

8.5 Partial Fractions (part 2)

last time: linear factors, some may be repeated

$$\frac{1}{(x)(x-2)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-2} \quad \text{find } A, B$$

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

numerator must have lower degree than denominator

3rd degree

$$\frac{26x^3 - 52x^2 + 2}{x^2 - 2x}$$

must reduce before expansion

2nd degree

last time: rearrangement

this time: long division

$$\frac{26x^3 - 52x^2 + 2}{x^2 - 2x}$$

$x^2 - 2x$ goes $26x$ times
into $26x^3 - 52x^2 + 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} 26x \\ \underline{26x^3 - 52x^2 + 2} \\ -(26x^3 - 52x^2) \\ \hline 0 + \cancel{26x^2} + 2 \end{array}$$

↖ remainder

↖ 0th degree

$$= 26x + \frac{2}{x^2 - 2x}$$

↖ 2nd degree

$$= 26x + \frac{2}{x(x-2)}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-2}$$

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

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

$$\int 26x + \left(\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-2} \right) dx$$

new quadratic factors

reducible : for example, $x^2 - 2x = (x)(x-2)$ product of linear factors

irreducible : cannot be factored into linear factors
for example, $x^2 + 4$

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

linear

irreducible quadratic

linear (1st deg)

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

for irreducible quadratic

for the

linear factor x

2nd degree

1st degree

numerator is

constant (0th degree)

numerator is
one degree
lower than
denominator

example

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

degree check: numerator (2nd) < denom. (3rd)
OK

$$\text{expansion: } \frac{x^2 + x + 2}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$

find A, B, C

linear → irreducible
quadratic

multiply by $(x+1)(x^2+1)$

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

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

$$A+B = 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$B+C = 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$A+C = 2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

from ① $B = 1 - A$ sub into ②

$$\textcircled{2}: B + C = 1$$

$$1 - A + C = 1$$

$C = A$ sub into ③

$$\textcircled{3}: A + C = 2$$

$$A + A = 2 \rightarrow$$

$$A = 1$$

$$C = 1$$

$$B = 0$$

$$\int \frac{x^2 + x + 2}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} dx = \int \left(\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1} \right) dx$$

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

trig subs

$$= \ln|x+1| + \tan^{-1}(x) + D$$

repeated irreducible quadratic factors are handled just like

how we handle repeated linear factors

for example,
$$\frac{1}{(x)(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x)(x^2+1)(x^2+1)}$$

linear irreducible and repeated

$$\frac{1}{(x)(x^2+1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1} + \frac{Dx+E}{(x^2+1)^2} \quad \text{find } A, B, C, D, E$$

multiply by $(x)(x^2+1)(x^2+1)$

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

∴ multiply out, collect by power

$$1 = (A+B)x^4 + Cx^3 + (2A+B+D)x^2 + (C+E)x + A$$
$$0x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 1$$

$$= (A+B)x^4 + Cx^3 + (2A+B+D)x^2 + (C+E)x + A$$

right away we see $C=0$, $A=1$

$$\text{then } A+B=0 \rightarrow B=-A \rightarrow B=-1$$

$$\text{then } C+E=0 \rightarrow E=-C \rightarrow E=0$$

$$2A+B+D=0$$

$$2(1)+(-1)+D=0 \rightarrow D=-1$$

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

$$= \int \left(\frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1} + \frac{Dx+E}{(x^2+1)^2} \right) dx$$

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

easy \uparrow sub $u=x^2+1$ →

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

write the form of expansion

$$\frac{2x^3 + 5x - 10}{x^2(x^2+4)^3(x^2-9)^2} = \frac{2x^3 + 5x - 10}{(x)(x)(x^2+4)(x^2+4)(x^2+4)(x+3)(x+3)(x-3)(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{Cx+D}{x^2+4} + \frac{Ex+F}{(x^2+4)^2} + \frac{Gx+H}{(x^2+4)^3} + \frac{I}{x+3} + \frac{J}{(x+3)^2} + \frac{K}{x-3} + \frac{L}{(x-3)^2}$$