^2(x-1)(x+3)} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x-1} + \frac{D}{x+3}$$

$$\frac{4x^2 - 6x + 2}{x^2(x-1)(x+3)} = \frac{(Ax+B)x^2(x-1)(x+3)}{x^2(x-1)(x+3)} + \frac{Cx(x-1)(x+3)}{x-1} + \frac{Dx^2(x-1)(x+3)}{x+3}$$

$$4x^2 - 6x + 2 = (Ax+B)(x-1)(x+3) + Cx^2(x+3) + Dx^2(x-1)$$

method

① $x=1$: $4(1) - 6(1) + 2 = (A+B)(0) + C(4) + D(0)$
 $0 = 4C \Rightarrow C = 0$

$x=-3$: $4(9) - 6(-3) + 2 = 0 + 0 + D(9)(4)$
 $56 = -36D$
 $D = \frac{-56}{36} = \frac{-14}{9} = D$

$x=0$: $2 = B(-1)(3)$
 $B = -\frac{2}{3}$

$x=-1$: $4(1) - 6(-1) + 2 = (-A+B)(-2)(2) + C(1)(2) + D(1)(-2)$
 $12 = 4A - 4\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right) + 0 - 2\left(\frac{-14}{9}\right)$
 $9(12) = (4A + \frac{8}{3} + \frac{28}{9}) \cdot 9$
 $108 = 36A + 24 + 28$
 $-52 \qquad -52$
 $56 = 36A$
 $A = \frac{56}{36} = \frac{14}{9}$

$$\int \frac{4x^2 - 6x + 2}{x^2(x-1)(x+3)} dx = \int \frac{\frac{14}{9}x + \frac{-2}{3}}{x^2} dx + \int \frac{-\frac{14}{9}}{x+3} dx$$

$$= \frac{14}{9} \int \frac{1}{x} dx + \frac{-2}{3} \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx - \frac{14}{9} \int \frac{1}{x+3} dx$$

$$= \frac{14}{9} (\ln|x|) - \frac{2}{3} (-1x^{-1}) - \frac{14}{9} (\ln|x+3|) + C$$

$$= \left[\frac{14}{9} \ln|x| + \frac{2}{3x} - \frac{14}{9} \ln|x+3| \right] + C$$

$$\text{EX 3 } \int \frac{33x^2 - 7x + 70}{(3x-2)(x^2+4)} dx$$

degree of numerator = 2

degree of denominator = 3

⇒ this is proper rational fn ⇒ do PFD!

$$\frac{33x^2 - 7x + 70}{(3x-2)(x^2+4)} = \frac{A}{3x-2} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+4}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{(3x-2)}(x^2+4)(33x^2-7x+70)}{\cancel{(3x-2)}(x^2+4)} = \frac{A \cancel{(3x-2)}(x^2+4)}{\cancel{(3x-2)}} + \frac{Bx+C \cancel{(x^2+4)}(3x-2)}{\cancel{(x^2+4)}}$$

$$33x^2 - 7x + 70 = A(x^2+4) + (Bx+C)(3x-2)$$

method (2) $33x^2 - 7x + 70 = Ax^2 + 4A + 3Bx^2 - 2Bx + 3Cx - 2C$

$$33x^2 - 7x + 70 = x^2(A+3B) + x(-2B+3C) + (4A-2C)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{x^2}{\textcircled{1}} & \frac{x}{\textcircled{2}} & \frac{\text{const}}{\textcircled{3}} \\ 33 = A+3B & -7 = -2B+3C & 70 = 4A-2C \end{array}$$

$$A = 33 - 3B \longrightarrow 70 = 4(33 - 3B) - 2C$$

$$70 = 132 - 12B - 2C$$

$$-62 = -12B - 2C$$

$$\frac{12B - 62}{-2} = \frac{-2C}{-2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} -7 = -2B + 3(-6B + 31) \longleftarrow -6B + 31 = C$$

$$-7 = -2B - 18B + 93$$

$$-100 = -20B \Rightarrow B = 5 \longrightarrow C = -6(5) + 31$$

$$C = 1$$

$$A = 33 - 3(5) = 33 - 15 = 18 = A$$

$$\int \frac{33x^2 - 7x + 70}{(3x-2)(x^2+4)} dx = \int \left(\frac{18}{3x-2} + \frac{5x+1}{x^2+4} \right) dx$$

$$= 18 \int \frac{1}{3x-2} dx + 5 \int \frac{x}{x^2+4} dx + \int \frac{1}{x^2+4} dx$$

$$u = x^2 + 4$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = x dx$$

$$= 18 \left(\frac{\ln|3x-2|}{3} \right) + 5 \int \frac{\frac{1}{2} du}{u} + \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$$

$$= 6 \ln|3x-2| + \frac{5}{2} \ln|x^2+4| + \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$$

