

Chapter 4

INTEGRATION

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4.1 Indefinite integral

Definition (Antiderivative): A function G is called an antiderivative of the function f on the interval $[a, b]$ if $G'(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

Examples : What is the antiderivative of the following functions

1. $f(x) = 2x$.
2. $f(x) = \cos x$.
3. $f(x) = \sec^2 x$
4. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
5. $f(x) = e^x$

Solution :

1. $G(x) = x^2 + c$

$$G'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} G(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + c) = 2x + 0 = 2x$$

2. $G(x) = \sin x + c$

$$G'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} G(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x + c) = \cos x$$

3. $G(x) = \tan x + c$

$$G'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} G(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (\tan x + c) = \sec^2 x$$

4. $G(x) = \ln |x| + c$

$$G'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} G(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (\ln |x| + c) = \frac{1}{x}$$

5. $G(x) = e^x + c$

$$G'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} G(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (e^x + c) = e^x$$

Note: If $G_1(x)$ and $G_2(x)$ are both antiderivatives of the function $f(x)$ then $G_1(x) - G_2(x) = \text{constant}$.

Definition (indefinite integral): If $G(x)$ is the antiderivative of $f(x)$ then $\int f(x) dx = G(x) + c$, $\int f(x) dx$ is called the indefinite integral of the function $f(x)$.

Basic Rules of integration :

1. $\int 1 \, dx = x + c$
2. $\int x^n \, dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + c$, where $n \neq -1$
3. $\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + c$
4. $\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + c$
5. $\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + c$
6. $\int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + c$
7. $\int \sec x \, \tan x \, dx = \sec x + c$
8. $\int \csc x \, \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + c$
9. $\int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \ln |x| + c$
10. $\int e^x \, dx = e^x + c$
11. $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, dx = \sin^{-1} x + c$, where $|x| < 1$
12. $\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} \, dx = \tan^{-1} x + c$
13. $\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} \, dx = \sec^{-1} x + c$, where $|x| > 1$

Properties of indefinite integral :

1. $\int k f(x) \, dx = k \int f(x) \, dx$, where $k \in \mathbb{R}$
2. $\int (f(x) \pm g(x)) \, dx = \int f(x) \, dx \pm \int g(x) \, dx$

Examples : Evaluate the following integrals

$$1. \int \left(4x^2 - \frac{5}{x^3}\right) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution : } & \int \left(4x^2 - \frac{5}{x^3}\right) dx = \int 4x^2 dx - \int \frac{5}{x^3} dx \\ & = 4 \int x^2 dx - 5 \int x^{-3} dx = 4 \frac{x^3}{3} - 5 \frac{x^{-2}}{-2} + c = \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{5}{2x^2} + c \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \int \left(3x^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution : } & \int \left(3x^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) dx = 3 \int x^{\frac{1}{3}} dx + \int x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \\ & = 3 \left(\frac{x^{\frac{4}{3}}}{\frac{4}{3}}\right) + \left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}}\right) + c = \frac{9}{4}x^{\frac{4}{3}} + 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c \end{aligned}$$

$$3. \int (2 \cos x - 3 \sec^2 x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution : } & \int (2 \cos x - 3 \sec^2 x) dx = 2 \int \cos x dx - 3 \int \sec^2 x dx \\ & = 2 \sin x - 3 \tan x + c \end{aligned}$$

$$4. \int (7 \sec x \tan x + 5 \csc^2 x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution : } & \int (7 \sec x \tan x + 5 \csc^2 x) dx = 7 \int \sec x \tan x dx + 5 \int \csc^2 x dx \\ & = 7 \sec x + 5(-\cot x) + c = 7 \sec x - 5 \cot x + c \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \int \left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{3}{x^2}\right) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution : } & \int \left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{3}{x^2}\right) dx = 2 \int \frac{1}{x} dx - 3 \int x^{-2} dx \\ & = 2 \ln |x| - 3 \left(\frac{x^{-1}}{-1}\right) + c = 2 \ln |x| + \frac{3}{x} + c \end{aligned}$$

$$6. \int \left(9e^x - \frac{3}{1+x^2} \right) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution : } & \int \left(9e^x - \frac{3}{1+x^2} \right) dx = 9 \int e^x dx - 3 \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \\ & = 9e^x - 3 \tan^{-1} x + c \end{aligned}$$

$$7. \int \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{1-x^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \right) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution : } & \int \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{1-x^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \right) dx = 4 \int \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1-x^2}} dx + \int x^{-\frac{1}{3}} dx \\ & = 4 \sin^{-1} x + \left(\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\frac{2}{3}} \right) + c = 4 \sin^{-1} x + \frac{3}{2} x^{\frac{2}{3}} + c \end{aligned}$$

