

7.4 Integration using Partial Fractions

Goals:

1. Recognize that **rational expressions** may need to be simplified to be integrable.
2. Use **long division to obtain proper fractions**, with the degree of the numerator less than the degree of the denominator.
3. Integrands that are rational expressions may be **decomposed** to simpler forms that are integrable.


To decompose a rational expression:

- a) **factor the denominator**
- b) write the problem as the **sum of fractions** using the factors as denominators
- c) for **numerators**, use the polynomial form with a degree lower than the degree of the denominator:
A for a linear denominator, Bx+C for a quadratic denom

Study 7.4 # 1-11, 15, 17, 21, 25

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$$\int \frac{x}{x^2+4x+3} dx$$

How do we integrate?

1. **u substitution?**
need $2x + 4$. missing the 2
2. **trig substitution?**
might work if complete square, etc.
3. **parts?**
need factors and an integrable part
that gets less complicated when integrated.

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Adding simple fractions results in more complex composed fractions

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} = \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

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

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$$\int \frac{x}{x^2+4x+3} dx$$

To integrate, can decompose the fraction

HOW?


examples:

$$\frac{7}{10} = \frac{\quad}{2} + \frac{\quad}{5} \quad ?$$

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

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#1

decompose the fraction


1. Factor denominator
2. Write as sum of fractions
denom are factors of orig denom

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

The goal is to build a rational expression using the unknown coefficients and then equate the coefficients to those in the given numerator. This results in a decomposition to the original addends.

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decompose the fraction

1. Factor denominator
2. Write as sum of fractions
denom are factors of orig denom

3. For numerators, use degree less than degree of denom

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

A, B constants

4. Find common denominators and add fractions


$$\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} = \frac{A(x+1) + Bx}{x(x+1)} = \frac{Ax+A+Bx}{x(x+1)}$$

5. Combine like terms and equate numerators.

$$\frac{2x+3}{x^2+x} = \frac{(A+B)x+A}{x(x+1)} \quad \text{and} \quad 2x+3 = (A+B)x+A$$

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decompose the fraction denom are factors of orig denom

1. Factor denominator
2. Write as sum of fractions whose denom are factors of the orig denom
3. For numerators, use degree less than denominator
4. Find common denominators and add fractions
5. Combine like terms and equate numerators.

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

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

6. Equate unknowns to coefficients.


$$A + B = 2$$

$$A = 3, \quad B = -1$$

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

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#2


$$\int \frac{x}{x^2+4x+3} dx$$

To integrate, can decompose the fraction

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

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$$\int \frac{x}{x^2+4x+3} dx$$

To integrate, decompose the fraction

$$\frac{x}{x^2+4x+3} = \frac{x}{(x+3)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{B}{x+1} = \frac{A(x+1) + B(x+3)}{(x+3)(x+1)} = \frac{Ax+A+Bx+3B}{(x+3)(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{x}{x^2+4x+3} = \frac{(A+B)x + (A+3B)}{(x+3)(x+1)} \quad \begin{aligned} x &= (A+B)x + (A+3B) \\ 1x+0 &= (A+B)x + (A+3B) \end{aligned}$$

$$A + B = 1$$

$$A + 3B = 0$$

$$2B = -1, B = -1/2, A = 3/2$$

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

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

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

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

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$$\int \frac{x-1}{x^3(x+1)} dx \quad \frac{x-1}{x^3(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x} + \frac{C}{x^2} + \frac{D}{x^3}$$

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#3

$$\int \frac{x-1}{x^3(x+1)} dx \quad \frac{x-1}{x^3(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x} + \frac{C}{x^2} + \frac{D}{x^3}$$

Do we really need x , x^2 , and x^3 ?

$$x - 1 = Ax^3 + Bx^2(x+1) + Cx(x+1) + D(x+1)$$


$$x - 1 = Ax^3 + Bx^3 + Bx^2 + Cx^2 + Cx + Dx + D$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= 0 & A &= 2 \\ B + C &= 0 & B &= -2 \\ C + D &= 1 & C &= 2 \\ D &= -1 & D &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

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

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$$\int \frac{x-1}{x^3(x+1)} dx \quad \frac{x-1}{x^3(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x} + \frac{C}{x^2} + \frac{D}{x^3}$$

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

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

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$$\int \frac{x-1}{x^3(x+1)} dx$$

Do we really need x , x^2 , and x^3 ?

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

$$x - 1 = Ax^3 + B(x+1)$$

$$x - 1 = Ax^3 + Bx + B$$

$$A = 0$$

$$B = 1$$

$$B = -1$$

contradiction!

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$$\int \frac{2x-3}{(x-1)^2} dx$$

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

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$$\int \frac{2x-3}{(x-1)^2} dx$$

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

$$2x-3 = A(x-1) + B = Ax - A + B$$

$$A = 2$$


$$B-A = -3, B = -1$$

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

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

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$$\int \frac{8x^3+13x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx$$

$$\frac{8x^3+13x}{(x^2+2)^2} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+2} + \frac{Cx+D}{(x^2+2)^2}$$

3. For numerators, use **degree less than degree of the denominator**:
Denominator is quadratic or power of quadratic, so use a linear form in the numerator.

