

## Integrals-tasks (IV part)- Integration of rational functions

Rational function is  $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ . It may be **right and improper**.

**Right rational function** is one in which the maximum degree of polynomial P (x) is less than the maximum level polynomial Q (x). (For example:  $\frac{x}{x^2-3}$ ,  $\frac{x^2-3x+12}{x^3+5x^2-2x+1}$ ,  $\frac{4}{x^5+5x^2-22x+31}$  ...etc.)

**Improper rational function** is the one at which the maximum degree of P (x) is greater or equal to the maximum

degree of Q (x)(For example:  $\frac{x^2+2x-7}{x^2-13}$ ,  $\frac{x^2-3x+12}{2x+1}$ ,  $\frac{x^4+75x^2-14}{x+3}$  ...etc. )

In the case that is given an improper rational function , we divide the two polynomials, get the solution plus right rational function.

Integration of rational functions we make by:

### **Denominator reduced to factors by using:**

- derive a common front brackets
- difference of squares:  $a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a+b)$
- $ax^2 + bx + c = a(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$  If we are given quadratic equation
- $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$  or  $a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
- We use Bézout theorem...

**Further given right rational function decomposes as follows: (examples)**

$\frac{P(x)}{(x-1)(x+5)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+5}$  if in denominator they are all linear with no degree,  
every one goes with the letter: A, B, C ...

$\frac{P(x)}{(x-1)^3(x+7)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{C}{(x-1)^3} + \frac{D}{(x+7)}$  if in denominator we have the linear members, but with degree,  
divide until they reach the highest level.

$\frac{P(x)}{(x-2)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$  if in denominator is irresolvable polynomial , for it must take  $Bx+C$

Here's an example in which all three things occur:

$$\frac{P(x)}{(x-7) \cdot (x^2+5)^2 \cdot x^3} = \frac{A}{x-7} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+5} + \frac{Dx+E}{(x^2+5)^2} + \frac{F}{x} + \frac{G}{x^2} + \frac{H}{x^3}$$

### **EXSAMPLES**

1.  $\int \frac{x-3}{x^3-x} dx = ?$

First to denominator reduced to factors!

$$x^3 - x = x(x^2 - 1) = x(x-1)(x+1)$$

Then, we have:  $\int \frac{x-3}{x(x-1)(x+1)} dx = ?$

Draw a rational function:

$$\frac{x-3}{x(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x+1} \quad \text{all multiply by } x(x-1)(x+1)$$

$$x-3 = A(x-1)(x+1) + Bx(x+1) + Cx(x-1)$$

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

$$x-3 = Ax^2 - A + Bx^2 + Bx + Cx^2 - Cx$$

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

compared members with  $x^2$ , then with  $x$  and free members

$$A+B+C=0$$

$$B-C=1$$

$$-A=-3$$

Solve this system of equations:

$$A+B+C=0$$

$$B-C=1$$

$$-A=-3$$

$$\boxed{A=3} \rightarrow A+B+C=0 \rightarrow 3+B+C=0 \rightarrow B+C=-3$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} B-C=1 \\ B+C=-3 \end{array}} \rightarrow 2B=-2 \rightarrow \boxed{B=-1} \rightarrow \boxed{C=-2}$$

Back with solutions:

$$\frac{x-3}{x(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x+1}$$

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

Now go back to solve the given integral, as we have it apart in three small integrals, which are mostly tablet...

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

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

Maybe your teacher will require that the "pack" solution using the rules of logarithms. To remind:

1.  $\ln 1 = 0$
2.  $\ln e = 1$
3.  $\ln(x \cdot y) = \ln x + \ln y$
4.  $\ln \frac{x}{y} = \ln x - \ln y$
5.  $\ln x^n = n \ln x$
6.  $e^{\ln x} = x$

Our solution will be:

$$3 \ln|x| - \ln|x-1| - 2 \ln|x+1| + C = \ln|x|^3 - (\ln|x-1| + \ln|x+1|^2) + C = \ln|x|^3 - \ln|x-1| \cdot |x+1|^2 + C =$$

$$= \boxed{\ln \left| \frac{x^3}{(x-1)(x+1)^2} \right| + C}$$

2.  $\int \frac{x+2}{x^3-2x^2} dx = ?$

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

$$\frac{x+2}{x^2(x-2)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x-2} \quad \text{all multiply by } x^2(x-2)$$

$$x+2 = Ax(x-2) + B(x-2) + Cx^2$$

$$x+2 = Ax^2 - 2Ax + Bx - 2B + Cx^2$$

$$1 \cdot x+2 = x^2(A+C) + x(-2A+B) - 2B \quad \text{compare}$$

$$A+C=0$$

$$-2A+B=1$$

$$\underline{-2B=2}$$

the third equation immediately gives the value for  $B$

$$\boxed{B=-1} \rightarrow -2A+B=1 \rightarrow -2A-1=1 \rightarrow \boxed{A=-1} \rightarrow \boxed{C=1}$$

