

From yesterday - integration by parts

$$\int uv' dx = uv - \int u'v dx$$

One more example on this topic :

$$\int e^x \cos x dx$$

Try $u = e^x$ $v' = \cos x$

$u' = e^x$ $v = \sin x$

$$* \int e^x \cos x dx = \underbrace{e^x \sin x}_{uv} - \int \underbrace{e^x \sin x}_{u'v} dx$$

Look at $\int e^x \sin x dx$

Use integration by parts again:

$u = e^x$ $v' = \sin x$

$u' = e^x$ $v = -\cos x$

$$\int e^x \sin x \, dx = \boxed{-e^x \cos x + \int e^x \cos x \, dx}$$

$u \quad v$ $u' \quad v$

$$* \int e^x \cos x \, dx = e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x - \int e^x \cos x \, dx$$

$$2 \int e^x \cos x \, dx = e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x + C$$

$$\int e^x \cos x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} (e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x) + C$$

Section 1.4.3 : Partial Fraction Expansions

We know how to integrate polynomial functions; for example

$$\int 2x^2 + 3x - 4 dx = \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 4x + C.$$

We also know that

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln |x| + C \quad \int \frac{1}{x+a} dx = \ln |x+a| + C$$

and that

$$\int \frac{1}{x^n} dx = -\frac{1}{n-1} \frac{1}{x^{n-1}} + C,$$

for $n > 1$.

This section is about integrating **rational functions**; i.e. quotients in which the numerator and denominator are both polynomials.

Adding Symbolic Fractions

Remark: If we were presented with the task of adding the expressions $\frac{2}{x+3}$ and $\frac{1}{x+4}$, we would take $(x+3)(x+4)$ as a **common denominator** and write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{x+3} + \frac{1}{x+4} &= \frac{2(x+4)}{(x+3)(x+4)} + \frac{1(x+3)}{(x+3)(x+4)} \\ &= \frac{2(x+4) + 1(x+3)}{(x+3)(x+4)} = \frac{3x+11}{(x+3)(x+4)}. \end{aligned}$$

Question: Suppose we were presented with the expression $\frac{3x+11}{(x+3)(x+4)}$ and asked to rewrite it in the form $\frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{B}{x+4}$, for *numbers* A and B . How would we do it?

Another Question Why would we want to do such a thing?

The Partial Fraction Expansion

Write

$$\frac{3x + 11}{(x + 3)(x + 4)} = \frac{A}{x + 3} + \frac{B}{x + 4} \quad \text{for numbers } A \text{ and } B?$$

Then

$$\frac{3x + 11}{(x + 3)(x + 4)} = \frac{A(x + 4)}{(x + 3)(x + 4)} + \frac{B(x + 3)}{(x + 3)(x + 4)} = \frac{(A + B)x + 4A + 3B}{(x + 3)(x + 4)}$$

* This means $3x + 11 = (A + B)x + 4A + 3B$ for all x , which means

$$A + B = 3, \text{ and } 4A + 3B = 11$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3A + 3B &= 9 \\ 4A + 3B &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $B = 1$ and $A = 2$. So

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

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 2 \\ B &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

An Alternative Method - often more efficient!

We want

$$3x + 11 = A(x + 4) + B(x + 3), \quad *$$

for **all** real numbers x . If this statement is true for all x , then in particular it is true when $x = -4$. Setting $x = -4$ gives

$$-12 + 11 = A(0) + B(-1) \implies B = 1. \implies -1 = -B$$

Setting $x = -3$ gives

$$-9 + 11 = A(1) + B(0) \implies A = 2.$$

Thus

$$\frac{3x + 11}{(x + 3)(x + 4)} = \frac{2}{x + 3} + \frac{1}{x + 4}.$$

Integration using partial fractions

Example 30

Determine $\int \frac{3x + 11}{(x + 3)(x + 4)} dx$.

Solution : Write

$$\int \frac{3x + 11}{(x + 3)(x + 4)} dx = \int \frac{2}{x + 3} dx + \int \frac{1}{x + 4} dx$$

Then

$$\int \frac{3x + 11}{(x + 3)(x + 4)} dx = \underline{2 \ln |x + 3|} + \ln |x + 4| + C = \underline{\ln(x + 3)^2} + \ln |x + 4| + C.$$

Partial fractions with long division

Example 31

Determine $\int \frac{x^3 + 3x + 2}{x + 1} dx$. \leftarrow rewrite as $p(x) + \frac{R}{x+1}$
 \uparrow
polynomial part

In this example the degree of the numerator exceeds the degree of the denominator, so first apply long division to find the quotient and remainder upon dividing $x^3 + 3x + 2$ by $x + 1$.

We find that the quotient is $x^2 - x + 4$ and the remainder is -2 . Hence

$$\frac{x^3 + 3x + 2}{x + 1} = \boxed{x^2 - x + 4} + \frac{-2}{x + 1} \quad \times$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^3 + 3x + 2}{x + 1} dx &= \int x^2 - x + 4 dx - 2 \int \frac{1}{x + 1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 4x - 2 \ln|x + 1| + C. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - x + 4 \\ \hline x+1 \overline{) x^3 + 3x + 2} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ -x^2 + 3x + 2 \\ \underline{-x^2 - x} \\ 4x + 2 \\ \underline{4x + 4} \\ -2 \end{array}$$

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

A Harder Example

Example 32

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

If we try

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

Common denominator is $(2x+1)^2(x-2)$ not $(2x+1)(x-2)$

Solution: In this case the denominator has a **repeated** linear factor $2x+1$. It is necessary to include both $\frac{A}{2x+1}$ and $\frac{B}{(2x+1)^2}$ in the partial fraction expansion. We have

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

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

Then

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

and so

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

A Harder Example

$$2+1 = A(0) + B(0) + C(5)^2$$

$$x = 2 : 3 = C(5)^2$$

$$C = \frac{3}{25}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} : \frac{1}{2} = B(-\frac{5}{2})$$

$$B = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$x = 0 : 1 = A(1)(-2) + B(-2) + C(1)^2 \quad A = -\frac{6}{25}$$

Thus

$$\frac{x+1}{(2x+1)^2(x-2)} = \frac{-6/25}{2x+1} + \frac{-1/5}{(2x+1)^2} + \frac{3/25}{x-2}$$

and

$$\int \frac{x+1}{(2x+1)^2(x-2)} dx = -\frac{6}{25} \int \frac{1}{2x+1} dx - \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{(2x+1)^2} dx + \frac{3}{25} \int \frac{1}{x-2} dx.$$

A Harder Example

Call the three integrals on the right above I_1 , I_2 , I_3 respectively.

$$\blacksquare I_1 : \int \frac{1}{2x+1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln |2x+1| (+C_1).$$

$$\blacksquare I_2 : \int \frac{1}{(2x+1)^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2(2x+1)} (+C_2).$$

$$\blacksquare I_3 : \int \frac{1}{x-2} dx = \ln |x-2| (+C_3).$$

Thus

$$\int \frac{x+1}{(2x+1)^2(x-2)} dx = -\frac{3}{25} \ln |2x+1| + \frac{1}{10(2x+1)} + \frac{3}{25} \ln |x-2| + C.$$

Learning outcomes for Section 1.4

At the end of this section you should

- Know the difference between a definite and indefinite integral and be able to explain it accurately and precisely.
- Be able to evaluate a range of definite and indefinite integrals using the following methods:
 - direct methods;
 - suitably chosen substitutions;
 - integration by parts;
 - partial fraction expansions.