

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

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

$$2 \int \frac{1}{x-1} dx$$

$$u = x-1 \\ du = dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x+2} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$u = x+2 \\ du = dx$$

$$2 \int \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$2 \ln |x-1| + C$$

$$\ln |x+2| + C$$

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

$$\frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+2}$$

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

$x+5$

$2x+4 - x+1$

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

$x^2+x-2$

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

$$\frac{-1}{x+2} + \frac{2}{x-1} = x+5$$

$$A(x-1) + B(x+2) = x+5$$

$$Ax - A + Bx + 2B = x + 5$$

$$A + B = 1$$

$$-A + 2B = 5$$

$$A(x-1) + B(x+2) = x + 5$$

$$Ax - A + Bx + 2B = x + 5$$

$$(A+B)x + (-A + 2B) = 1x + 5$$

$$(A+B)x = x \quad -A + 2B = 5$$

$$A+B = 1$$

$$A+2 = 1$$

$$-A + 2B = 5$$

$$A = -1$$

$$\frac{3B}{3} = \frac{6}{3}$$

$$B = 2$$

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

$$\frac{x^2 + x + 2}{x-1}$$

$$\frac{x^3 + 0x^2 + x + 0}{x-1}$$

$$\underline{x^3 - x^2}$$

$$x^2 + x + 0$$

$$\underline{-x^2 + x}$$

$$2x + 0$$

$$\underline{-2x + 2}$$

$$R = 2$$

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

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

$$u = x-1$$

$$du = dx$$

$$2 \ln|u|$$

**CASE I The denominator  $Q(x)$  is a product of distinct linear factors.**

This means that we can write

$$Q(x) = (a_1x + b_1)(a_2x + b_2) \cdots (a_kx + b_k)$$

where no factor is repeated (and no factor is a constant multiple of another). In this case the partial fraction theorem states that there exist constants  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  such that

$$\boxed{2} \quad \frac{R(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{A_1}{a_1x + b_1} + \frac{A_2}{a_2x + b_2} + \cdots + \frac{A_k}{a_kx + b_k}$$

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

$$2x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x$$

$$x(2x^2 + 3x - 2)$$

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

$$A(2x-1)(x+2)$$

$$B(x)(x+2)$$

$$C(x)(2x-1)$$

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

$$x=0 \rightarrow -1 = A(-1)(2) \rightarrow -1 = -2A$$
$$\frac{1}{2} = A$$

$$x=-2 \rightarrow -1 = C(-2)(-5) \rightarrow -1 = 10C$$
$$C = -\frac{1}{10}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = B\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$$
$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{4}B$$
$$B = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\int \frac{1/2}{x} + \frac{1/5}{2x-1} + \frac{-1/10}{x+2} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln|x| + \frac{1}{10} \ln|2x-1| - \frac{1}{10} \ln|x+2| + C$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{2x-1} dx \quad u = 2x-1$$
$$du = 2dx$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln|2x-1| \quad \frac{1}{2} du = dx$$

**CASE II**  $Q(x)$  is a product of linear factors, some of which are repeated.

Suppose the first linear factor  $(a_1x + b_1)$  is repeated  $r$  times; that is,  $(a_1x + b_1)^r$  occurs in the factorization of  $Q(x)$ . Then instead of the single term  $A_1/(a_1x + b_1)$  in Equation 2, we would use

$$\boxed{7} \quad \frac{A_1}{a_1x + b_1} + \frac{A_2}{(a_1x + b_1)^2} + \cdots + \frac{A_r}{(a_1x + b_1)^r}$$

By way of illustration, we could write

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

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

$$x^3 - x^2 - x + 1 \overline{) x^4 + 0x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x + 1} \quad \begin{array}{r} x + 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$-x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$$

$$x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$-x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$4x$$

