

Problem: Compute $\int \frac{1}{u^2(u^2 - 1)^2} du$

Solution: The denominator factors as $u^2(u + 1)^2(u - 1)^2$. The partial-fractions decomposition form is

$$\frac{1}{u^2(u^2 - 1)^2} = \frac{A}{u} + \frac{B}{u^2} + \frac{C}{u + 1} + \frac{D}{(u + 1)^2} + \frac{E}{u - 1} + \frac{F}{(u - 1)^2}.$$

Clearing denominators, we get

$$(A + C + E)u^5 + (B - C + D + E + F)u^4 + (-2A - C - 2D - E + 2F)u^3 + (-2B + C + D - E + F)u^2 + Au + B = 1.$$

From this, we immediately get $A = 0$ and $B = 1$. The remaining variables must satisfy the system

$$\begin{aligned} C + E &= 0, & 1 - C + D + E + F &= 0, \\ -C - 2D - E + 2F &= 0, & -2 + C + D - E + F &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is easily solved either by inspection or on a calculator. The solution is

$$C = \frac{3}{4}, \quad D = \frac{1}{4}, \quad E = -\frac{3}{4}, \quad F = \frac{1}{4}.$$

We can now complete the integral. We get $\int \frac{1}{u^2(u^2 - 1)^2} du =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{1}{u^2} + \frac{3}{4(u + 1)} + \frac{1}{4(u + 1)^2} - \frac{3}{4(u - 1)} + \frac{1}{4(u - 1)^2} du \\ &= -\frac{1}{u} + \frac{3}{4} \ln |u + 1| - \frac{1}{4(u + 1)} - \frac{3}{4} \ln |u - 1| - \frac{1}{4(u - 1)} + C \\ &= -\frac{1}{u} + \frac{3}{4} \ln \left| \frac{u + 1}{u - 1} \right| + \frac{u}{2(u^2 - 1)} + C. \end{aligned}$$

Problem: Compute $\int e^{2x} \sin 3x dx$.

Solution: We use integration by parts, taking

$$\begin{aligned}u &= e^{2x} & v &= -\frac{1}{3} \cos 3x \\du &= 2e^{2x} dx & dv &= \sin 3x dx\end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\int e^{2x} \sin 3x dx = -\frac{e^{2x} \cos 3x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \boxed{\int e^{2x} \cos 3x dx}.$$

We use integration by parts on the expression in the box, taking

$$\begin{aligned}u &= e^{2x} & v &= \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x \\du &= 2e^{2x} dx & dv &= \cos 3x dx\end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\int e^{2x} \cos 3x dx = \frac{e^{2x} \sin 3x}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \int e^{2x} \sin 3x dx.$$

Substituting this back into the box, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int e^{2x} \sin 3x dx &= -\frac{e^{2x} \cos 3x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{e^{2x} \sin 3x}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \int e^{2x} \sin 3x dx \right] \\&= -\frac{e^{2x} \cos 3x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{e^{2x} \sin 3x}{3} \right) - \frac{4}{9} \int e^{2x} \sin 3x dx.\end{aligned}$$

We now add $\frac{4}{9} \int e^{2x} \sin 3x dx$ to each side of the integral above to get

$$\frac{13}{9} \int e^{2x} \sin 3x dx = -\frac{e^{2x} \cos 3x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{e^{2x} \sin 3x}{3} \right).$$

Finally, we solve for the unknown, getting

$$\int e^{2x} \sin 3x dx = -\frac{3}{13}(e^{2x} \cos 3x) + \frac{2}{13}(e^{2x} \sin 3x) + C.$$

Problem: Compute $\int \frac{1}{1-x^4} dx$

Solution: We factor the denominator as

$$1 - x^4 = (1 - x)(1 + x)(1 + x^2).$$

The form of the partial-fractions decomposition for this function is

$$\frac{1}{1 - x^4} = \frac{A}{1 - x} + \frac{B}{1 + x} + \frac{Cx + D}{1 + x^2}.$$

Clearing denominators, we get

$$(A - B - C)x^3 + (A + B - D)x^2 + (A - B + C)x + A + B + D = 1.$$

The solution to the resulting system is

$$A = \frac{1}{4}, \quad B = \frac{1}{4}, \quad C = 0, \quad D = \frac{1}{2}.$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{1 - x^4} dx &= \int \frac{1}{4(1 - x)} + \frac{1}{4(1 + x)} + \frac{1}{2(1 + x^2)} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \ln |1 - x| + \frac{1}{4} \ln |1 + x| + \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x + C \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \ln \left| \frac{1 + x}{1 - x} \right| + \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x + C. \end{aligned}$$

Problem: Compute $\int \frac{4x + 3}{(x^2 - 2x + 5)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx$.

