

## Lecture 9: Friday January 25

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Scribes:

WebAssign due tonight

## 9.1 Partial Fractions

### 9.1.1 Last Class...

Last class we learned out to do trig substitutions. In summary,

If you need to get rid of...	Use...
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a \tan(\theta)$
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \sin(\theta)$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \sec(\theta)$

### 9.1.2 Warmup

Evaluate the following integrals:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{2x+1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(3)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-7)^2} dx = \frac{(x-7)^{-1}}{-1} + C = \frac{-1}{x-7} + C$$

Yesterday you got an introduction to the method of partial fractions. This can be useful when integrating rational functions that don't have a straightforward anti-derivative. There are three types that we need to be concerned with, and mixtures are allowed: Also, note that in order for these formulas to work, **the**

Linear Factors:	$\frac{5x+3}{(x+1)(x+4)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x+4}$
Repeated Linear Factors:	$\frac{2x}{(x-2)(x+3)^2} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x+3} + \frac{C}{(x+3)^2}$
Irreducible Quadratic Factors:	$\frac{2x^2-3x-1}{(x-1)(x^2+x+1)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+x+1}$

**degree of the numerator must be less than the degree of the denominator.** You might need to do polynomial long division in order to insure that this happens. Let's do some examples of each type:

### 9.1.3 Example 1:

$$\int \frac{4}{x^2 + 5x - 14} dx$$

We can't do this one as is, and the numerator degree is less than the denominator degree, so we are ready to use the method of partial fractions. Start by factoring the denominator:

$$\int \frac{4}{(x+7)(x-2)} dx$$

Now, take the integrand and re-write it as the sum of two fractions:

$$\frac{4}{(x+7)(x-2)} = \frac{A}{x+7} + \frac{B}{x-2}$$

Clear denominators by multiplying on both sides by  $(x+7)(x-2)$ :

$$4 = A(x-2) + B(x+7)$$

Distribute and combine like terms:

$$\begin{aligned} 4 &= Ax + Bx - 2A + 7B \\ 4 &= x(A+B) + (7B - 2A) \end{aligned}$$

Match up the terms on the right and left. On the left, the coefficient of  $x$  is 0, so the coefficient of  $x$  on the right must be 0:

$$A + B = 0$$

On the left, the constant term is 4, so the constant term on the right must be 4:

$$4 = 7B - 2A$$

Solving this system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= 0 \\ A &= -B \\ 4 &= 7B - 2A \\ 4 &= 7B + 2B \\ 4 &= 9B \\ \frac{4}{9} &= B \\ \frac{-4}{9} &= A \end{aligned}$$

In summary:

$$\frac{4}{(x+7)(x-2)} = \frac{-4/9}{x+7} + \frac{4/9}{x-2}$$

Put this back into the original integral, and solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{4}{(x+7)(x-2)} dx &= \int \frac{-4/9}{x+7} dx + \int \frac{4/9}{x-2} dx \\ &= \frac{-4}{9} \int \frac{1}{x+7} dx + \frac{4}{9} \int \frac{1}{x-2} dx \\ &= \frac{-4}{9} \ln|x+7| + \frac{4}{9} \ln|x-2| + C \end{aligned}$$

### 9.1.4 Example 2

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

We don't have the degree in the numerator strictly less than the degree in the denominator! Time to do polynomial long division.

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

Now we can split up the integral:

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

We can solve the first integral, and then solve the second using partial fractions:

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

Begin by factoring the integrand we'll use partial fractions on:

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

Clear the denominators:

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

Distribute and combine like terms:

$$3x + 2 = Ax + A + B$$

Since the coefficient of  $x$  on the left is 3, the coefficient of  $x$  on the right must be 3:  $A = 3$ .

Since the constant term on the left is 2, the constant term on the right must be 2:

$$A + B = 2 \Rightarrow 3 + B = 2 \Rightarrow B = -1.$$

In summary:

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

Plugging this onto our integral, now we can integrate:

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

And putting this back into our full problem, we get:

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

### 9.1.5 Example 3:

$$\int \frac{10}{(x+1)(x^2+9)} dx$$

This one is immediately partial fractions. Use the setup with an irreducible quadratic:

$$\frac{10}{(x+1)(x^2+9)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+9}$$

Clear denominators:

$$10 = A(x^2+9) + (Bx+C)(x+1)$$

Distribute and combine like terms:

$$10 = Ax^2 + 9A + Bx^2 + Bx + Cx + C = (A+B)x^2 + (B+C)x + (9A+C)$$

Since the coefficients of  $x^2$  and  $x$  on the left are 0, so must be the coefficients on the right:

$$A+B=0, B+C=0.$$

Since the constant term on the left is 10, so must be the constant term on the right:

$$9A+C=0$$

Solving this system of equations:

$$A = -B, C = -B \Rightarrow C = A, 9A + C = 10 \Rightarrow A = C = 1, B = -1.$$

In summary:

$$\frac{10}{(x+1)(x^2+9)} = \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{-x+1}{x^2+9}$$

Now we can split up and integrate:

$$\int \frac{10}{(x+1)(x^2+9)} dx = \int \frac{1}{x+1} dx + \int \frac{-x+1}{x^2+9} dx = \int \frac{1}{x+1} dx + \int \frac{-x}{x^2+9} dx + \int \frac{1}{x^2+9} dx$$

The first integral is straightforward. The middle one requires  $u$ -substitution. The third integral is an arctan integral.

Integral 1:  $\int \frac{1}{x+1} dx = \ln|x+1| + C$

Integral 2: Let  $u = x^2 + 9$ , then  $du = 2x dx$ , so  $\frac{1}{2} du = x dx$ . Subbing in:

$$\int \frac{-x}{x^2+9} dx = \frac{-1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{-1}{2} \ln|u| + C = \frac{-1}{2} \ln|x^2+9| + C$$

Integral 3:

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2+9} dx = \int \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{x^2}{9}+1} dx = \frac{1}{9} \int \frac{1}{\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2+1} dx = \frac{1}{9} \cdot 3 \arctan\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + C = \frac{1}{3} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + C$$

Putting these all together:

$$\int \frac{10}{(x+1)(x^2+9)} dx = \ln|x+1| + \frac{-1}{2} \ln|x^2+9| + \frac{1}{3} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + C$$