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

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

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

solution is :

$$\ln|x-2| - \ln|x| + \frac{1}{x} + C = \boxed{\ln\left|\frac{x-2}{x}\right| + \frac{1}{x} + C}$$

3.  $\int \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 16}{x^2 - 4x + 3} dx = ?$

This is an improper rational function (degree of numerator is greater than the degree of the denominator), so we split these two polynomials.

$$\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 16}{x^2 - 4x + 3} =$$

$$(x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 16) : (x^2 - 4x + 3) = x + 5$$

$$\cancel{x^3} \mp 4x^2 \pm 3x$$

$$\cancel{+5x^2} - 19x + 16$$

$$\cancel{+5x^2} \mp 20x \pm 15$$

$$\boxed{x+1} \rightarrow rest$$

$$\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 16}{x^2 - 4x + 3} = x + 5 + \frac{x+1}{x^2 - 4x + 3}$$

We got a right rational function that continues to divide:

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

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0 \rightarrow x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \rightarrow x_{1,2} = \frac{4 \pm 2}{2} \rightarrow x_1 = 3, x_2 = 1$$

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

$$\frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x-3)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-3}$$

$$x+1 = A(x-3) + B(x-1)$$

$$x+1 = Ax - 3A + Bx - B$$

$$x+1 = x(A+B) - 3A - B$$

$$A+B = 1$$

$$\underline{-3A-B=1}$$

$$-2A = 2 \rightarrow \boxed{A = -1} \rightarrow \boxed{B = 2}$$

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

Now solve the whole integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 16}{x^2 - 4x + 3} &= x + 5 + \frac{x+1}{x^2 - 4x + 3} = x + 5 + \frac{-1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x-3} \\ \int \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 16}{x^2 - 4x + 3} dx &= \int (x + 5 + \frac{-1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x-3}) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} + 5x - \ln|x-1| + 2\ln|x-3| + C \\ &= \boxed{\frac{x^2}{2} + 5x + \ln \frac{(x-3)^2}{|x-1|} + C} \end{aligned}$$

$$[4] \quad \int \frac{xdx}{x^3 - 3x + 2} = ?$$

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

First, to function in the denominator reduced to its factors

$$x^3 - 3x + 2 = 0 \quad \text{idea is: } -3x = -x - 2x$$

$$x^3 - x - 2x + 2 = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 1) - 2(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x[\boxed{(x-1)}](x+1) - 2[\boxed{(x-1)}] = 0$$

$$(x-1)[x(x+1) - 2] = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x^2 + x - 2) = 0 \rightarrow x-1 = 0 \vee x^2 + x - 2 = 0 \rightarrow x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = -2$$

$$x^3 - 3x + 2 = (x-1)(x-1)(x+2) = (x-1)^2(x+2)$$

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

$$\frac{x}{(x-1)^2(x+2)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{C}{x+2} \dots / \bullet (x-1)^2(x+2)$$

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

$$x = A(x^2 + x - 2) + Bx + 2B + C(x^2 - 2x + 1)$$

$$x = Ax^2 + Ax - 2A + Bx + 2B + Cx^2 - 2Cx + C$$

$$\underline{1 \cdot x = x^2(A+C) + x(A+B-2C) - 2A + 2B + C} \quad \text{now compare}$$

$$A + C = 0$$

$$A + B - 2C = 1$$

$$\underline{-2A + 2B + C = 0}$$

$$C = -A$$

$$A + B + 2A = 1$$

$$\underline{-2A + 2B - A = 0}$$

$$3A + B = 1$$

$$\underline{-3A + 2B = 0}$$

$$3B = 1 \rightarrow \boxed{B = \frac{1}{3}} \rightarrow 3A = \frac{2}{3} \rightarrow \boxed{A = \frac{2}{9}} \rightarrow \boxed{C = -\frac{2}{9}}$$

$$\frac{x}{(x-1)^2(x+2)} = \frac{\frac{2}{9}}{x-1} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{-\frac{2}{9}}{x+2}$$

to solve the integral:

