

Lecture 11

Exam 1 average in this section: 70%
across all 408L: 68%

Partial fractions (cont)

To compute $\int \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} dx$ P, Q polynomials

strategy: factor $Q(x)$, split up $\frac{P}{Q}$ into simpler pieces

$$\underline{Q} \quad \int \frac{1}{x^2+x} dx = \int \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} dx$$

$$Q(x) = x(x+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= A(x+1) + Bx \\ \left[\begin{array}{l} x=0: 1 = A \quad A=1 \\ x=-1: 1 = -B \quad B=-1 \end{array} \right] & \text{OR: } \left[\begin{array}{l} 1 = (A+B)x + A \\ 0x+1 = (A+B)x + A \\ \text{So: } 0 = A+B \\ 1 = A \\ \rightarrow B=-1, A=1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx + \int \frac{-1}{x+1} dx$$

$$\underline{\underline{\ln|x| - \ln|x+1| + C}} = \underline{\underline{\ln \frac{|x|}{|x+1|} + C}}$$

Last time we did:

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

\uparrow
 $x(2x-1)(x+2)$

and

$$\frac{2x^2 - x + 4}{x^3 + 4x} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 4}$$

\uparrow
 $x(x^2+4)$

What if the degree of the numerator is \geq the degree of denominator?

Ex $\int_0^1 \frac{x^3 - 4x + 10}{x^2 - x - 6} dx = ?$

Do polynomial division:

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 1 \\ x^2 - x - 6 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 - 4x + 10} \\ \underline{x^3 - x^2 - 6x} \\ x^2 + 2x + 10 \\ \underline{x^2 - x - 6} \\ 3x + 16 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{x^3 - 4x + 10}{x^2 - x - 6} = x + 1 + \frac{3x + 16}{x^2 - x - 6}$$

$$\text{then } \int_0^1 \frac{x^3 - 4x + 10}{x^2 - x - 6} dx = \int_0^1 x + 1 dx + \int_0^1 \frac{3x + 16}{x^2 - x - 6} dx$$

$$\frac{3x+16}{x^2-x-6} = \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x+2}$$

$$A=5, B=-2$$

$$\text{(check: } 5(x+2) - 2(x-3) = 3x+16 \checkmark)$$

$$\int_0^1 x+1 \, dx + \int_0^1 \frac{5}{x-3} + \frac{-2}{x+2} \, dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2}x^2+x \Big|_0^1 + 5 \ln|x-3| \Big|_0^1 - 2 \ln|x+2| \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + 5 \ln 2 - 5 \ln 3 - 2 \ln 3 + 2 \ln 2$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + 7 \ln 2 - 7 \ln 3 = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{2} + 7 \ln \frac{2}{3}}}}$$

What if some factor appears more than once in the denominator?

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Factor: } & x^3+2x^2+x \\ & = x(x^2+2x+1) \\ & = x(x+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{[could also put } \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx+C}{(x+1)^2} \text{ - either will work]} \quad x(x+1)^2$$

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

$$x=0 \rightarrow 1=A$$

$$x=-1 \rightarrow 1=-C \rightarrow C=-1$$

$$x=1 \rightarrow 1=4A+2B+C$$

$$1=3+2B \rightarrow B=-1$$

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

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

Similarly, if $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ $Q(x) = (x-3)^4(x+1)$

then we'd set

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

solve for A, B, C, D, E

If $Q(x) = x^2(x+1)$ then do $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+1}$

Q $\int \frac{1-x+2x^2-x^3}{x(x^2+1)^2} dx$ (repeated quadratic factor)

$$\rightarrow \frac{1-x+2x^2-x^3}{x(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1} + \frac{Dx+E}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

$$1-x+2x^2-x^3 = A(x^2+1)^2 + (Bx+C)x(x^2+1) + (Dx+E)x$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= A(x^4+2x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x^3+x) + Dx^2+Ex \\ &= Ax^4+2Ax^2+A + Bx^4+Bx^2+Cx^3+Cx + Dx^2+Ex \\ &= (A+B)x^4 + Cx^3 + (2A+B+D)x^2 \\ &\quad + (C+E)x + A \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow A+B=0$$

$$C=-1$$

$$2A+B+D=2$$

$$C+E=-1$$

$$A=1$$

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$$B=-1$$

$$C=-1$$

$$D=1$$

$$E=0$$

so our \int is

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

$$\begin{aligned} &\uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ &\ln|x| \quad -\frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2+1| \quad u=x^2+1 \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad -\tan^{-1}(x) + \frac{1}{2(x^2+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2+1| - \tan^{-1}x - \frac{1}{2(x^2+1)} + C$$