$$\text{EX 4 } \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin^4 x - 16} dx = \int \frac{1}{u^4 - 16} du$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u = \sin x \\ du = \cos x dx \end{array} \right\} = \int \frac{1}{(u^2 - 4)(u^2 + 4)} du$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{(u-2)(u+2)(u^2+4)} du$$

$$\frac{1}{(u-2)(u+2)(u^2+4)} = \frac{A}{u-2} + \frac{B}{u+2} + \frac{Cu+D}{u^2+4}$$

multiply both sides by $(u-2)(u+2)(u^2+4)$:

$$1 = A(u+2)(u^2+4) + B(u-2)(u^2+4) + (Cu+D)(u-2)(u+2)$$

method
①

$$u=2: 1 = A(4)(8) + 0B + 0C$$

$$\boxed{A = 1/32}$$

$$u=-2: 1 = 0A + 0C + B(-4)(8)$$

$$\boxed{B = -1/32}$$

$$u=0: 1 = A(2)(4) + B(-2)(4) + D(-4)$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{32}(8) - \frac{1}{32}(-8) - 4D$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{2} - 4D$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -4D \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\boxed{D = -1/8}$$

u=1:

$$1 = \frac{1}{32}(3)(5)$$

$$+ \frac{-1}{32}(-1)(5)$$

$$+ (C + \frac{1}{8})(-3)$$

$$1 = \frac{15}{32} + \frac{5}{32} - 3C + \frac{3}{8}$$

$$1 = \frac{20}{32} + \frac{3}{8} - 3C$$

$$1 = 1 - 3C$$

$$-3C = 0$$

$$\boxed{C = 0}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(u-2)(u+2)(u^2+4)} du = \int \left(\frac{A}{u-2} + \frac{B}{u+2} + \frac{Cu+D}{u^2+4} \right) du$$

$$= \int \left(\frac{1/32}{u-2} - \frac{1/32}{u+2} + \frac{-1/8}{u^2+4} \right) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{32} \int \frac{1}{u-2} du - \frac{1}{32} \int \frac{1}{u+2} du - \frac{1}{8} \int \frac{1}{u^2+4} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{32} \ln|u-2| - \frac{1}{32} \ln|u+2| - \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \arctan\left(\frac{u}{2}\right) + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{32} \ln|\sin x - 2| - \frac{1}{32} \ln|\sin x + 2| - \frac{1}{16} \arctan\left(\frac{\sin x}{2}\right) + C$$

$$\text{EX 5 } \int \frac{x^6 - 7x^4 + 11x^3 - 13x^2 + x - 6}{x^3 - 2x^2} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{x^6 - 7x^4 + 11x^3 - 13x^2 + x - 6}{x^2(x-2)} dx$$

We must
do long
division first.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^3 - 2x^2 \overline{) x^6 - 7x^4 + 11x^3 - 13x^2 + x - 6} \\
 \underline{-(x^6 - 2x^5)} \\
 2x^5 - 7x^4 + 11x^3 \\
 \underline{-(2x^5 - 4x^4)} \\
 -3x^4 + 11x^3 - 13x^2 + x - 6 \\
 \underline{-(-3x^4 + 6x^3)} \\
 5x^3 - 13x^2 + x - 6 \\
 \underline{-(5x^3 - 10x^2)} \\
 -3x^2 + x - 6
 \end{array}
 + \frac{-3x^2 + x - 6}{x^3 - 2x^2}$$

$$\int \frac{x^6 - 7x^4 + 11x^3 - 13x^2 + x - 6}{x^3 - 2x^2} dx = \int \left[(x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + 5) + \frac{-3x^2 + x - 6}{x^3 - 2x^2} \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} + 5x + \int \frac{-3x^2 + x - 6}{x^2(x-2)} dx$$

do PFD on this!

$$\int \frac{x^6 - 7x^4 + 11x^3 - 13x^2 + x - 6}{x^3 - 2x^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} + 5x + \int \frac{-3x^2 + x - 6}{x^2(x-2)} dx$$

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

$$\Rightarrow -3x^2 + x - 6 = (Ax+B)(x-2) + Cx^2$$

method ①

$$x=0: \quad 0+0-6 = B(-2)$$

$$\boxed{B=3}$$

$$x=2: \quad -3(4) + 2 - 6 = 0 + 4C$$

$$-16 = 4C$$

$$\boxed{C=-4}$$

$x \neq 1$:

$$-3 + 4 = (A+3)(-1) + -4$$

$$-8 = -A - 3 - 4$$

$$-1 = -A$$

$$\boxed{A=1}$$

$$\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} + 5x + \int \frac{-3x^2 + x - 6}{x^2(x-2)} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 5x + \int \left(\frac{x+3}{x^2} + \frac{-4}{x-2} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 5x + \int \frac{1}{x} dx + \int \frac{3}{x^2} dx - 4 \int \frac{1}{x-2} dx$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 5x + \ln|x| + \frac{-3}{x} - 4 \ln|x-2| + C}$$

Summary

- last resort integration technique.
- need rational fn (can only PFD on proper rational fn)