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

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{2}{9} \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{2}{9} \ln|x+2| + C}$$

$$[5.] \quad \int \frac{xdx}{x^3 - x^2 + x - 1} = ?$$

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

$$x^3 - x^2 + x - 1 = x^2(x-1) + 1(x-1) = (x-1)(x^2 + 1)$$

$$\frac{x}{(x-1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1} \rightarrow x^2+1 \text{ is indecomposable in } R$$

$$\frac{x}{(x-1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1} \dots / \bullet (x-1)(x^2+1)$$

$$x = A(x^2 + 1) + (Bx + C)(x-1)$$

$$x = Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 - Bx + Cx - C$$

$$x = x^2(A+B) + x(-B+C) + A-C$$

$$A+B=0$$

$$-B+C=1$$

$$A-C=0 \rightarrow A=C$$

$$A+B=0$$

$$A-B=1$$

$$2A=1 \rightarrow \boxed{A=\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \boxed{C=\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \boxed{B=-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

go back to solve integral:

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

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \left( \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2-1| + \arctan x \right) + C}$$

$$[6] \quad \int \frac{4}{x^4 + 1} dx = ?$$

This is a serious task!

$$\frac{4}{x^4 + 1} =$$

Here's the problem: How to decompose denominator to the factors?

The trick is to add and subtract  $2x^2$ ...

$$x^4 + 1 = x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 - 2x^2 = (x^2 + 1)^2 - 2x^2 = (x^2 + 1)^2 - (\sqrt{2}x)^2 = (x^2 + 1 - \sqrt{2}x) \cdot (x^2 + 1 + \sqrt{2}x)$$

$$x^4 + 1 = (x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1) \cdot (x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)$$

$$\frac{4}{x^4 + 1} = \frac{4}{(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1) \cdot (x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)}$$

$$\frac{4}{(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1) \cdot (x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1}. \quad / \bullet (x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1) \cdot (x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)$$

$$4 = (Ax + B)(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1) + (Cx + D)(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1)$$

$$4 = Ax^3 + A\sqrt{2}x^2 + Ax + Bx^2 + B\sqrt{2}x + B + Cx^3 - C\sqrt{2}x^2 + Cx + Dx^2 - D\sqrt{2}x + D$$

$$4 = x^3(A + C) + x^2(A\sqrt{2} + B - C\sqrt{2} + D) + x(A + B\sqrt{2} + C - D\sqrt{2}) + B + D$$

compare:

$$A + C = 0$$

$$A\sqrt{2} + B - C\sqrt{2} + D = 0$$

$$A + B\sqrt{2} + C - D\sqrt{2} = 0 \rightarrow | A + C = 0 \rightarrow B\sqrt{2} - D\sqrt{2} = 0 \rightarrow \sqrt{2}(B - D) = 0 \rightarrow B - D = 0$$

$$B + D = 4$$

$$B - D = 0$$

$$B + D = 4$$

$$[B = 2] \wedge [D = 2]$$

$$A + C = 0$$

$$\sqrt{2}(A - C) = -4$$

$$[A = -\sqrt{2}] \wedge [C = \sqrt{2}]$$

We got:

$$\frac{4}{(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1) \cdot (x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1}$$

$$\frac{4}{(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1) \cdot (x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)} = \frac{-\sqrt{2}x + 2}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} + \frac{\sqrt{2}x + 2}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1}$$

We have therefore to solve:

$$\int \frac{4}{(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1) \cdot (x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)} dx = \int \frac{-\sqrt{2}x + 2}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx + \int \frac{\sqrt{2}x + 2}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx$$

These are integral type  $I_2 = \int \frac{Ax + B}{ax^2 + bx + c} dx$  to be solved over  $I_1 = \int \frac{dx}{ax^2 + bx + c}$  and formula:

$$I_2 = \frac{A}{2a} \ln |ax^2 + bx + c| + (B - \frac{Ab}{2a}) I_1 + C$$

Solving procedure is explained in one of the files integrals – tasks...

Here is the final solution and you check it out...

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \ln \frac{x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1}{x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \arctg \frac{x\sqrt{2}}{1-x^2} + C}$$

[7.]

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - a^2} = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left| \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right| + C \quad \text{Prove!}$$

Proof:

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

$$\frac{1}{(x-a)(x+a)} = \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x+a} \dots / \bullet (x-a)(x+a)$$

$$1 = A(x+a) + B(x-a)$$

$$1 = Ax + Aa + Bx - Ba$$

$$1 = x(A+B) + Aa - Ba$$

compare:

$$A + B = 0$$

$$\underline{a(A-B)=1}$$

$$A + B = 0$$

$$\underline{A - B = \frac{1}{a}}$$

$$2A = \frac{1}{a} \rightarrow \boxed{A = \frac{1}{2a}} \wedge \boxed{B = -\frac{1}{2a}}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{(x-a)(x+a)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2a}}{x-a} + \frac{-\frac{1}{2a}}{x+a} = \frac{1}{2a} \left( \frac{1}{x-a} - \frac{1}{x+a} \right)$$

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