

24th lesson

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

Solution:

We are looking for the decomposition in the form

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

If we multiply both sides, we obtain

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

Let us set $x = -1, -2, -3$. Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &= 2A \implies A = -\frac{1}{2} \\ -2 &= -B \implies B = 2 \\ -3 &= 2C \implies C = -\frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x}{(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)} dx &= \int \frac{-1}{2} \frac{1}{x+1} dx + \int \frac{2}{x+2} dx + \int \frac{-3}{2} \frac{1}{x+3} dx \stackrel{C}{=} \\ &\stackrel{C}{=} -\frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + 2 \ln|x+2| - \frac{3}{2} \ln|x+3| = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{(x+2)^4}{(x+1)(x+3)^3} \right| \end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

We have $x^3 - 1 = (x-1)(x^2 + x + 1)$, whereas the second bracket has no real roots. We are looking for the decomposition:

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

Let us multiply

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

For $x = 1$ we get $A = \frac{1}{3}$.

If we set $A = 1/3$, we obtain

$$x = \frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{3} + Bx^2 - Bx + Cx - C,$$

which implies $C = \frac{1}{3}$ (constants) and $B = -\frac{1}{3}$ (coefficients with x^2). Thus, the decomposition is of the form

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

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{x - 1} dx &\stackrel{C}{=} \frac{1}{3} \ln|x - 1| \\ \int \frac{1}{3} \frac{x - 1}{x^2 + x + 1} dx &= \int \frac{1}{6} \frac{2x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} dx - \int \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x^2 + x + 1} dx - \frac{C}{6} \\ &\quad \frac{1}{6} \ln(x^2 + x + 1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{2x + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Together

$$\int \frac{x}{x^3 - 1} dx \stackrel{C}{=} \frac{1}{3} \ln|x - 1| - \frac{1}{6} \ln(x^2 + x + 1) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{2x + 1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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

Solution:

The degrees of the polynomials are equal - we need to divide polynomials. However, there is an easier way:

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

Now we can use the partial fraction decomposition

$$= 1 + \frac{5x^2 - 6x + 1}{x(x - 2)(x - 3)} = 1 + \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x - 2} + \frac{C}{x - 3}$$

Let us multiply both sides with the denominator

$$5x^2 - 6x + 1 = A(x - 2)(x - 3) + Bx(x - 3) + Cx(x - 2)$$

Let us set $x = 0$, $x = 2$ and $x = 3$. We obtain

$$1 = 6A \implies A = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$9 = -2B \implies B = -\frac{9}{2}$$

$$45 - 18 + 1 = 3C \implies C = \frac{28}{3}$$

Hence

$$\int \frac{x^3 + 1}{x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x} dx = \int \left(1 + \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x - 2} + \frac{C}{x - 3} \right) dx \stackrel{C}{=} x + \frac{1}{6} \ln|x| - \frac{9}{2} \ln|x - 2| + \frac{28}{3} \ln|x - 3|$$

4. $f(x) = \frac{x^4}{x^4 + 5x^2 + 4}$

Solution:

We have

$$\frac{x^4}{x^4 + 5x^2 + 4} = \frac{(x^4 + 5x^2 + 4) - 5x^2 - 4}{x^4 + 5x^2 + 4} = 1 - \frac{5x^2 + 4}{x^4 + 5x^2 + 4} = 1 - \frac{5x^2 + 4}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)}$$

The partial decomposition should be in the form

$$\frac{5x^2 + 4}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)} = \frac{A + Bx}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{C + Dx}{x^2 + 4}$$

However, since there is no x (just x^2), we can consider

$$\frac{5x^2 + 4}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)} = \frac{A}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{C}{x^2 + 4}$$

It can be helpful to write t instead of x^2 . (This is not the integral substitution, only auxiliary calculation.)

$$\frac{5t + 4}{(t + 1)(t + 4)} = \frac{A}{t + 1} + \frac{C}{t + 4}$$

If we multiply both sides, we obtain

$$5t + 4 = A(t + 4) + C(t + 1)$$

Let us set $t = -4$ and $t = -1$. Then we get

$$-16 = -3C \implies C = \frac{16}{3}$$

$$-1 = 3A \implies A = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Together

$$\frac{5t + 4}{(t + 1)(t + 4)} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{t + 1} + \frac{16}{3} \frac{1}{t + 4}$$

and

$$\frac{5x^2 + 4}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{16}{3} \frac{1}{x^2 + 4}$$

