

Lecture: 10-14 Professor Shobanskaya Calculus 1760-00a

Section 7.3: Rational Functions & Partial Fractions

$\int \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} dx$ We have the following degree $(P(x)) <$
degree $(Q(x))$ in $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$

1.) $\frac{P(x)}{a(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_n)} = \frac{1}{a} \left[\frac{A_1}{x-x_1} + \frac{A_2}{x-x_2} + \frac{A_3}{x-x_3} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{x-x_n} \right]$

$A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ are constants (so are x_1, \dots, x_n)

2.) $\frac{P(x)}{a(x-b)^n} = \frac{1}{a} \left[\frac{B_1}{x-b} + \frac{B_2}{(x-b)^2} + \frac{B_3}{(x-b)^3} + \dots + \frac{B_n}{(x-b)^n} \right]$

$B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots, B_n$ are constants

3.) $\frac{P(x)}{(ax^2+bx+c)^n} = \frac{A_1x+B_1}{ax^2+bx+c} + \frac{A_2x+B_2}{(ax^2+bx+c)^2} + \frac{A_3x+B_3}{(ax^2+bx+c)^3} + \dots + \frac{A_nx+B_n}{(ax^2+bx+c)^n}$

irreducible polynomial, can not be factored more

if $D = b^2 - 4ac < 0$ ($D = \text{discriminant}$), the polynomial

ax^2+bx+c is irreducible

4.) $\frac{P(x)}{(a_1x^2+b_1x+c_1)(a_2x^2+b_2x+c_2)} = \frac{C_1x+B_1}{a_1x^2+b_1x+c_1} + \frac{C_2x+B_2}{a_2x^2+b_2x+c_2}$

both irreducible

Ex: P 351 use partial fraction decomposition to

evaluate the ^{integrals} ~~intervals~~

33 $\int \frac{x^2+1}{x^2+3x+2} dx = (\text{applied long division}) \int 1 dx + \int \frac{-3x-1}{x^2+3x+2} dx =$

$x + \int \frac{-3x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)} dx = x + \int \frac{A_1}{x+1} + \frac{A_2}{x+2} dx = x + \int \frac{2}{x+1} + \frac{-5}{x+2} dx =$

$\frac{-3x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{A_1}{x+1} + \frac{A_2}{x+2} = \frac{A_1(x+2) + A_2(x+1)}{(x+1)(x+2)}$ (compare what you have on the left & right)

$= A_1(x+2) + A_2(x+1) = -3x - 1$ (plug $x = -1$ in) then (plug $x = -2$)

a. $A_1(-1+2) = -3(-1) - 1 = A_1(1) = 2$

b. $A_2(-2+1) = -3(-2) - 1 = A_2(-1) = 5 = A_2 = -5$

$x + \int \frac{2}{x+1} + \int \frac{-5}{x+2} dx = 2 \int \frac{1}{x+1} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} du = 2 \ln|u| + C = 2 \ln|x+1| + C =$

Set $u = x+1$ $du = 1 dx = dx$

$= x + 2 \ln|x+1| - 5 \ln|x+2| + C$

Ex: # 20 $\int \frac{x^3-3x^2+x-6}{(x^2+2)(x^2+1)} dx = \int \frac{A_1x+B_1}{x^2+2} dx + \int \frac{A_2x+B_2}{x^2+1} dx$

1.) check if degree $(x^3-3x^2+x-6) <$ degree $(x^2+2)(x^2+1)$

2.) $(x^2+2)(x^2+1)$ (both are irreducible fractions)

$= \frac{A_1x+B_1}{x^2+2} + \frac{A_2x+B_2}{x^2+1} = \frac{(A_1x+B_1)(x^2+1) + (A_2x+B_2)(x^2+2)}{(x^2+1)(x^2+2)}$ (numerators are same)

$A_1x^3 + A_1x + B_1x^2 + B_1 + A_2x^3 + 2A_2x + B_2x^2 + 2B_2 = x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 6$

$(A_1+A_2)x^3 + (B_1+B_2)x^2 + (A_1+2A_2)x + (B_1+2B_2) = x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 6$

$A_1+A_2 = 1, B_1+B_2 = -3, A_1+2A_2 = 1, B_1+2B_2 = -6$

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