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Ex 1: Compute  $\int \frac{x^3 - x + 2}{x^2 - 3x - 4} dx$

1. Do long division:

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 3x - 4 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 - x + 2} \\ \underline{x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x} \phantom{+ 2} \\ 3x^2 + 3x + 2 \\ \underline{3x^2 - 9x - 12} \\ 12x + 14 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^3 - x + 2}{x^2 - 3x - 4} = x + 3 + \frac{12x + 14}{x^2 - 3x - 4}$$

2. Factor denominator

into linear or quadratic factors

$$\frac{12x + 14}{x^2 - 3x - 4} = \frac{12x + 14}{(x - 4)(x + 1)}$$

3. Decompose into partial fractions.

$$\frac{12x + 14}{(x - 4)(x + 1)} = \frac{A}{x - 4} + \frac{B}{x + 1}$$

Write all terms with same

Common denominator.

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

$$+ \frac{B(x-4)}{(x+1)(x-4)}$$

4. Compare numerators

$$A(x+1) + B(x-4) = 12x + 14$$

$$\rightarrow A + B = 12 \quad \rightarrow 5B = -2$$

$$A - 4B = 14$$

$$B = -\frac{2}{5} \leftarrow$$

$$A = 12 + \frac{2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{62}{5} \leftarrow$$

Integrate

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

$$\int \frac{62}{5} \frac{1}{x-4} - \frac{2}{5} \frac{1}{x+1} dx$$



$$= \left\{ \frac{x^2}{2} + 3x \right\} + \frac{62}{5} \ln|x-4| - \frac{2}{5} \ln|x+1| + K$$

Ex. Compute  $\int_2^3 \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^3 - x} dx$

First we compute the indefinite integral

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

Use common denominator:

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

$$x^2\text{-coef.} \quad A + B + C = 1$$

$$x\text{-coef.} \quad 0 + B - C = 0$$

$$1\text{-coef.} \quad -A + 0 + 0 = 2$$

$$\therefore \underline{A = -2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} B + C = 3 \\ B - C = 0 \end{array} \right\} \underline{B = \frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{C = \frac{3}{2}}$$



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

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

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

$$\int_2^3 R(x) dx = \ln \left( \frac{2^{3/2} \cdot 4^{3/2}}{3^2} \right) - \ln \left( \frac{3^{3/2}}{2^2} \right)$$

Now suppose the denominator has some repeated factors.

Ex. Compute  $\int \frac{2x^2 - x}{(x-1)(x+1)^2} dx$  <sup>7,8 not here</sup> <sup>9</sup>

Decompose:

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

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

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

Compare Coefficient

$$x^2: 2 = A + B$$

$$x: -1 = 2A + C$$

$$1: 0 = A - B - C$$

Add  $E_2$  and  $E_3$

$$\begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow \\ E_2 \end{array} \quad 2A - C = 2$$

$$2A + C = -1$$

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$$4A = 1$$



$$\rightarrow A = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$E_2 \quad \therefore -1 = \frac{1}{2} + C \rightarrow C = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$E_1 \quad 2 = \frac{1}{4} + B \rightarrow B = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\int = \int \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{7}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \ln|x-1| + \frac{7}{4} \ln|x+1| + \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x+1} + K$$

$$= \cancel{\ln|x|} - \cancel{\frac{2}{(x-1)}} + \cancel{K}$$


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

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

$$\Rightarrow A(x-1)^2(x+2) + B(x-1)(x+2)$$

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

$$x^3\text{-coef.} = A + D = 0$$

$$x^2\text{-coef.} \quad B - 3D = 1$$

$$x\text{-coef.} \quad -3A + B + C + 3D = 0$$

$$1\text{-coef.} \quad 2A - 2B + 2C - D = 2$$

$$\rightarrow A = \frac{2}{9}, \quad B = \frac{1}{3}, \quad C = 1, \quad D = -\frac{2}{9}$$

$$\therefore R(x) = \frac{2}{9} \frac{1}{(x-1)} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{(x-1)^3} - \frac{2}{9} \frac{1}{x+2}$$

$$\rightarrow \int R(x) dx = \ln|x-1|^{2/9} - \ln|x+2|^{2/9}$$

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

In general:

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

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

$$+ \frac{E}{x+4} + \frac{F}{(x+4)^2} dx$$

Use common denominators:

and compare numerators



Then look at coefficients  
of  $x^k$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 5$

Yields 6 equations in  
6 variables.

Ex: Compute  $\int \frac{(x^2+1) dx}{(x+1)(x^2+4)}$

$x^2 + 4$  is an irreducible

$$x^2 + 4$$

$$= (x + 2i)(x - 2i)$$

quadratic

We write

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

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

$$x^2: \quad A + B = 1$$

$$x: \quad -B + C = 0$$

$$1: \quad 4A - C = -4$$

$$\text{Then } A = -\frac{3}{5}, \quad B = \frac{8}{5}, \quad C = \frac{8}{5}$$

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

$$= \int \frac{-\frac{3}{5}}{x-1} dx + \int \frac{\frac{8}{5}x + \frac{8}{5}}{x^2+4} dx$$

$$= -\frac{3}{5} \ln|x-1| + \frac{8}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

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

$$\rightarrow = \frac{4}{5} \int \frac{2x}{x^2+4} dx$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} \ln(x^2 + 4)$$

$$\text{So, } \int \frac{x^2 - 2}{(x-1)(x^2 + 4)} dx$$

$$= -\frac{3}{5} \ln|x-1| + \frac{4}{5} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$+ \frac{4}{5} \ln(x^2 + 4) + K$$

Consider

$$\int \frac{2x^3 + 2}{(x-4)^2 (x+1)^3 (x^2+9)^3 (x^2+3)} dx$$

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

$$+ \frac{Fx + G}{x^2+9} + \frac{Hx + I}{(x^2+9)^2} + \frac{Jx + K}{(x^2+9)^3}$$

$$+ \frac{Lx + M}{(x^2+3)} dx$$



To compute  $\int \frac{dx}{(x^2+a^2)^k}$ , for

$k=1, 2, \dots$ , one uses a

reduction formula.