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$$\int \frac{8x^3+13x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx$$

$$\frac{8x^3+13x}{(x^2+2)^2} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+2} + \frac{Cx+D}{(x^2+2)^2} = \frac{(Ax+B)(x^2+2) + Cx+D}{(x^2+2)^2}$$


$$Ax^3+2Ax+Bx^2+2B+Cx+D = Ax^3+Bx^2+(2A+C)x+(2B+D)$$

$$8x^3+13x = Ax^3+Bx^2+(2A+C)x+(2B+D)$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} A & & = 8 & A=8 \\ B & & = 0 & B=0 \\ 2A & +C & = 13 & C=-3 \\ 2B & +D & = 0 & D=0 \end{array}$$

$$\int \frac{8x^3+13x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx = \int \frac{8x}{x^2+2} dx + \int \frac{-3x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx$$

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$$\int \frac{8x^3+13x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx = \int \frac{8x}{x^2+2} dx + \int \frac{-3x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx$$

$$\int \frac{8x^3+13x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx = \frac{8}{2} \int \frac{2x}{x^2+2} dx + \frac{-3}{2} \int \frac{2x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx$$

$$4 \int \frac{du}{u} - \frac{3}{2} \int u^{-2} du$$

$$u=x^2+2$$

$$du=2x dx$$

$$4 \ln |u| - \frac{3}{2} \frac{u^{-1}}{-1} + c$$

$$4 \ln |x^2+2| + \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{x^2+2} + c$$

$$0 \quad 2 \quad 2$$

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

$$0 \quad 2$$

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

To integrate, decompose the fraction

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

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

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A+B & = & 1 \quad B=0 \\ C & = & 1 \quad C=1 \\ A & = & 1 \quad A=1 \end{array}$$

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

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

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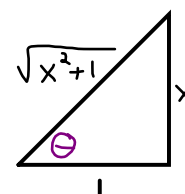
$$\int \frac{x^2+x+1}{x^3+x} dx = \int \frac{1}{x} dx + \int \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx$$

$$= \ln |x| + \int \frac{\sec^2 \theta}{\sec^2 \theta} d\theta$$

$$= \ln |x| + \int d\theta$$

$$= \ln |x| + \theta + c$$

$$= \ln |x| + \arctan x + c$$



$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= x \\ \sec^2 \theta d\theta &= dx \\ \sec \theta &= \sqrt{x^2+1} \\ (\sec \theta)^2 &= (\sqrt{x^2+1})^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\int \frac{x}{16x^4-1} dx$$

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7.4 Integration using Partial Fractions

$$\int \frac{x}{16x^4-1} dx$$

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

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

$$x = 4Ax^3 - Ax + 4Bx^2 - B + C(8x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x - 1) + D(8x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x + 1)$$


$$x = (4A+8C+8D)x^3 + (4B-4C+4D)x^2 + (-A+2C+2D)x + (-B-C+D)$$

$$4A + 8C + 8D = 0 \quad A = -1/2$$

$$4B - 4C + 4D = 0 \quad B = 0$$

$$-A + 2C + 2D = 1 \quad C = 1/8$$

$$-B - C + D = 0 \quad D = 1/8$$

 Use matrix algebra on calculator.


$$\frac{x}{(4x^2+1)(2x+1)(2x-1)} = \frac{-x}{2(4x^2+1)} + \frac{1}{8(2x+1)} + \frac{1}{8(2x-1)}$$

$$\int \frac{x}{(4x^2+1)(2x+1)(2x-1)} = \int \frac{-x}{2(4x^2+1)} dx + \int \frac{1}{8(2x+1)} dx + \int \frac{1}{8(2x-1)} dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{16} \ln(4x^2+1) + \frac{1}{16} \ln|2x+1| + \frac{1}{16} \ln|2x-1| + c$$

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$$\int \frac{x}{16x^4-1} dx$$

Different approach to finding constants.

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

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

$$x=1/2: 1/2 = (Ax+B)(0) + C(4x^2+1)(0) + D(2)(2) = 4D; \quad D = 1/8$$

$$x=-1/2: -1/2 = (Ax+B)(0) + C(2)(-2) + D(2)(0) = -4C; \quad C = 1/8$$

$$x=1: 1 = (A+B)(3) + C(5)(1) + D(5)(3) = 3A + 3B + 5C + 15D$$

$$x=2: 2 = (2A+B)(15) + C(17)(3) + D(17)(5) = 30A + 15B + 51C + 85D$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3A + 3B + 5/8 + 15/8 &= 1 & 3A + 3B &= -12/8 = -3/2 & B=0, A=-1/2 \\ 30A + 15B + 51/8 + 85/8 &= 2 & 30A + 15B &= -15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{x}{(4x^2+1)(2x+1)(2x-1)} = \frac{-x}{2(4x^2+1)} + \frac{1}{8(2x+1)} + \frac{1}{8(2x-1)}$$

$$\int \frac{x}{(4x^2+1)(2x+1)(2x-1)} = \int \frac{-x}{2(4x^2+1)} + \int \frac{1}{8(2x+1)} + \int \frac{1}{8(2x-1)}$$

$$\frac{-1}{16} \ln(4x^2+1) + \frac{1}{16} \ln|2x+1| + \frac{1}{16} \ln|2x-1| + c$$

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Matrix Algebra on Calculator to find Constants

Line up the coefficients in array.

Enter coefficients in matrix A. Enter values in matrix B.

Enter the following operation:

$[A]^{-1} * [B]$ using the inverse button, x^{-1} , and enter

$$0.125 = 1/8$$

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