

Section 7.4: Additional Problems Solutions

1. First factor the denominator.

$$\frac{x^2 - 4x + 4}{(x^2 + 2x)(x^2 - 25)^2(x^2 + 9)} = \frac{x^2 - 4x + 4}{x(x+2)(x+5)^2(x-5)^2(x^2+9)}$$

$$\text{Answer: } \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+2} + \frac{C}{x+5} + \frac{D}{(x+5)^2} + \frac{E}{x-5} + \frac{F}{(x-5)^2} + \frac{Gx+H}{x^2+9}$$

2. Since the degree of the denominator is not larger than the degree of the numerator, the first step is long division.

$$x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} x^4 + 2x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 7 \\ -(x^4 + 0x^3 + 2x^2 + 0x + 1) \\ \hline 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 6 \end{array}} \quad \frac{x^4 + 2x^3 + 7}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1} = 1 + \frac{2x^3 - 2x^2 + 6}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1}$$

Now factor the denominator and then do the decomposition.

$$1 + \frac{2x^3 - 2x^2 + 6}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1} = 1 + \frac{2x^3 - 2x^2 + 6}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$\text{Answer: } 1 + \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{Cx+D}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

3. Since the degree of the denominator is larger than the degree of the numerator, long division is not needed.

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

$$\frac{1}{x^2(x+1)} = \frac{Ax(x+1)}{xx(x+1)} + \frac{B(x+1)}{x^2(x+1)} + \frac{Cx^2}{(x+1)x^2}$$

$$1 = Ax(x+1) + B(x+1) + Cx^2 \quad \text{equation 1}$$

$$1 = A(x^2 + x) + B(x+1) + Cx^2 \quad \text{equation 2}$$

Method of equating coefficients: use [equation 2](#) to get the following equations.

$$\underline{x^2} \mid \quad 0 = A + C$$

$$\underline{x} \mid \quad 0 = A + B$$

$$\underline{\text{constant}} \mid \quad 1 = B$$

Solving these equations gives $A = -1$, $B = 1$, and $C = 1$.

Evaluation Method: use [equation 1](#) to get the following.

evaluate $x = 0$ to get $1 = B$

evaluate $x = -1$ to get $1 = C$

To solve for A either plug in another value for x or use the equations in the Equate Coefficients Method to find that $A = -1$.

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

4. The first step is doing the long division.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{) x^3 + 7x^2 + 2x + 8} \\
 \underline{-(x^3 + 4x^2)} \\
 3x^2 + 2x + 8
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \frac{x^3 + 7x^2 + 2x + 8}{x^3 + 4x^2} = 1 + \frac{3x^2 + 2x + 8}{x^3 + 4x^2}$$

$$\text{Thus } \int \frac{x^3 + 7x^2 + 2x + 8}{x^3 + 4x^2} dx = \int \left(1 + \frac{3x^2 + 2x + 8}{x^3 + 4x^2} \right) dx = \int \left(1 + \frac{3x^2 + 2x + 8}{x^2(x + 4)} \right) dx$$

Now do the partial fraction decomposition of the fraction $\frac{3x^2 + 2x + 8}{x^2(x + 4)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3x^2 + 2x + 8}{x^2(x + 4)} &= \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x + 4} \\
 \frac{3x^2 + 2x + 8}{x^2(x + 4)} &= \frac{Ax(x + 4)}{xx(x + 4)} + \frac{B(x + 4)}{x^2(x + 4)} + \frac{Cx^2}{(x + 4)x^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$3x^2 + 2x + 8 = Ax(x + 4) + B(x + 4) + Cx^2 \quad \text{equation 1}$$

$$3x^2 + 2x + 8 = A(x^2 + 4x) + B(x + 4) + Cx^2 \quad \text{equation 2}$$

Equate Coefficients Method: use [equation 2](#) to get the following equations

$$\begin{array}{r|l}
 x^2 & 3 = A + C \\
 x & 2 = 4A + B \\
 \text{constant} & 8 = 4B
 \end{array}$$

From these equations we can see that $B = 2$, $A = 0$ and $C = 3$.

Evaluation Method: use [equation 1](#) to get the following.

evaluate $x = 0$ to get $8 = 4B$ or $B = 2$

evaluate $x = -4$ to get $48 = 16C$ or $C = 3$

To solve for A either plug in another value for x or use the equations in the Equate Coefficients Method to find that $A = 0$.

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

5. Since the degree of the denominator is larger than the degree of the numerator, long division is not needed.

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

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

$$2x+1 = A(x^2+1)^2 + (Bx+C)(x+3)(x^2+1) + (Dx+E)(x+3) \quad \text{equation 1}$$

$$2x+1 = A(x^4+2x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x^3+3x^2+x+3) + (Dx+E)(x+3)$$

$$2x+1 = A(x^4+2x^2+1) + B(x^4+3x^3+x^2+3x) +$$

$$C(x^3+3x^2+x+3) + D(x^2+3x) + E(x+3) \quad \text{equation 2}$$

Evaluation Method: use [equation 1](#) to get the following.

The only number that will allow us to quickly solve for a constant is $x = -3$. Using [equation 1](#) gives $-5 = A(10)^2$ or $A = \frac{-1}{20}$

Equate Coefficients Method: use [equation 2](#) to get the following.

$$\underline{x^4} \quad 0 = A + B \quad \text{equation 3}$$

$$\underline{x^3} \quad 0 = 3B + C \quad \text{equation 4}$$

$$\underline{x^2} \quad 0 = 2A + B + 3C + D \quad \text{equation 5}$$

$$\underline{x} \quad 2 = 3B + C + 3D + E \quad \text{equation 6}$$

$$\underline{\text{constant}} \quad 1 = A + 3C + 3E \quad \text{equation 7}$$

Using the value of A that was found with the Evaluation method, we can quickly solve [equation 3](#) to find $B = \frac{1}{20}$. Using this value and [equation 4](#) we get that $C = \frac{-3}{20}$. Now these values combined with [equation 5](#) and [equation 7](#) gives $D = \frac{1}{2}$ and $E = \frac{1}{2}$.

$$\int \frac{2x+1}{(x+3)(x^2+1)^2} dx = \int \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{20}}{x+3} + \frac{\frac{1}{20}x + \frac{3}{20}}{x^2+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{20}x + \frac{1}{20}}{(x^2+1)^2} \right) dx$$

$$= \int \frac{-1}{20} \frac{1}{x+3} dx + \underbrace{\int \frac{1}{20} \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx}_{\text{u-sub: } u=x^2+1} + \int \frac{3}{20} \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx + \underbrace{\int \frac{1}{20} \frac{x}{(x^2+1)^2} dx}_{\text{u-sub: } u=x^2+1} + \underbrace{\int \frac{1}{20} \frac{1}{(x^2+1)^2} dx}_{\text{trig-sub: } x=\tan \theta}$$

for the trig sub work see number 3 in the 7.3 additional problems.

$$\text{Answer: } \frac{-1}{20} \ln|x+3| + \frac{1}{40} \ln|x^2+1| + \frac{3}{20} \arctan(x) - \frac{1}{4(x^2+1)} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \arctan(x) + \frac{x}{2(x^2+1)} \right] + C$$