

Lecture 38 – November 30, 2018

Announcements

- ▶ Office hours Mon. & Wed. 12:30pm-2pm in Math Tower (MW) room 650
- ▶ Final Exam 8pm-9:45pm on Monday 12/10/2018 in Hitchcock Hall (HI) room 031
- ▶ Email me if you have a conflict
- ▶ Written Homework 7 posted
- ▶ Final studyguide posted

Today

- ▶ Partial fractions

Partial fractions is a format for expressing a rational function $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ that helps with integration.

Partial fractions

1. If the degree of the numerator is greater than or equal to the degree of the denominator perform **long division** in order to express your rational function

$$\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = s(x) + \frac{r(x)}{q(x)}$$

where $s(x)$ and $r(x)$ are polynomials with degree of $r(x)$ strictly less than that of $q(x)$.

2. Factor the denominator into **linear** factors (factors of the form $x - a$) and **irreducible quadratic** factors (factors of the form $x^2 + bx + c$ with $b^2 - 4c < 0$)

$$q(x) = (x - a_1)^{m_1} (x - a_2)^{m_2} \cdots (x - a_k)^{m_k} (x^2 + b_1x + c_1)^{n_1} \cdot (x^2 + b_2x + c_2)^{n_2} \cdots (x^2 + b_\ell x + c_\ell)^{n_\ell}$$

Partial fractions (*continued*)

3. Express $\frac{r(x)}{q(x)}$ as a sum of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{r(x)}{q(x)} &= \frac{A_{1,1}}{x-a_1} + \frac{A_{1,2}}{(x-a_1)^2} + \cdots + \frac{A_{1,m_1}}{(x-a_1)^{m_1}} \\ &\quad + \frac{A_{2,1}}{x-a_2} + \frac{A_{2,2}}{(x-a_2)^2} + \cdots + \frac{A_{2,m_2}}{(x-a_2)^{m_2}} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + \frac{A_{k,1}}{x-a_k} + \frac{A_{k,2}}{(x-a_k)^2} + \cdots + \frac{A_{k,m_k}}{(x-a_k)^{m_k}} \\ &\quad + \frac{B_{1,1}x+C_{1,1}}{x^2+b_1x+c_1} + \frac{B_{1,2}x+C_{1,2}}{(x^2+b_1x+c_1)^2} + \cdots + \frac{B_{1,n_1}x+C_{1,n_1}}{(x^2+b_1x+c_1)^{n_1}} \\ &\quad + \frac{B_{2,1}x+C_{2,1}}{x^2+b_2x+c_2} + \frac{B_{2,2}x+C_{2,2}}{(x^2+b_2x+c_2)^2} + \cdots + \frac{B_{2,n_2}x+C_{2,n_2}}{(x^2+b_2x+c_2)^{n_2}} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + \frac{B_{\ell,1}x+C_{\ell,1}}{x^2+b_{\ell}x+c_{\ell}} + \frac{B_{\ell,2}x+C_{\ell,2}}{(x^2+b_{\ell}x+c_{\ell})^2} + \cdots + \frac{B_{\ell,n_{\ell}}x+C_{\ell,n_{\ell}}}{(x^2+b_{\ell}x+c_{\ell})^{n_{\ell}}}\end{aligned}$$

4. Solve for unknowns $A_{1,1}, \dots, C_{\ell,n_{\ell}}$.

Example

Express the rational function $\frac{x^3+6x^2-9x-86}{x^2+2x-15}$ using partial fractions.

► polynomial division gives

$$\frac{x^3+6x^2-9x-86}{x^2+2x-15} = x + 4 + \frac{-2x-26}{x^2+2x-15}$$

► Denominator factors as $x^2 + 2x - 15 = (x + 5)(x - 3)$

►

$$\frac{-2x-26}{x^2+2x-15} = \frac{A}{x+5} + \frac{B}{x-3}$$

$$-2x - 26 = A(x - 3) + B(x + 5)$$

$$-2x - 26 = Ax - 3A + Bx + 5B$$

► Coefficient of x gives equation: $-2 = A + B$

Constant terms give equation: $-26 = -3A + 5B$

► Solving for A and B we get $A = 2$ and $B = -4$

► Thus $\frac{-2x-26}{x^2+2x-15} = \frac{2}{x+5} + \frac{-4}{x-3}$

► Thus $\frac{x^3+6x^2-9x-86}{x^2+2x-15} = x + 4 + \frac{2}{x+5} + \frac{-4}{x-3}$

Example

Now integrate $\int \frac{x^3+6x^2-9x-86}{x^2+2x-15} dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x^3+6x^2-9x-86}{x^2+2x-15} dx &= \int x + 4 + \frac{2}{x+5} + \frac{-4}{x-3} dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} + 4x + 2 \ln |x + 5| - 4 \ln |x - 3| + C\end{aligned}$$

Example

Express the rational function $\frac{x^2-2x-3}{(x-2)^3}$ using partial fractions.



