



1 Evaluate the following integrals:

a.

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

b.

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

c.

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

Solution exercise 1a.

$$\int \frac{2x}{x+4} dx = \int \frac{2x+8-8}{x+4} dx = \int 2 + \frac{-8}{x+4} dx = 2x - 8 \ln|x+4| + C$$

Solution exercise 1b.

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

Solution exercise 1c.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 2}{x^2 + 2} dx &= \int \frac{(x^2 + 2)(2x - 1) - 2x}{x^2 + 2} dx \\ &= \int 2x - 1 - \frac{2x}{x^2 + 2} dx \\ &= x^2 - x - \log(x^2 + 2) + C \end{aligned}$$

Note: In these exercises we have chosen to rewrite the nominator in a suitable way to easy the calculations, if you prefer you could instead use polynomial division.

- 2 Find the partial fraction decomposition of the following integrals. When you have found an answer; check that your solution is correct by adding all the parts of the partial fraction decomposition together again.

a.

$$f(x) = -\frac{4x-3}{(x-2)(2x+1)}$$

b.

$$g(x) = \frac{x-10}{(3x-2)(2x+1)}$$

c.

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

Solution exercise 2a.

Since the denominator is a product of two linear factors $(x-a)(x-b)$ with $a \neq b$ we know that there exist constants A and B such that

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

To find the constants A and B we write sum the right hand side of the equation above so we can write it as one fraction;

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

Thus it follows that $2B+A=-4$ and $-2A+B=3$. Solving these equations we see that $A=-2$ and $B=-1$. Then it follows that

$$f(x) = -\frac{4x-3}{(2x+1)(x-2)} = -\frac{2}{2x+1} - \frac{1}{x-2}.$$

To check that we have not made any mistakes, we sum the fractions and see that we get the expression we started with:

$$-\frac{2}{2x+1} - \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{-2(x-2) - (2x+1)}{(2x+1)(x-2)} = \frac{-4x+3}{(2x+1)(x-2)}.$$

Solution exercise 2b.

We do the same as in the previous exercise and calculate:

$$\frac{x-10}{(3x-2)(2x+1)} = \frac{A}{3x-2} + \frac{B}{2x+1} = \frac{(2x+1)A + (3x-2)B}{(3x-2)(2x+1)} = \frac{x(2A+3B) + A-2B}{(3x-2)(2x+1)}$$

To find the constants A and B we must solve the equations $2A+3B=1$ and $A-2B=-10$. It follows that $A=-4$ and $B=3$. We can now see that

$$\frac{x-10}{(3x-2)(2x+1)} = \frac{-4}{3x-2} + \frac{3}{2x+1}.$$

To check that we have not made any mistakes, we sum the fractions and see that we get the expression we started with:

$$\frac{-4}{3x-2} + \frac{3}{2x+1} = \frac{-4(2x+1) + 3(3x-2)}{(3x-2)(2x+1)} = \frac{x-10}{(3x-2)(2x+1)}.$$

Solution exercise 2c.

We observe that the denominator consists of repeating linear factors and we must thus use a slightly different approach than in the previous exercises. We know there exists constants A , B and C such that

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

To find the constants A , B and C we calculate the right hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{(x-1)^2} &= \frac{A(x-1)^2 + B(x+1)(x-1) + C(x+1)}{x(x+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(A+B)x^2 + (-2A+C)x + A-B+C}{(x+1)(x-1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

We see that it must be the case that $A+B=0$, $-2A+C=0$ and $A-B+C=1$. Solving this system of equations we see that $A=\frac{1}{4}$, $B=-\frac{1}{4}$ and $C=\frac{1}{2}$. Thus it follows that

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

To check that we have not made any mistakes, we sum the fractions and see that we get the expression we started with:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4(x+1)} - \frac{1}{4(x-1)} + \frac{1}{2(x-1)^2} &= \frac{(x-1)^2 - (x+1)(x-1) + 2(x+1)}{4(x+1)(x-1)^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2 - 2x + 1 - x^2 + 1 + 2x + 2}{4(x+1)(x-1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x+1)(x-1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

3 Evaluate the following integrals by using the partial fraction decompositions obtained in the previous exercise

a.

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

b.

$$\int \frac{x-10}{(3x-2)(2x+1)} dx$$

c.

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

Solution exercise 3a.

$$\int -\frac{4x-3}{(x-2)(2x+1)} dx = \int -\frac{2}{2x+1} - \frac{1}{x-2} dx = -\ln|2x+1| - \ln|x-2| + C$$

To calculate the integrals above you could use the substitution $u = 2x + 1$ and $u = x - 1$.

Solution exercise 3b.

$$\int \frac{x-10}{(3x-2)(2x+1)} dx = \int \frac{-4}{3x-2} + \frac{3}{2x+1} = -\frac{4}{3} \ln|3x-2| + \frac{3}{2} \ln|2x+1| + C$$

Solution exercise 3c.

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

4 Evaluate the integrals:

a.

$$\int \frac{2x^2 + 5x + 11}{(x+2)^2(x-1)} dx$$

b.

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

c.

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

Solution exercise 4a.