The definite integral :

If f is a continuous function on the interval $[a, b]$ and G is the antiderivative of f on $[a, b]$ then the definite integral of f on $[a, b]$ is

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = [G(x)]_a^b = G(b) - G(a)$$

Examples : Evaluate the following integrals :

$$1. \int_1^3 (3x^2 + 5) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution : } & \int_1^3 (3x^2 + 5) dx = [x^3 + 5x]_1^3 \\ & = (3^3 + 5 \times 3) - (1^3 + 5 \times 1) = (27 + 15) - (1 + 5) = 36 \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \int_0^1 (2x + e^x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution : } & \int_0^1 (2x + e^x) dx = [x^2 + e^x]_0^1 \\ & = (1^2 + e^1) - (0^2 + e^0) = 1 + e - 1 = e \end{aligned}$$

4.2 Integration by substitution

The main idea of integration by substitution is to use a suitable substitution to transform the given integral to an easier integral that can be solved by one of the basic rules of integration.

Example : Evaluate the integral $\int x(x^2 + 3)^6 dx$

Solution : Use the substitution $u = x^2 + 3$

Then $du = 2x dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} du = x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int x(x^2 + 3)^6 dx &= \int u^6 \frac{1}{2} du = \frac{1}{2} \int u^6 du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^7}{7} + c = \frac{(x^2 + 3)^7}{14} + c\end{aligned}$$

By the chain rule $\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]^{n+1} = (n+1) [f(x)]^n f'(x)$, where $n \neq -1$

Hence $\int [f(x)]^n f'(x) dx = \frac{[f(x)]^{n+1}}{n+1} + c$, where $n \neq -1$

So, the above integral can be solved as follows

$$\int x(x^2 + 3)^6 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int (x^2 + 3)^6 (2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x^2 + 3)^7}{7} + c$$

Basic rules of integrations and their general forms :

$$1. \int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + c, \text{ where } n \neq -1$$

$$\int [f(x)]^n f'(x) dx = \frac{[f(x)]^{n+1}}{n+1} + c, \text{ where } n \neq -1$$

$$2. \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + c$$

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln|f(x)| + c$$

$$3. \int e^x dx = e^x + c$$

$$\int e^{f(x)} f'(x) dx = e^{f(x)} + c$$

$$4. \int \cos x dx = \sin x + c$$

$$\int \cos(f(x)) f'(x) dx = \sin(f(x)) + c$$

5. $\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + c$

$$\int \sin(f(x)) f'(x) \, dx = -\cos(f(x)) + c$$

6. $\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + c$

$$\int \sec^2(f(x)) f'(x) \, dx = \tan(f(x)) + c$$

7. $\int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + c$

$$\int \csc^2(f(x)) f'(x) \, dx = -\cot(f(x)) + c$$

8. $\int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + c$

$$\int \sec(f(x)) \tan(f(x)) f'(x) \, dx = \sec(f(x)) + c$$

9. $\int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + c$

$$\int \csc(f(x)) \cot(f(x)) f'(x) \, dx = -\csc(f(x)) + c$$

10. $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \, dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c$, where $a > 0$ and $|x| < a$

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{a^2 - [f(x)]^2}} \, dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{f(x)}{a}\right) + c$$
, where $a > 0$ and $|f(x)| < a$

11. $\int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} \, dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c$, where $a > 0$

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{a^2 + [f(x)]^2} \, dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{f(x)}{a}\right) + c$$
, where $a > 0$

12. $\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} \, dx = \frac{1}{a} \sec^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c$, where $a > 0$ and $|x| > a$

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)\sqrt{[f(x)]^2 - a^2}} \, dx = \frac{1}{a} \sec^{-1}\left(\frac{f(x)}{a}\right) + c$$
, where $|f(x)| > a$

