

# Math 1432

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## To summarize trig sub:

**Given:**

**Use:**

$$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$$

$$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$$

Examples:

$$\int \sqrt{16 - x^2} \, dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{49 + x^2}} dx$$

$$\int_0^{1/2} \frac{x^2}{(1-x^2)^{3/2}} dx$$

$$\int \sqrt{2 - x^2 + 4x} \, dx$$

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

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

## 8.4 Rational Functions and Partial Fraction Decomposition

Rational functions are defined as functions in the form  $R(x) = \frac{F(x)}{G(x)}$ ,

where  $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$  are polynomials.

Rational functions are said to be *proper* if the degree of the numerator is less than the degree of the denominator (otherwise they are improper).

Theorem:

If  $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$  are polynomials and the degree of  $F(x)$  is larger than or equal to the degree of  $G(x)$ , then there are polynomials  $q(x)$  (quotient) and  $r(x)$  (remainder) such that

$$\frac{F(x)}{G(x)} = q(x) + \frac{r(x)}{G(x)}$$

where the degree of  $r(x)$  is smaller than the degree of  $G(x)$ .



Example:

Write  $\frac{x^5 + 1}{x^3 - x^2 - 2x}$  in terms of its quotient and remainder.

Write  $\frac{x^2 + x - 1}{x^2 + 1}$  in terms of its quotient and remainder.

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

Compute:  $\int \frac{3x^3 - 2}{x^2 + 4} dx$

## Partial Fractions:

Example:  $\frac{3}{x} + \frac{4}{x+1} = \frac{3(x+1) + 4x}{x(x+1)} = \frac{7x+3}{x(x+1)}$

What if we have  $\frac{7x+3}{x(x+1)}$  and want the original two fractions?

$$\frac{7x+3}{x(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} = \frac{3}{x} + \frac{4}{x+1}$$

How do we find A and B?

In general, each **linear factor** of the form  $(x - \alpha)^k$  in the denominator gives rise to an expression of the form

$$\frac{A_1}{(x - a)} + \frac{A_2}{(x - a)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_k}{(x - a)^k}$$

Give the **form** of the partial fraction decomposition for:

1a. 
$$\frac{5x^2 - 6x + 1}{(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)}$$

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

Rewrite using partial fractions:

$$\frac{5x - 10}{(x - 4)(x + 1)}$$

$$\frac{3x^2 + 20x + 25}{(x-1)(x+2)(x+3)}$$

3. Rewrite  $\frac{3}{(x-1)(x+2)}$  using partial fractions:

4. Give the form of the partial fraction decomposition for:

$$\frac{3x^2 + 20x + 25}{(x-1)(x+2)(x+3)^2}$$