We start by finding the partial fraction expansion of the function we are integrating. We must find the constants A , B and C such that.

$$\frac{2x^2 + 5x + 11}{(x+2)^2(x-1)} = \frac{A}{(x+2)} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{x-1}$$

By calculating the right hand side above we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A}{(x+2)} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{x-1} &= \frac{A(x+2)(x-1) + B(x-1) + C(x+2)^2}{(x+2)^2(x-1)} \\ &= \frac{x^2(A+C) + x(A+B+4C) + (-2A-B+4C)}{(x+2)^2(x-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

We must solve the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} A + C &= 2 \\ A + B + 4C &= 5 \\ -2A - B + 4C &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

Which has the solution $A = 0$, $B = -3$ and $C = 2$. Thus it follows that

$$\frac{2x^2 + 5x + 11}{(x+2)^2(x-1)} = -\frac{3}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{2}{x-1}.$$

We can now calculate the integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2x^2 + 5x + 11}{(x+2)^2(x-1)} dx &= \int -\frac{3}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{2}{x-1} dx \\ &= \frac{3}{x+2} + 2 \ln|x-1| + C. \end{aligned}$$

Solution exercise 4b

We start by finding the partial fraction expansion of the function we are integrating.

$$\frac{1}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x+1} \quad dx = \frac{A(x+1) + B(x-2)}{(x+1)(x-2)} = \frac{(A+B)x + A-2B}{(x+1)(x-2)}.$$

We solve the system of equations $A + B = 0$ and $A - 2B = 1$ and see that $A = -\frac{1}{3}$ and $B = \frac{1}{3}$. Thus it follows that

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

Solution exercise 4c

We start by finding the partial fraction decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x+1}{x^3+3x^2} &= \frac{2x+1}{x^2(x+3)} \\ &= \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+3} \\ &= \frac{Ax(x+3) + B(x+3) + Cx^2}{x^2(x+3)} \\ &= \frac{x^2(A+C) + x(3A+B) + 3B}{x^2(x+3)} \end{aligned}$$

We see that $A = \frac{5}{9}$, $B = \frac{1}{3}$ and $C = -\frac{5}{9}$. We calculate the integral:

$$\int \frac{2x+1}{x^3+3x^2} dx = \int \frac{5}{9x} + \frac{1}{3x^2} - \frac{5}{9(x+3)} dx = \frac{5}{9} \ln|x| - \frac{1}{3x} - \frac{5}{9} \ln|x+3| + C$$

5 Evaluate the following integrals.

a.

$$\int \frac{3x^2 - 5x + 3}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx$$

b.

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

c.

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

Solution exercise 5a

We start by finding the partial fraction decomposition. We observe that the denominator consists of the repeated linear factor $1 + x^2$, and must thus find the constants A , B , C and D such that

$$\frac{3x^2 - 5x + 3}{(x^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{Ax + B}{(x^2 + 1)} + \frac{Cx + D}{(x^2 + 1)^2}.$$

By calculating the right hand side of the equation above we see that

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

We solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 0 \\ B &= 3 \\ A + C &= -5 \\ B + D &= 3, \end{aligned}$$

and see that $A = 0$, $B = 3$, $C = -5$ and $D = 0$. Thus it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{3x^2 - 5x + 3}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx &= \int \frac{3}{(x^2 + 1)} - \frac{5x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx \\ &= 3 \arctan(x) - \int \frac{5}{2u^2} du \\ &= 3 \arctan(x) + \frac{5}{2u} + C \\ &= 3 \arctan(x) + \frac{5}{2(x^2 + 1)} + C \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the substitution $u = x^2 + 1$.

Solution exercise 5b

We start by finding the partial fraction decomposition. We observe that the denominator consists of two distinct irreducible factors, and we start by finding the constants A , B , C and D such that

$$\frac{x^3 - x^2 + x - 4}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 4} = \frac{Ax^3 + Cx^3 + Bx^2 + Dx^2 + 4Ax + Cx + 4B + D}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)}.$$

We solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} A + C &= 1 \\ B + D &= -1 \\ 4A + C &= 1 \\ 4B + D &= -4, \end{aligned}$$

and see that $A = 0$, $B = -1$, $C = 1$ and $D = 0$. Now, we can calculate the integral:

$$\int \frac{x^3 - x^2 + x - 4}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)} dx = \int -\frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)} + \frac{x}{x^2 + 4} dx = -\arctan(x) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 4| + C.$$

For the last integral we have used the substitution $u = x^2 + 4$.

Solution exercise 5c.

We start by finding constants A , B , C and D such that

$$\frac{1}{(x^2 + 4)(x^2 + 1)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 4} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{x^3(A + C) + x^2(B + D) + x(A + 4C) + B + 4D}{(x^2 + 4)(x^2 + 1)}.$$

We solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} A + C &= 0 \\ B + D &= 0 \\ A + 4C &= 0 \\ B + 4D &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

and see that $A = 0$, $B = -\frac{1}{3}$, $C = 0$ and $D = \frac{1}{3}$. Now, we can calculate the integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{(x^2 + 4)(x^2 + 1)} dx &= \int -\frac{1}{3(x^2 + 4)} + \frac{1}{3(x^2 + 1)} dx = -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{3} \arctan(x) + C \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} \arctan(u) + \frac{1}{3} \arctan(x) + C = -\frac{1}{6} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \arctan(x) + C, \end{aligned}$$

where in the third equality we used the substitution $u = \frac{x}{2}$.