

RecAct 7. Problem 8 Partial Fraction Decomposition.

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

PTD: $\frac{x}{(x^2+1)(x-5)} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{D}{x-5}$ with constants A, B, D . We're using C as the constant of integration.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } I &= \int \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{D}{x-5} dx = \int A\left(\frac{x}{x^2+1}\right) + B\left(\frac{1}{x^2+1}\right) + D\left(\frac{1}{x-5}\right) dx \\ &= A\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\ln|x^2+1| + B\arctan(x) + D\ln|x-5| + C \end{aligned}$$

⚡ We need to identify A, B, D .

$$\text{From PTD: } (x^2+1)(x-5) \left[\frac{x}{(x^2+1)(x-5)} \right] = \left[\frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{D}{x-5} \right] (x^2+1)(x-5)$$

$$x = (Ax+B)(x-5) + (D)(x^2+1) \quad \star$$

Method 1: Elimination.

$$\text{If } x=5: \quad \star: 5 = \cancel{(5A+B)(0)} + D(25+1) = 26D; \quad D = \frac{5}{26};$$

$$\text{If } x=0: \quad \star: 0 = (0+B)(-5) + \frac{5}{26}(0^2+1) = -5B + \frac{5}{26}; \quad 5B = \frac{5}{26}; \quad B = \frac{1}{26};$$

$$\text{If } x=1: \quad \star: 1 = (A + \frac{1}{26})(1-5) + \frac{5}{26}(1^2+1) = (-4)\left(A + \frac{1}{26}\right) + \frac{10}{26};$$

$$(-4)\left(A + \frac{1}{26}\right) = 1 - \frac{10}{26} = \frac{26}{26} - \frac{10}{26} = \frac{16}{26};$$

$$A + \frac{1}{26} = \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)\left(\frac{16}{26}\right) = -\frac{4}{26}; \quad A = -\frac{4}{26} - \frac{1}{26} = -\frac{5}{26};$$

Method 2: Coefficient Matching.

$$\star: x = (Ax+B)(x-5) + (D)(x^2+1) = Ax^2 - 5Ax + Bx - 5B + Dx^2 + D;$$

$$(0)x^2 + (1)x + (0) = (A+D)x^2 + (-5A+B)x + (-5B+D)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+D=0 & ① \\ -5A+B=1 & ② \\ -5B+D=0 & ③ \end{cases}; \quad \begin{matrix} 5①: 5A+5D=0 \\ ②: -5A+B=1 \\ \hline B+5D=1 & ④ \end{matrix}$$

$$④: B=1-5D; \quad ③: -5B+D = -5(1-5D)+D = -5+25D+D = -5+26D=0; \quad D = \frac{5}{26};$$

$$④: B=1-5\left(\frac{5}{26}\right) = 1 - \frac{25}{26} = \frac{1}{26}; \quad ①: A = -D = -\frac{5}{26};$$

$$\text{Therefore: } I = -\frac{5}{26}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\ln|x^2+1| + \frac{1}{26}\arctan(x) + \frac{5}{26}\ln|x-5| + C$$