Now let us integrate

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^4}{x^4 + 5x^2 + 4} dx &= \int \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{16}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{(x/2)^2 + 1} \right) dx \stackrel{C}{=} \\ &\stackrel{C}{=} x + \frac{1}{3} \arctan x - \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1/2} \arctan \frac{x}{2} = x + \frac{1}{3} \arctan x - \frac{8}{3} \arctan \frac{x}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$5. f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{(x + 1)^2(x - 1)}$$

Solution:

The partial fraction decomposition

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

After multiplying by the denominator

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

Let us set $x = 1$ and $x = -1$, then we have

$$2 = 4C \implies C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2 = -2A \implies A = -1$$

Let us set $x = 0$:

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

Hence

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

$$6. f(x) = \frac{1}{x(1 + x)(1 + x + x^2)}$$

Solution: Quadratic polynomial $x^2 + x + 1 = (x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}$ has no real roots. Therefore we are looking for the partial fraction decomposition as

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

Let us multiply by the denominator

$$1 = A(1 + x)(1 + x + x^2) + Bx(1 + x + x^2) + (Cx + D)x(x + 1)$$

Setting $x = 0$ we obtain $A = 1$. Further, let $x = -1$, then $B = -1$. Setting A and B gives

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

$$1 = 1 + x + x^2 + Cx^3 + Cx^2 + Dx^2 + Dx$$

which implies $D = -1$ and $C = 0$. Thus

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

Let us integrate

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{x(1+x)(1+x+x^2)} dx &= \ln|x| - \ln|1+x| - \int \frac{1}{(x+\frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} dx \stackrel{C}{=} \\ &\stackrel{C}{=} \ln\left|\frac{x}{1+x}\right| - \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} \arctan \frac{x+\frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}} = \ln\left|\frac{x}{1+x}\right| - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{2x+1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

7. $f(x) = \left(\frac{x}{x^2 - 3x + 2}\right)^2$

Solution:

At first we need to decompose the denominator

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

Therefore we are looking for the decomposition of

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

It is in the form of

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

Let us multiply both sides

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

and set $x = 1$ and $x = 2$. We obtain

$$1 = A, \quad 4 = C$$

Further, let us set $x = 0$ and $x = 3$. We get

$$0 = 4A - 4B + C - 2D = 4 - 4B + 4 - 2D \implies -8 = -4B - 2D$$

$$9 = A + 2B + 4C + 4D = 1 + 2B + 16 + 4D \implies -8 = 2B + 4D$$

It gives $D = -4$ and $B = 4$.

Hence

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

$$\begin{aligned} \stackrel{C}{=} -\frac{1}{x-1} + 4 \ln|x-1| - \frac{4}{x-2} - 4 \ln|x-2| &= -\frac{x-2+4(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-2)} + 4 \ln\left|\frac{x-1}{x-2}\right| = \\ &= -\frac{5x-6}{x^2-3x+2} + 4 \ln\left|\frac{x-1}{x-2}\right| \end{aligned}$$

8. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3+1}$

Solution:

It holds $x^3+1 = (x+1)(x^2-x+1) = (x+1)\left(\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}\right)$. The second bracket has no real roots, hence we are looking for

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

After multiplying

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

set $x = -1$, then we have $A = \frac{1}{3}$. It gives

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

which implies $C = \frac{2}{3}$ (the constants) and $B = -\frac{1}{3}$ (coefficients with x^2). Together

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

Integration

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} dx &\stackrel{C}{=} \frac{1}{3} \ln|x+1| \\ \int \frac{1}{3} \frac{x-2}{x^2-x+1} dx &= \int \frac{1}{6} \frac{2x-1}{x^2-x+1} dx - \int \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x^2-x+1} dx \stackrel{C}{=} \\ &\stackrel{C}{=} \frac{1}{6} \ln(x^2-x+1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{2x-1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Finally

$$\int \frac{1}{x^3+1} dx \stackrel{C}{=} \frac{1}{3} \ln|x+1| - \frac{1}{6} \ln(x^2-x+1) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{2x-1}{\sqrt{3}}$$