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

$$x^3-x^2 \overline{) -x+1}$$

$$x^2(x-1) - 1(x-1)$$

$$(x^2-1) \boxed{(x-1)}$$

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

$$(x-1)^2(x+1)$$

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

$$\int x+1 + \frac{4x}{(x-1)^2(x+1)} \rightarrow \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B(x+1)}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{C}{x+1}$$

$$4x = A(x-1)(x+1) + B(x+1) + C(x-1)^2$$

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$$x=1 \Rightarrow 4 = B(2) \Rightarrow B=2$$

$$x=-1 \Rightarrow -4 = C(4) \Rightarrow C=-1$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow 0 = A(-1)(1) + B(1) + C(1)$$

$$0 = -A + B + C$$

$$0 = -A + 2 - 1$$

$$0 = -A + 1$$

$$1 = A$$

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

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + x + \ln|x-1| - \frac{2}{x-1} - \ln|x+1| + C$$

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

$$u = x-1$$

$$du = dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{u^2}$$

$$\frac{u^{-1}}{-1} = -\frac{1}{u} = \frac{-1}{x-1}$$

**CASE III**  $Q(x)$  contains irreducible quadratic factors, none of which is repeated.

If  $Q(x)$  has the factor  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ , then, in addition to the partial fractions in Equations 2 and 7, the expression for  $R(x)/Q(x)$  will have a term of the form

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$$\frac{Ax + B}{ax^2 + bx + c}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants to be determined. For instance, the function given by  $f(x) = x/[(x - 2)(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)]$  has a partial fraction decomposition of the form

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

The term given in (9) can be integrated by completing the square (if necessary) and using the formula

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$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) + C$$

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

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

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

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

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$

$$a = 2$$

$$2x^2 - x + 4 = A(x^2 + 4) + (Bx + C)(x)$$

$$A(x^2) + 4A + B(x^2) + C(x)$$

$$2 = A + B \rightarrow B = 1$$

$$-1 = C$$

$$4 = 4A \rightarrow A = 1$$

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

$$u = x^2 + 4$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln|u| \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2+4|$$

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

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

Notice that the quadratic  $4x^2 - 4x + 3$  is irreducible because its discriminant is  $b^2 - 4ac = -32 < 0$ . This means it can't be factored, so we don't need to use the partial fraction technique.

To integrate the given function we complete the square in the denominator:

$$4x^2 - 4x + 3 = (2x - 1)^2 + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{4x^2 - 3x + 2}{4x^2 - 4x + 3} dx &= \int \left( 1 + \frac{x - 1}{4x^2 - 4x + 3} \right) dx \\ &= x + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\frac{1}{2}(u + 1) - 1}{u^2 + 2} du = x + \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{u - 1}{u^2 + 2} du \\ &= x + \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{u}{u^2 + 2} du - \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 2} du \\ &= x + \frac{1}{8} \ln(u^2 + 2) - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + C \\ &= x + \frac{1}{8} \ln(4x^2 - 4x + 3) - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2x - 1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + C \end{aligned}$$

**CASE IV**  $Q(x)$  contains a repeated irreducible quadratic factor.

If  $Q(x)$  has the factor  $(ax^2 + bx + c)^r$ , where  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ , then instead of the single partial fraction (9), the sum

$$\boxed{11} \quad \frac{A_1x + B_1}{ax^2 + bx + c} + \frac{A_2x + B_2}{(ax^2 + bx + c)^2} + \cdots + \frac{A_rx + B_r}{(ax^2 + bx + c)^r}$$

occurs in the partial fraction decomposition of  $R(x)/Q(x)$ . Each of the terms in (11) can be integrated by using a substitution or by first completing the square if necessary.

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

**SOLUTION** The form of the partial fraction decomposition is

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

Multiplying by  $x(x^2 + 1)^2$ , we have

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

If we equate coefficients, we get the system

$$A + B = 0 \quad C = -1 \quad 2A + B + D = 2 \quad C + E = -1 \quad A = 1$$

which has the solution  $A = 1$ ,  $B = -1$ ,  $C = -1$ ,  $D = 1$ , and  $E = 0$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1 - x + 2x^2 - x^3}{x(x^2 + 1)^2} dx &= \int \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \right) dx \\ &= \int \frac{dx}{x} - \int \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} dx - \int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} + \int \frac{x dx}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \\ &= \ln |x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) - \tan^{-1}x - \frac{1}{2(x^2 + 1)} + K \end{aligned}$$

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