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**Problem 17**

*Problem.* Use partial fractions to find the indefinite integral  $\int \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^3 + x} dx$ .

*Solution.* The denominator factors as

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

Set up the identity

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

and solve for  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^3 + x} &= \frac{A}{x} + Bx + Cx^2 + 1, \\ x^2 - 1 &= A(x^2 + 1) + (Bx + C)(x).\end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 0$ :

$$-1 = A.$$

Let  $x = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= A(2) + (B + C)(1) \\ 0 &= -2 + B + C \\ 2 &= B + C.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = -1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= A(2) + (-B + C)(-1) \\ 0 &= -2 + B - C, \\ 2 &= B - C.\end{aligned}$$

Solving the last two equations simultaneously, we get  $B = 2$  and  $C = 0$ . Now we can integrate.

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

**Problem 18**

*Problem.* Use partial fractions to find the indefinite integral  $\int \frac{6x}{x^3 - 8} dx$ .

*Solution.* The denominator factors as

$$x^3 - 8 = (x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4).$$

Set up the identity

$$\frac{6x}{x^3 - 8} = \frac{A}{x - 2} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 2x + 4}$$

and solve for  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6x}{x^3 - 8} &= \frac{A}{x - 2} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 2x + 4}, \\ 6x &= A(x^2 + 2x + 4) + (Bx + C)(x - 2). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 12 &= A(12), \\ A &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A(4) + (C)(-2) \\ 0 &= 4 - 2C, \\ C &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 6 &= A(7) + (B + C)(-1) \\ 6 &= 7 - B - 2, \\ B &= -1. \end{aligned}$$

Now we can integrate.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{6x}{x^3 - 8} dx &= \int \frac{1}{x - 2} dx - \int \frac{x - 2}{x^2 + 2x + 4} dx \\ &= \ln|x - 2| - \int \frac{x - 2}{(x + 1)^2 + 3} dx. \end{aligned}$$

In the second integral, let  $u = x + 1$ ,  $du = dx$ . Then  $x = u - 1$ .

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

For the last integral, we could look it up, or we could make the substitution  $u = \sqrt{3}v$ ,  $du = \sqrt{3} dv$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 3 \int \frac{1}{u^2+3} du &= 3\sqrt{3} \int \frac{1}{3v^2+3} dv \\
 &= \sqrt{3} \int \frac{1}{v^2+1} dv \\
 &= \sqrt{3} \arctan v + C \\
 &= \sqrt{3} \arctan \left( \frac{u}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + C \\
 &= \sqrt{3} \arctan \left( \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting it all together, we get

$$\int \frac{6x}{x^3-8} dx = \ln|x-2| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2+2x+4| + \sqrt{3} \arctan \left( \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + C.$$

### Problem 19

*Problem.* Use partial fractions to find the indefinite integral  $\int \frac{x^2}{x^4-2x^2-8} dx$ .

*Solution.* The denominator factors as

$$x^4 - 2x^2 - 8 = (x^2 - 4)(x^2 + 2) = (x - 2)(x + 2)(x^2 + 2).$$

Set up the identity

$$\frac{x^2}{x^4 - 2x^2 - 8} = \frac{A}{x - 2} + \frac{B}{x + 2} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 2}$$

and solve for  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x^2}{x^4 - 2x^2 - 8} &= \frac{A}{x - 2} + \frac{B}{x + 2} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 2}, \\ x^2 &= A(x + 2)(x^2 + 2) + B(x - 2)(x^2 + 2) + (Cx + D)(x - 2)(x + 2).\end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}4 &= A(4)(6), \\ A &= \frac{1}{6}.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = -2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}4 &= B(-4)(6) \\ B &= -\frac{1}{6}.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= A(2)(2) + B(-2)(2) + (D)(-2)(2) \\ 0 &= \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - 4D, \\ D &= \frac{1}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= A(3)(3) + B(-1)(3) + (C + D)(-1)(3) \\ 1 &= 9A - 3B - 3C - 3D \\ 1 &= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - 3C - 1 \\ 1 &= -3C + 1 \\ C &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Now we can integrate.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x^2}{x^4 - 2x^2 - 8} dx &= \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1}{x - 2} dx - \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1}{x + 2} dx + \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \ln|x - 2| - \frac{1}{6} \ln|x + 2| + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \arctan \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} + C.\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 21**

*Problem.* Use partial fractions to find the indefinite integral  $\int \frac{x^2 + 5}{x^3 - x^2 + x + 3} dx$ .