Examples : Evaluate the following integrals

$$1. \int (x^2 + 2x)(x^3 + 3x^2 + 5)^{10} dx$$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \int (x^2 + 2x)(x^3 + 3x^2 + 5)^{10} dx &= \frac{1}{3} \int (x^3 + 3x^2 + 5)^{10} [3(x^2 + 2x)] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int (x^3 + 3x^2 + 5)^{10} (3x^2 + 6x) dx = \frac{1}{3} \frac{(x^3 + 3x^2 + 5)^{11}}{11} + c \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \int \frac{x+1}{(x^2 + 2x + 6)^5} dx$$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x+1}{(x^2 + 2x + 6)^5} dx &= \int (x^2 + 2x + 6)^{-5}(x+1) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int (x^2 + 2x + 6)^{-5}(2x+2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x^2 + 2x + 6)^{-4}}{-4} + c \end{aligned}$$

$$3. \int \frac{x^3 + x}{\sqrt{x^4 + 2x^2 + 5}} dx$$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^3 + x}{\sqrt{x^4 + 2x^2 + 5}} dx &= \int (x^4 + 2x^2 + 5)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x^3 + x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int (x^4 + 2x^2 + 5)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(4x^3 + 4x) dx = \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x^4 + 2x^2 + 5)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} + c \end{aligned}$$

$$4. \int \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^3 + 3x + 8} dx$$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^3 + 3x + 8} dx &= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{3(x^2 + 1)}{x^3 + 3x + 8} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{3x^2 + 3}{x^3 + 3x + 8} dx = \frac{1}{3} \ln|x^3 + 3x + 8| + c \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \int \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x} dx$$

Solution :

$$\int \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x} dx = - \int \frac{-\sin x}{1 + \cos x} dx = - \ln|1 + \cos x| + c$$

6. $\int \frac{e^{5x}}{e^{5x} - 2} dx$

Solution :

$$\int \frac{e^{5x}}{e^{5x} - 2} dx = \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{5e^{5x}}{e^{5x} - 2} dx = \frac{1}{5} \ln |e^{5x} - 2| + c$$

7. $\int (3x^2 + 1) \sin(x^3 + x + 1) dx$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \int (3x^2 + 1) \sin(x^3 + x + 1) dx &= \int \sin(x^3 + x + 1) (3x^2 + 1) dx \\ &= -\cos(x^3 + x + 1) + c \end{aligned}$$

8. $\int \frac{\sec^2 \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sec^2 \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx &= \int \sec^2 \sqrt{x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx \\ &= 2 \int \sec^2 \sqrt{x} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx = 2 \tan \sqrt{x} + c \end{aligned}$$

9. $\int x \csc(x^2 + 2) \cot(x^2 + 2) dx$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \csc(x^2 + 2) \cot(x^2 + 2) dx &= \int \csc(x^2 + 2) \cot(x^2 + 2) x dx \\ \frac{1}{2} \int \csc(x^2 + 2) \cot(x^2 + 2) (2x) dx &= -\frac{1}{2} \csc(x^2 + 2) + c \end{aligned}$$

10. $\int e^{7 \sin x} \cos x dx$

Solution :

$$\int e^{7 \sin x} \cos x dx = \frac{1}{7} \int e^{7 \sin x} (7 \cos x) dx = \frac{1}{7} e^{7 \sin x} + c$$

11. $\int \frac{e^{\frac{3}{x}}}{x^2} dx$

Solution :

$$\int \frac{e^{\frac{3}{x}}}{x^2} dx = \int e^{\frac{3}{x}} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \int e^{\frac{3}{x}} \frac{-3}{x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{3} e^{\frac{3}{x}} + c$$

12. $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{9-x^4}} dx$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{9-x^4}} dx &= \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{3^2-(x^2)^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3^2-(x^2)^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x^2}{3} \right) + c \end{aligned}$$

13. $\int \frac{1}{x^2-6x+10} dx$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{x^2-6x+10} dx &= \int \frac{1}{(x^2-6x+9)+(10-9)} dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{(x-3)^2+1} dx = \tan^{-1}(x-3) + c \end{aligned}$$

14. $\int \frac{3}{x^2+2x+5} dx$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{3}{x^2+2x+5} dx &= \int \frac{3}{(x^2+2x+1)+(5-1)} dx \\ &= 3 \int \frac{1}{(x+1)^2+2^2} dx = 3 \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+1}{2} \right) + c \end{aligned}$$

