

# Integrating Rational Functions II

-How to break them up... Using more algebra

1) We know what to do if  $\int \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx$  and  $p(x)$  has degree  $\geq$  the degree of  $q(x)$

We divide  $q(x)$  into  $p(x)$ , so  $p(x) = s(x)q(x) + r(x)$  (where  $r(x)$  is guaranteed to have degree  $\leq$  degree of  $q(x)$ )

$$\int \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx = \int \left[ \frac{r(x)}{q(x)} + s(x) \right] dx$$

2) We know what to do if we have something of the form  $\int \frac{ax+b}{(cx+d)^n} dx$  or

$$\int \frac{ax+b}{(cx^2+dx+e)^k} dx$$

These can be handled by a combination of algebra (eg: completing the square) substitution and for trig substitution

Warm up:

$$\int \frac{x-1}{3x^2+2x+4} dx \longrightarrow \text{try } u = 3x^2+2x+4, \quad du = (6x+2) dx = \frac{1}{3} du = (x + \frac{1}{3}) dx$$

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

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

$$= \int \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{1}{6} du - \frac{4}{3} \int \frac{1}{3x^2+2x+4} dx$$

complete the square

$$\begin{aligned} & 3x^2+2x+4 \\ &= 3\left(x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{4}{3}\right) \\ &= 3\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{9} + \frac{4}{3} \\ &= 3\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{11}{9} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(u) - \frac{4}{3} \int \frac{1}{3\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{11}{9}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(u) - \frac{4}{9} \int \frac{1}{\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{11}{9}} dx \longrightarrow \text{plug } 3x^2+2x+4 \text{ in for } u$$

sub  $w = x + \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $dw = dx$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(3x^2+2x+4) - \frac{4}{9} \int \frac{1}{(w)^2 + \frac{11}{9}} dw \longrightarrow w = \sqrt{\frac{11}{9}} \tan(\theta), \quad dw = \sqrt{\frac{11}{9}} \sec^2(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(3x^2+2x+4) - \frac{4}{9} \int \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\frac{11}{9}} \tan \theta)^2 + \frac{11}{9}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{11}{9}} \sec^2(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(3x^2+2x+4) - \frac{4}{9} \int \frac{\sqrt{\frac{11}{9}} \sec^2(\theta)}{\frac{11}{9} (\tan^2 \theta + 1)} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(3x^2+2x+4) - \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{11}{9}}} \int \frac{\sec^2(\theta)}{\sec^2(\theta)} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(3x^2+2x+4) - \frac{4}{3\sqrt{11}} \cdot \theta + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \sqrt{\frac{11}{9}} \tan \theta \\ \frac{W}{\sqrt{\frac{11}{9}}} &= \tan \theta \\ \theta &= \arctan\left(\frac{W}{\sqrt{\frac{11}{9}}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(3x^2+2x+4) - \frac{4}{3\sqrt{11}} \cdot \arctan\left(\frac{W}{\sqrt{\frac{11}{9}}}\right) + C \longrightarrow W = x + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(3x^2+2x+4) - \frac{4}{3\sqrt{11}} \cdot \arctan\left(\frac{x + \frac{1}{3}}{\sqrt{\frac{11}{9}}}\right) + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \ln(3x^2+2x+4) - \frac{4}{3\sqrt{11}} \cdot \arctan\left(\frac{3x+1}{\sqrt{11}}\right) + C$$

ex:  $\int \frac{x^2+3x+41}{(x^2+1)(x+1)} dx \longrightarrow$  Partial fractions  $\frac{x^2+3x+41}{(x^2+1)(x+1)} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{C}{x+1}$ , where A, B, C are some constants

$$= \int \frac{-\frac{37}{2}x + \frac{43}{2}}{x^2+1} dx + \int \frac{\frac{39}{2}}{x+1} dx$$

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

using linear algebra:  $\begin{aligned} 1A+0B+1C &= 1 \\ 1A+1B+0C &= 3 \\ 0A+1B+1C &= 41 \end{aligned}$

- 1)  $A+C=1$
- 2)  $A+B=3$
- 3)  $B+C=41$

- 1 way of solving
- 1)  $A=1-C$
  - 2)  $1-C+B=3$   
 $B=C+2$
  - 3)  $C+2+C=41$   
 $2C=39$   
 $C=\frac{39}{2}$
  - 2)  $B=\frac{39}{2}+2$   
 $B=43/2$
  - 1)  $A=1-\frac{39}{2}$   
 $A=-\frac{37}{2}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 41 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2-R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 41 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3-R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 39 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{39}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_2+R_3 \\ R_1-R_3 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{37}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{43}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{39}{2} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \begin{aligned} A &= -\frac{37}{2} \\ B &= \frac{43}{2} \\ C &= \frac{39}{2} \end{aligned}$$