*Solution.* The denominator factors as

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

Set up the identity

$$\frac{x^2 + 5}{x^3 - x^2 + x + 3} = \frac{A}{x + 1} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 - 2x + 3}$$

and solve for  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2 + 5}{x^3 - x^2 + x + 3} &= \frac{A}{x + 1} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 - 2x + 3}, \\ x^2 + 5 &= A(x^2 - 2x + 3) + (Bx + C)(x + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = -1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 6 &= A(6), \\ A &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 5 &= A(3) + C(1) \\ 5 &= 3 + C, \\ C &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 6 &= A(2) + (B + C)(2) \\ 6 &= 2 + 2B + 4, \\ B &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now we can integrate.

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

In the remaining integral, let  $u = x - 1$ ,  $du = dx$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int \frac{1}{(x-1)^2 + 2} dx &= 2 \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 2} du \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \arctan \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} + C \\ &= \sqrt{2} \arctan \left( \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the two integrals, we get

$$\int \frac{x^2 + 5}{x^3 - x^2 + x + 3} dx = \ln|x+1| + \sqrt{2} \arctan \left( \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + C.$$

### Problem 22

*Problem.* Use partial fractions to find the indefinite integral  $\int \frac{x^2 + 6x + 4}{x^4 + 8x^2 + 16} dx$ .

*Solution.* The denominator factors as  $x^4 + 8x^2 + 16 = (x^2 + 4)^2$ . Set up the identity

$$\frac{x^2 + 6x + 4}{x^4 + 8x^2 + 16} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 4} + \frac{Cx + D}{(x^2 + 4)^2}$$

and solve for  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ . We get

$$x^2 + 6x + 4 = (Ax + B)(x^2 + 4) + (Cx + D).$$

Let  $x = 0$  :

$$\begin{aligned} 4 &= B(4) + D \\ &= 4B + D. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 1$  :

$$\begin{aligned} 11 &= (A + B)(5) + (C + D) \\ &= 5A + 5B + C + D. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = -1$  :

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &= (-A + B)(5) + (-C + D) \\ &= -5A + 5B - C + D. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 2$  :

$$\begin{aligned} 20 &= (2A + B)(8) + (2C + D) \\ &= 16A + 8B + 2C + D. \end{aligned}$$

Solving the system, we get  $A = 0$ ,  $B = 1$ ,  $C = 6$ , and  $D = 0$ . Now we can integrate.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2 + 6x + 4}{x^4 + 8x^2 + 16} dx &= \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} dx + \int \frac{6x}{(x^2 + 4)^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{x}{2} + \int \frac{6x}{(x^2 + 4)^2} dx. \end{aligned}$$

In the remaining integral, let  $u = x^2 + 4$ ,  $du = 2x dx$ . We get

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

The solution is

$$\int \frac{x^2 + 6x + 4}{x^4 + 8x^2 + 16} dx = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{x}{2} - \frac{3}{x^2 + 4} + C.$$

### Problem 31

*Problem.* Use substitution and partial fractions to find the indefinite integral  $\int \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 1)(e^x + 4)} dx$ .

*Solution.* Let  $u = e^x$ ,  $du = e^x dx$ . The problem becomes

$$\int \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 1)(e^x + 4)} dx = \int \frac{1}{(u - 1)(u + 4)} du.$$

Set up the identity

$$\frac{1}{(u - 1)(u + 4)} = \frac{A}{u - 1} + \frac{B}{u + 4}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(u - 1)(u + 4)} &= \frac{A}{u - 1} + \frac{B}{u + 4} \\ 1 &= A(u + 4) + B(u - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u = 1$  :

$$1 = A(5),$$

$$A = \frac{1}{5}.$$

Let  $u = -4$  :

$$1 = B(-5), \tag{1}$$

$$B = -\frac{1}{5}. \tag{2}$$

Now we can integrate.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{(u-1)(u+4)} du &= \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{u-1} du - \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{u+4} du \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \ln |u-1| - \frac{1}{5} \ln |u+4| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \ln |e^x - 1| - \frac{1}{5} \ln |e^x + 4| + C. \end{aligned}$$

### Problem 33

*Problem.* Use substitution and partial fractions to find the indefinite integral  $\int \frac{e^x}{(x^{2x} + 1)(e^x - 1)} dx$ .

*Solution.* Let  $u = e^x$ ,  $du = e^x dx$ . Then

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

Set up the identity

$$\frac{1}{(u-1)(u+4)} = \frac{A}{u-1} + \frac{B}{u+4}.$$

$$\frac{1}{(u^2 + 1)(u - 1)} = \frac{Au + B}{u^2 + 1} + \frac{C}{u - 1}$$

$$1 = (Au + B)(u - 1) + C(u^2 + 1).$$

Let  $u = 1$  :

$$1 = C(2),$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}.$$



Let  $u = 0$  :

$$1 = B((-1) + C(1)) \quad (3)$$

$$= -B + C, \quad (4)$$

$$B = -\frac{1}{2}. \quad (5)$$

Let  $u = -1$  :

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

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

$$= 2A + 1 + 1,$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Now we can integrate.

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