

Integration Techniques

(last tut) Integration by Substitution:

\longleftrightarrow Inverse of Chain Rule

Recall chain rule: $\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

By applying FTC, we get $\int f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) dx = f(g(x)) + C$

Steps

1. Look if the occurrence of a function AND its derivative can be found
e.g. $g(x)$ & $g'(x)$ in the above

2. Let $u = g(x)$ s.t. $\frac{du}{dx} = g'(x) \rightarrow du = g'(x) dx$

3. Replace everything until we only depend on u instead of x .

$$\underbrace{f'(g(x))}_{f'(u)} \underbrace{g'(x) dx}_{du} = \underbrace{f'(u) du}_{f'(u) \text{ should be easier to apply integration to}}$$

4. $\int f'(u) du = f(u) + C$

5. Soln is in terms of $u \rightarrow$ Make substitution $u = g(x)$
for original answer

$$\underline{\int f'(g(x)) g'(x) dx = f(g(x)) + C}$$

final ans

Integration by Parts

↔ Inverse of product rule

Recall product rule: $\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) \cdot g(x)) = f'(x)g(x) + g'(x)f(x)$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(f(x) \cdot g(x)) dx = f(x)g(x) + C \quad [\text{FTC}]$$

$$= \int f'(x)g(x) dx + \int g'(x)f(x) dx$$

$$\text{Hence, } \int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx$$

$$\text{Let } u = f(x) \rightarrow du = f'(x) dx$$

$$v = g(x) \rightarrow dv = g'(x) dx$$

$$(*) \quad \int u dv = uv - \int v du, \quad \int_a^b u dv = uv \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b v du$$

Steps

1. Choose dv & u .

tip: choose u to be whichever fcn easier to differentiate
choose dv // integrate

2. Compute v by integrating $\int dv = \int f(x) dx$

3. Compute du by differentiating u .

4. Substitute into (*) appropriately.

Partial Fractions

goal: Break rational functions (quotient of polynomials) into simpler pieces which can be integrated more easily

Decomposition

Let p & q be polynomial fcn's, $\deg(q(x)) > \deg(p(x))$

Suppose $q(x)$ can be factored into products of linear fcn's

s.t. $q(x) = (a_1x + b_1)(a_2x + b_2) \dots (a_nx + b_n)$

* Want $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = \frac{C_1}{a_1x + b_1} + \frac{C_2}{a_2x + b_2} + \dots + \frac{C_n}{a_nx + b_n}$ → for non-repeated lin. factors

where $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n \in \mathbb{R}$ (constants)

* If $q(x)$ has a repeated linear factor $(ax + b)^n$, $n > 1$
decompose the factor as follows

$$\frac{C_1}{ax + b} + \frac{C_2}{(ax + b)^2} + \dots + \frac{C_n}{(ax + b)^n}$$
→ for repeated lin. factors

* If $q(x)$ has an irreducible quadratic factor $ax^2 + bx + c$
decomposition must contain the term

$$\frac{Ax + B}{ax^2 + bx + c}$$
→ for quadratic factors

Note: the common denominator in all these decompositions is the initial polynomial we were trying to decompose

Partial Fractions (continued)

Steps

1. Decompose as above

2. Solve for all constants

$$\text{e.g. Supp. } \frac{P(x)}{q(x)} = \frac{A}{a_1x+b_1} + \frac{B}{a_2x+b_2}$$

$$(\text{i.e. } q(x) = (a_1x+b_1)(a_2x+b_2))$$

Want to find A & B s.t.

$$A(a_2x+b_2) + B(a_1x+b_1) = P(x)$$

3. Integrate resulting decomposition

Q1. Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-2)} dx$.

Q2. Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{1}{x^3 - x} dx$.

Improper Integrals

Definite integrals w/ bounds that are infinite or outside the domain of the integrand.

① Supp. f is cont. on $[a, \infty)$.

Then

$$\int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

② Supp. f is cont. on $(-\infty, b]$.

Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Improper integrals in ① & ② converge if the corresponding limits exist & diverge otherwise

③ Supp. f is cont. on $(-\infty, \infty)$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^c f(x) dx + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_c^b f(x) dx, c \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

Integral ③ converges if & only if both limits exist

Q3. Determine whether the following integral converges or diverges.

$$\int_e^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$$

Q4. Determine whether the following integral converges or diverges.

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

Q5. Determine whether the following integral converges or diverges.

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \, dx$$

Q6. Determine whether the following integral converges or diverges.

$$\int_0^2 \frac{1}{x^3} dx$$