

Evaluate $\int_0^1 \frac{x-2}{(x+1)(x+2)} dx$

* All the conditions for Fundamental theorem of calculus are met.

Since, $m < n$, the partial fractions should be obtained.

For $I(x) = \int \frac{x-2}{(x+1)(x+2)} dx$, the partial fractions are,

A.C.I

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

$$(=) \quad x-2 = A(x+2) + B(x+1)$$

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

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

comparing coefficients of left and right hand side.

$$A+B = 1 \dots \textcircled{I}$$

$$2A+B = -2 \dots \textcircled{II}$$

solving eqn \textcircled{I} and \textcircled{II} we get,

$$A = -3$$

$$B = 4$$

$$I(x) \stackrel{\text{A.C.1}}{=} \int \frac{-3}{x+1} + \frac{4}{x+2} dx$$

$$= -3 \ln|x+1| + 4 \ln|x+2| + C$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{x-2}{(x+1)(x+2)} dx &= [I(x)]_0^1 \\ &= [-3 \ln|x+1| + 4 \ln|x+2|]_0^1 \\ &= -3 \ln|1+1| + 4 \ln|1+2| \\ &\quad - (-3 \ln|1| + 4 \ln|2|) \\ &= -3 \ln(2) + 4 \ln(3) - 4 \ln(2) \\ &= 4 \ln(3) - 7 \ln(2) \end{aligned}$$