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x^2-2x-3}{(x-2)^3} &= \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{(x-2)^2} + \frac{C}{(x-2)^3} \\ x^2 - 2x - 3 &= A(x-2)^2 + B(x-2) + C \\ x^2 - 2x - 3 &= Ax^2 - 4Ax + 4A + Bx - 2B + C\end{aligned}$$

- Coefficient of x^2 gives equation: $1 = A$
Coefficient of x gives equation: $-2 = -4A + B$
Constant terms give equation: $-3 = 4A - 2B + C$
- Solving for A and B we get $A = 1$, $B = 2$ and $C = -3$
- Thus $\frac{x^2-2x-3}{(x-2)^3} = \frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{2}{(x-2)^2} + \frac{-3}{(x-2)^3}$

Example

Now integrate $\int \frac{x^2-2x-3}{(x-2)^3} dx$

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

Example

What format should the partial fractions expression for

$$\frac{5x^2-7x-10}{x(x-3)^2(x^2+4)(x^2+6x+18)^3}$$

take? Don't solve for the coefficients.

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{5x^2-7x-10}{(x+1)(x-3)^2(x^2+4)(x^2+6x+18)^2} \\ &= \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-3} + \frac{C}{(x-3)^2} + \frac{Dx+E}{x^2+4} + \frac{Fx+G}{x^2+6x+18} + \frac{Hx+J}{(x^2+6x+18)^2} + \frac{Kx+L}{(x^2+6x+18)^3}\end{aligned}$$

Example

These are the 4 types of integrals which might arise when integrating a function written in partial fractions format:

1. $\int \frac{2}{x-4} dx$

$$\int \frac{2}{x-4} dx = 2 \ln |x - 4| + C$$

2. $\int \frac{2}{(x-4)^4} dx$

$$\int \frac{2}{(x-4)^4} dx = \frac{2}{-3}(x-4)^{-3} + C$$

Example (continued)

3. $\int \frac{x+5}{x^2+6x+18} dx$

$$\int \frac{x+5}{x^2+6x+18} dx = \int \frac{x+3}{x^2+6x+18} dx + \int \frac{-3+5}{x^2+6x+18} dx$$

$$u = x^2 + 6x + 18, \quad du = 2x + 6 dx$$

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

$$w = x + 3, \quad dw = dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |u| + \int \frac{2}{w^2+9} dw$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 6x + 18| + \frac{2}{9} \int \frac{1}{\left(\frac{w}{3}\right)^2+1} dw$$

$$y = \frac{w}{3}, \quad dy = \frac{1}{3} dw$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 6x + 18| + \frac{2}{9} \int \frac{1}{y^2+1} \cdot 3 dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 6x + 18| + \frac{2 \cdot 3}{9} \arctan y + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 6x + 18| + \frac{2}{3} \arctan \frac{w}{3} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 6x + 18| + \frac{2}{3} \arctan \frac{x+3}{3} + C$$

Example (continued)

4. $\int \frac{x+5}{(x^2+6x+18)^3} dx$

$$\int \frac{x+5}{(x^2+6x+18)^3} dx = \int \frac{x+3}{(x^2+6x+18)^3} dx + \int \frac{-3+5}{(x^2+6x+18)^3} dx$$

$$u = x^2 + 6x + 18, \quad du = 2x + 6 dx$$

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

$$x + 3 = 3 \tan \theta, \quad dx = 3 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{u^{-2}}{2(-2)} + \int \frac{2 \cdot 3 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{((3 \tan \theta)^2 + 9)^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-4(x^2+6x+18)^2} + \frac{2 \cdot 3}{9^3} \int \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{(\tan^2 \theta + 1)^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-4(x^2+6x+18)^2} + \frac{2}{3^5} \int \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{(\sec^2 \theta)^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-4(x^2+6x+18)^2} + \frac{2}{3^5} \int \cos^4 \theta d\theta$$

cosine reduction

$$= \frac{1}{-4(x^2+6x+18)^2} + \frac{2}{3^5} \left(\frac{\cos^3 \theta \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \int \cos^2 \theta d\theta \right)$$

cosine reduction

$$= \frac{1}{-4(x^2+6x+18)^2} + \frac{2}{3^5} \left(\frac{\cos^3 \theta \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int d\theta \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{-4(x^2+6x+18)^2} + \frac{2}{3^5} \left(\frac{\cos^3 \theta \sin \theta}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right) + C$$

$$x + 3 = 3 \tan \theta \text{ so } \frac{x+3}{3} = \tan \theta \text{ so } \sin \theta = \frac{x+3}{\sqrt{(x+3)^2+9}} \text{ and } \cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{(x+3)^2+9}}$$

$$\text{and } \theta = \arctan \frac{x+3}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-4(x^2+6x+18)^2} + \frac{2}{3^5 \cdot 4} \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{(x+3)^2+9}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{x+3}{\sqrt{(x+3)^2+9}} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{2 \cdot 3}{3^5 \cdot 4 \cdot 2} \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{(x+3)^2+9}} \right) \left(\frac{x+3}{\sqrt{(x+3)^2+9}} \right) + \frac{2 \cdot 3}{3^5 \cdot 4 \cdot 2} \left(\arctan \frac{x+3}{3} \right) + C$$