15. $\int \frac{1}{x \ln|x|} dx$

Solution

$$\int \frac{1}{x \ln|x|} dx = \int \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\ln|x|} dx = \ln|\ln|x|| + c$$

16. $\int \frac{2x-1}{x^2+1} dx$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2x-1}{x^2+1} dx &= \int \frac{2x}{x^2+1} dx - \int \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx \\ &= \ln(x^2+1) - \tan^{-1} x + c \end{aligned}$$

4.3 Integration by parts

It is used to solve an integral of a product of two functions using the formula

$$\int u \, dv = u \, v - \int v \, du$$

Examples : Evaluate the following integrals

1. $\int xe^x \, dx$

Solution : Using integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x & dv &= e^x \, dx \\ du &= dx & v &= e^x \end{aligned}$$

$$\int xe^x \, dx = xe^x - \int e^x \, dx = xe^x - e^x + c$$

2. $\int x^2 \sin x \, dx$

Solution : Using integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2 & dv &= \sin x \, dx \\ du &= 2xdx & v &= -\cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^2 \sin x \, dx &= -x^2 \cos x - \int 2x(-\cos x) \, dx \\ &= -x^2 \cos x + 2 \int x \cos x \, dx \end{aligned}$$

Using integration by parts again

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x & dv &= \cos x \, dx \\ du &= dx & v &= \sin x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^2 \sin x \, dx &= -x^2 \cos x + 2 \left(x \sin x - \int \sin x \, dx \right) \\ &= -x^2 \cos x + 2(x \sin x - (-\cos x)) + c \\ &= -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + c \end{aligned}$$

3. $\int x \ln |x| \, dx$

Solution : Using integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln |x| & dv &= x \, dx \\ du &= \frac{1}{x} \, dx & v &= \frac{x^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int x \ln|x| \, dx &= \frac{x^2}{2} \ln|x| - \int \frac{1}{x} \frac{x^2}{2} \, dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \int x \, dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{2} + c = \frac{x^2}{2} \ln|x| - \frac{x^2}{4} + c\end{aligned}$$

4. $\int \ln|x| \, dx$

Solution : Using integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \ln|x| & dv &= dx \\ du &= \frac{1}{x} \, dx & v &= x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \ln|x| \, dx &= x \ln|x| - \int x \frac{1}{x} \, dx = x \ln|x| - \int 1 \, dx \\ &= x \ln|x| - x + c\end{aligned}$$

5. $\int \tan^{-1} x \, dx$

Solution : Using integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \tan^{-1} x & dv &= dx \\ du &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \, dx & v &= x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^{-1} x \, dx &= x \tan^{-1} x - \int x \frac{1}{1+x^2} \, dx \\ &= x \tan^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \, dx = x \tan^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2) + c\end{aligned}$$

6. $\int \sin^{-1} x \, dx$

Solution : Using integration by parts

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

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^{-1} x \, dx &= x \sin^{-1} x - \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, dx \\ &= x \sin^{-1} x + \frac{1}{2} \int (1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-2x) \, dx = x \sin^{-1} x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} + c \\ &= x \sin^{-1} x + \sqrt{1-x^2} + c\end{aligned}$$

$$7. \int e^x \sin x \, dx$$

Solution : Using integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin x & dv &= e^x \, dx \\ du &= \cos x \, dx & v &= e^x \end{aligned}$$

$$\int e^x \sin x \, dx = e^x \sin x - \int e^x \cos x \, dx$$

Using integration by parts again

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

$$\int e^x \sin x \, dx = e^x \sin x - \left(e^x \cos x - \int e^x (-\sin x) \, dx \right)$$

$$\int e^x \sin x \, dx = e^x \sin x - \left(e^x \cos x + \int e^x \sin x \, dx \right)$$

$$\int e^x \sin x \, dx = e^x \sin x - e^x \cos x - \int e^x \sin x \, dx$$

$$2 \int e^x \sin x \, dx = e^x \sin x - e^x \cos x + c$$

$$\int e^x \sin x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} (e^x \sin x - e^x \cos x + c)$$

4.4 Integral of rational functions (The method of partial fractions)

Method of partial fractions is used to solve integrals of the form $\int \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} dx$ where $P(x)$, $Q(x)$ are polynomials and degree $P(x) < \text{degree } Q(x)$. If degree $P(x) \geq \text{degree } Q(x)$ use long division of polynomials .

