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7.1 Partial Fraction Examples

Example 7.1 -

$$\int \frac{4x}{3x^2 - 5x + 1} dx$$

$$\frac{4x}{3x^2 - 5x + 1} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{C}{3x+1}$$

$$\implies 4x = A(x+1)(3x+1) + B(3x+1) + c(x-1)^2$$

- $x = 1 : 4(1) = B(3(1) + 1) \implies B = 1$
- $x = \frac{1}{3} : \frac{4}{3} = c(\frac{-4}{3})^2 \implies C = \frac{-3}{4}$
- $x = 0 : 0 = -A + B + C \implies A = \frac{1}{4}$

Example 7.2

$$\int \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x - 4}{x(x^2 + 2)^2} dx = \int \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 2} + \frac{Dx + E}{(x^2 + 2)^2} dx$$

Expand, Multiply, and then compare coefficients (Do as practice) $A = -1$ $B = -1$ $C = 1$, $D = 0$, $E = 6$

$$\int \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x - 4}{x(x^2 + 2)^2} dx = \int \frac{-1}{x} + \frac{x+1}{x^2+2} + \frac{6}{(x^2+2)^2} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{-1}{x} dx + \int \frac{x+1}{x^2+2} dx + \int \frac{6}{(x^2+2)^2} dx$$

$$\vdots$$

$$= -\ln |x| + \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 2| + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{4} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \frac{3x}{4(x^2 + 2)}$$

Example 7.3 Determine the form of the partial fraction decomposition of :

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

$$= \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+2} + \frac{C}{x-1} + \frac{D}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{Ex+F}{x^2-2x+4} + \frac{Gx+H}{x^2+1} + \frac{Jx+K}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

7.2 Improper Integral (Type 1)

Infinite Interval ($a = \infty$ and/or $b = \infty$)

Consider $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ This integral is improper since the upper limit is not finite. Think of the integral in terms of area.

Consider the area under $\frac{1}{x^2}$ on $[1, t]$ where t is finite.

We can then use FTC II: $\int_1^t \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{x} \Big|_1^t = 1 - \frac{1}{t}$

We can determine the area on $[1, \infty]$ by letting $t \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t}\right) = 1$$

End of Lecture Notes
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