Solution: We complete the square in the denominator to get

$$x^2 - 2x + 5 = (x - 1)^2 + 4.$$

We then use the substitution $u = x - 1$, $du = dx$ to rewrite the integral. We will need to know that $x = u + 1$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{4x + 3}{(x^2 - 2x + 5)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx &= \int \frac{4(u + 1) + 3}{(u^2 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}}} du \\ &= \int \frac{4u + 7}{(u^2 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}}} du. \end{aligned}$$

We split this up into two integrals, getting

$$\int \frac{4u + 7}{(u^2 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}}} du = \int \frac{4u}{(u^2 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}}} du + \int \frac{7}{(u^2 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}}} du. \quad (1)$$

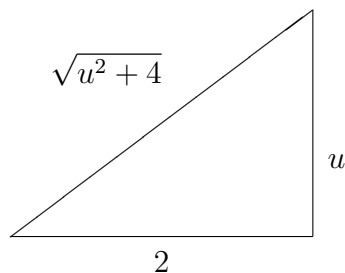
The first of these integrals will yield to the substitution $w = u^2 + 4$, $dw = 2u du$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{4u}{(u^2 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}}} du &= 2 \int \frac{dw}{w^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= -\frac{4}{\sqrt{w}} \\ &= -\frac{4}{\sqrt{u^2 + 4}}. \end{aligned}$$

The second integral in line (1) requires a trigonometric substitution. We let $u = 2 \tan \theta$, so that $du = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$. Making this substitution, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{7}{(u^2 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}}} du &= \int \frac{14 \sec^2 \theta}{(4 \sec^2 \theta)^{\frac{3}{2}}} d\theta \\ &= \frac{7}{4} \int \frac{1}{\sec \theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{7}{4} \int \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{7}{4} \sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Recalling that $\tan \theta = \frac{u}{2}$, we make a sketch:



From the picture, we find that $\sin \theta = \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + 4}}$. Thus the second integral in line (1) is

$$\int \frac{7}{(u^2 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}}} du = \frac{7}{4} \sin \theta = \frac{7u}{4\sqrt{u^2 + 4}}.$$

Putting the pieces together and undoing the u -substitution, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{4x + 3}{(x^2 - 2x + 5)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx &= -\frac{4}{\sqrt{u^2 + 4}} + \frac{7u}{4\sqrt{u^2 + 4}} + C \\ &= -\frac{16}{4\sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 5}} + \frac{7x - 7}{4\sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 5}} + C \\ &= \frac{7x - 23}{4\sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 5}} + C. \end{aligned}$$

Problem: Compute $\int \frac{3x^3 + x^2 + 28x + 11}{x^2 + 9} dx$.

Solution: Since the degree of the numerator is bigger than the degree of the denominator, we begin by dividing $x^2 + 9$ into $3x^3 + x^2 + 28x + 11$. We get

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 9 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} 3x^3 + x^2 + 28x + 11 \\ 3x^3 \\ \hline x^2 + x + 11 \\ x^2 \\ \hline x + 2 \end{array}} \end{array}$$

Thus

$$\int \frac{3x^3 + x^2 + 28x + 11}{x^2 + 9} dx = \int 3x + 1 + \frac{x + 2}{x^2 + 9} dx \quad (2)$$

$$= \int 3x + 1 dx + \int \frac{x}{x^2 + 9} dx + \int \frac{2}{x^2 + 9} dx \quad (3)$$

For the second integral in line (3), we use the substitution $u = x^2 + 9$, $du = 2x dx$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x}{x^2 + 9} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln |u| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 9). \end{aligned}$$

For the third integral in line (3), we use the trig substitution $x = 3 \tan \theta$, $dx = 3 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$. We get

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{2}{x^2 + 9} dx &= \int \frac{6 \sec^2 \theta}{9 \sec^2 \theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \int d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{3} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Integrating the first expression in line (3) and putting everything together, we get

$$\int \frac{3x^3 + x^2 + 28x + 11}{x^2 + 9} dx = \frac{3x^2}{2} + x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 9) + \frac{2}{3} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{3} \right).$$