

## Partial Fractions continued

Problem: Find  $\int \frac{3w-1}{w+2} dw$

Observation:  $\frac{d}{dx} (\ln(f(x))) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$

Examples: •  $\frac{d}{dx} (\ln(x+2)) = \frac{1}{x+2}$

•  $\frac{d}{dx} (\ln(x^2+2x-3)) = \frac{2x+2}{x^2+2x-3}$

Solution:  $\int \frac{3w-1}{w+2} dw = \int \frac{3(w+2) - 7}{w+2} dw$

$$= \int \left( \frac{3(w+2)}{w+2} - 7 \frac{1}{w+2} \right) dw$$

$$= \int 3 dw - 7 \int \frac{1}{w+2} dw$$

$$= 3w - 7 \ln|w+2| + c$$

Check:  $\frac{d}{dw} (3w - 7 \ln|w+2|)$

$$= 3 - 7 \frac{1}{w+2} = \frac{3w+6-7}{w+2} = \frac{3w-1}{w+2}$$

The above observation becomes

$$\ln(f(x)) = \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$$

when we integrate both sides.

Problem: Find  $\int \frac{4x-4}{x^2-2x+5} dx$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $\int \frac{4x-4}{x^2-2x+5} dx = 2 \int \frac{2x-2}{x^2-2x+5} dx$   
 $= 2 \ln|x^2-2x+5| + c$

Problem: Find  $\int \frac{x^3-1}{x^2+x} dx$

$$\begin{array}{r} (x^3-1)/(x^2+x) = x-1 + \frac{x-1}{x^2+x} \\ \hline x^3+x^2 \\ -x^2-1 \\ \hline -x^2-x \\ \hline x-1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2146/15 = 29 + \frac{11}{15} \\ \hline 30 \\ 146 \\ \hline 135 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$$

Check:  $\left(x-1 + \frac{x-1}{x^2+x}\right)(x^2+x) = (x-1)(x^2+x) + x-1$   
 $= x^3 - x^2 + x^2 - x + x - 1$   
 $= x^3 - 1$

Now go back to the problem:

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

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

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

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

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

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

$A=3$  and  $A+B=0$ , so  $B=-3$

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

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