Definition (linear factor) :

A linear factor is a polynomial of degree 1.
It has the form $ax + b$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \neq 0$.

Examples :

x , $3x$, $2x - 7$ are examples of linear factors .

Definition (irreducible quadratic) :

An irreducible quadratic is a polynomial of degree 2.
It has the form $ax^2 + bx + c$ where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, $a \neq 0$ and $b^2 - 4ac < 0$.

Examples :

1. $x^2 + 9$ and $x^2 + x + 1$ are examples of irreducible quadratics.
2. $x^2 = x$ and $x^2 - 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)$ are reducible quadratics .

How to write $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ as partial fractions decomposition ?

Write $Q(x)$ as a product of linear factors and irreducible quadratics (if possible).

If $Q(x) = (a_1x + a_2)^m (b_1x^2 + b_2x + b_3)^n$ where $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ then

$$\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{A_1}{a_1x + a_2} + \frac{A_2}{(a_1x + a_2)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_m}{(a_1x + a_2)^m} + \frac{B_1x + C_1}{b_1x^2 + b_2x + b_3} + \frac{B_2x + C_2}{(b_1x^2 + b_2x + b_3)^2} + \dots + \frac{B_nx + C_n}{(b_1x^2 + b_2x + b_3)^n}$$

Where $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

Examples : Write the partial fractions decomposition of the following

1. $\frac{2x + 6}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$

Solution :

$$\frac{2x + 6}{x^2 - 2x - 3} = \frac{2x + 6}{(x - 3)(x + 1)} = \frac{A_1}{x - 3} + \frac{A_2}{x + 1}$$

$$2. \frac{x+5}{x^2+4x+4}$$

Solution :

$$\frac{x+5}{x^2+4x+4} = \frac{x+5}{(x+2)^2} = \frac{A_1}{x+2} + \frac{A_2}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$3. \frac{x^2+1}{x^4+4x^2}$$

Solution :

$$\frac{x^2+1}{x^4+4x^2} = \frac{x^2+1}{x^2(x^2+4)} = \frac{A_1}{x} + \frac{A_2}{x^2} + \frac{B_1x+C_1}{x^2+4}$$

$$4. \frac{2x+7}{(x+1)(x^2+9)^2}$$

Solution :

$$\frac{2x+7}{(x+1)(x^2+9)^2} = \frac{A_1}{x+1} + \frac{B_1x+C_1}{x^2+9} + \frac{B_2x+C_2}{(x^2+9)^2}$$

$$5. \frac{x}{(x-1)(x^2-1)}$$

Solution :

$$\frac{x}{(x-1)(x^2-1)} = \frac{x}{(x+1)(x-1)^2} = \frac{A_1}{x+1} + \frac{A_2}{x-1} + \frac{A_3}{(x-1)^2}$$

$$6. \frac{x^3+x}{x^2-1}$$

Solution : Using long division of polynomials

$$\frac{x^3+x}{x^2-1} = \frac{(x^3-x)+2x}{x^2-1} = \frac{x(x^2-1)+2x}{x^2-1} = x + \frac{2x}{x^2-1}$$

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

Examples : Evaluate the following integrals

$$1. \int \frac{x+3}{(x-3)(x-2)} dx$$

Solution : Using the method of partial fractions

$$\frac{x+3}{(x-3)(x-2)} = \frac{A_1}{x-3} + \frac{A_2}{x-2}$$

$$\frac{x+3}{(x-3)(x-2)} = \frac{A_1(x-2)}{(x-3)(x-2)} + \frac{A_2(x-3)}{(x-2)(x-3)}$$

$$\frac{x+3}{(x-3)(x-2)} = \frac{A_1(x-2) + A_2(x-3)}{(x-3)(x-2)}$$

$$x+3 = A_1(x-2) + A_2(x-3) = A_1x - 2A_1 + A_2x - 3A_2$$

$$x+3 = (A_1 + A_2)x + (-2A_1 - 3A_2)$$

By comparing the coefficients of the polynomials

$$\begin{cases} A_1 + A_2 = 1 & \rightarrow (1) \\ -2A_1 - 3A_2 = 3 & \rightarrow (2) \end{cases}$$

Multiplying equation (1) by 2 and adding it to equation (2) :

$$-A_2 = 5 \implies A_2 = -5$$

From Equation (1) : $A_1 - 5 = 1 \implies A_1 = 1 + 5 = 6$

$$\frac{x+3}{(x-3)(x-2)} = \frac{6}{x-3} + \frac{-5}{x-2}$$

$$\int \frac{x+3}{(x-3)(x-2)} dx = \int \left(\frac{6}{x-3} - \frac{5}{x-2} \right) dx$$

$$= 6 \int \frac{1}{x-3} dx - 5 \int \frac{1}{x-2} dx = 6 \ln|x-3| - 5 \ln|x-2| + c$$

$$2. \int \frac{x+1}{x^2-1} dx$$

Solution :

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

$$= \int \frac{1}{x-1} dx = \ln|x-1| + c$$

$$3. \int \frac{x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} dx$$

Solution : Using the method of partial fractions

$$\frac{x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} = \frac{A_1}{x+1} + \frac{A_2}{x+2} + \frac{A_3}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$\frac{x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} = \frac{A_1(x+2)^2}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} + \frac{A_2(x+1)(x+2)}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} + \frac{A_3(x+1)}{(x+1)(x+2)^2}$$

$$x-1 = A_1(x+2)^2 + A_2(x+1)(x+2) + A_3(x+1)$$

$$x-1 = A_1(x^2 + 4x + 4) + A_2(x^2 + 3x + 2) + A_3(x+1)$$

$$x-1 = A_1x^2 + 4A_1x + 4A_1 + A_2x^2 + 3A_2x + 2A_2 + A_3x + A_3$$

$$x-1 = (A_1 + A_2)x^2 + (4A_1 + 3A_2 + A_3)x + (4A_1 + 2A_2 + A_3)$$

By comparing the coefficients of the polynomials

$$\begin{cases} A_1 + A_2 = 0 & \rightarrow (1) \\ 4A_1 + 3A_2 + A_3 = 1 & \rightarrow (2) \\ 4A_1 + 2A_2 + A_3 = -1 & \rightarrow (3) \end{cases}$$

Subtracting equation (3) from equation (2) : $A_2 = 2$

From equation (1) : $A_1 + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow A_1 = -2$

From equation (2) :

$$(4 \times -2) + (3 \times 2) + A_3 = 1 \Rightarrow -8 + 6 + A_3 = 1 \Rightarrow A_3 = 3$$

$$\frac{x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} = \frac{-2}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{3}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)^2} dx &= \int \left(\frac{-2}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{3}{(x+2)^2} \right) dx \\ &= -2 \int \frac{1}{x+1} dx + 2 \int \frac{1}{x+2} dx + 3 \int (x+2)^{-2} dx \\ &= -2 \ln|x+1| + 2 \ln|x+2| + 3 \frac{(x+2)^{-1}}{-1} + c \\ &= -2 \ln|x+1| + 2 \ln|x+2| - \frac{3}{x+2} + c \end{aligned}$$

$$4. \int \frac{2x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^3 + x} dx$$

Solution : Using the method of partial functions

$$\frac{2x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^3 + x} = \frac{2x^2 + 3x + 2}{x(x^2 + 1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$\frac{2x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^3 + x} = \frac{A(x^2 + 1)}{x(x^2 + 1)} + \frac{x(Bx + C)}{x(x^2 + 1)}$$

$$2x^2 + 3x + 2 = A(x^2 + 1) + x(Bx + C) = Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 + Cx$$

$$2x^2 + 3x + 2 = (A + B)x^2 + Cx + A$$

By comparing the coefficients of the polynomials

$$\begin{cases} A + B = 2 & \rightarrow (1) \\ C = 3 & \rightarrow (2) \\ A = 2 & \rightarrow (3) \end{cases}$$

From equation (1) : $2 + B = 2 \Rightarrow B = 0$

$$\frac{2x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^3 + x} = \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{2x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^3 + x} dx &= \int \left(\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2 + 1} \right) dx \\&= 2 \int \frac{1}{x} dx + 3 \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx \\&= 2 \ln|x| + 3 \tan^{-1} x + c\end{aligned}$$