

let's add fractions!

$$\frac{(x+2)}{(x+2)} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+2} \frac{(x)}{(x)}$$

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

SO ...

$$\left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{2x+2}{x^2+2x} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} du = 2x+2 \\ u = x^2+2x \end{array}$$

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$$\ln x + \ln(x+2) =$$

← I want to break it down because it is easier.

## 6.5 Logistic Growth

In this section, we are learning how to break apart fractions, so that we could integrate them easier.

Ex.  $\frac{3}{10} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{5}$

*Handwritten notes:*  
An orange oval circles the numerators 1 and 1 in the partial fractions. An arrow points from the text "we will find this!" to the oval.  
The number "2.5" is written in red below the denominator 10.

### Partial Fraction Decomposition with Distinct Linear Denominators

If  $f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ , where  $P$  and  $Q$  are polynomials with the degree of  $P$  less than the degree of  $Q$ , and if  $Q(x)$  can be written as a product of distinct linear factors, then  $f(x)$  can be written as a sum of rational functions with distinct linear denominators.

### EXAMPLE 1 Finding a Partial Fraction Decomposition

Write the function  $f(x) = \frac{x - 13}{2x^2 - 7x + 3}$  as a sum of rational functions with linear denominators.

#### SOLUTION

Since  $f(x) = \frac{x - 13}{(2x - 1)(x - 3)}$ , we will find numbers  $A$  and  $B$  so that

$$f(x) = \frac{A}{2x - 1} + \frac{B}{x - 3} = \frac{x - 13}{(2x - 1)(x - 3)}$$

$$A(x - 3) + B(2x - 1) = x - 13. \quad (1)$$

Setting  $x = 3$  in equation (1), we get

$$A(0) + B(5) = -10, \text{ so } B = -2.$$

Setting  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  in equation (1), we get

$$A\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) + B(0) = -\frac{25}{2}, \text{ so } A = 5.$$

$$\text{Therefore } f(x) = \frac{x - 13}{(2x - 1)(x - 3)} = \frac{5}{2x - 1} - \frac{2}{x - 3}.$$

Now try Exercise 3.

In Exercises 1–4, find the values of  $A$  and  $B$  that complete the partial fraction decomposition.

1.  $\frac{x-12}{x^2-4x} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-4}$   $A=3, B=-2$

2.  $\frac{2x+16}{x^2+x-6} = \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{B}{x-2}$   $A=-2, B=4$

3.  $\frac{16-x}{x^2+3x-10} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x+5}$   $A=2, B=-3$

4.  $\frac{3}{x^2-9} = \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x+3}$   $A=1/2, B=-1/2$

LCM:  $x(x-4)$

$$\frac{x-12}{x^2-4x} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-4}$$

$$x-12 = A(x-4) + Bx$$

$x=4$ ;

$$4-12 = A(4-4) + B(4)$$

$$-8 = 4B$$

$$B = -2$$

$x=0$ ;

$$0-12 = A(0-4) + B(0)$$

$$-12 = -4A$$

$$A = 3$$



$$1. \frac{x-12}{x^2-4x} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-4}$$

LCD:  $x^2-4x$   
 $x(x-4)$

$x=4$                        $x=0$

$$x-12 = A(x-4) + B(x)$$

$$4-12 = A(4-4) + B(4)$$

$$-8 = A(0) + 4B$$

$$\frac{-8}{4} = \frac{4B}{4}$$

$$B = -2$$

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$$0-12 = A(0-4) + B(0)$$

$$\frac{-12}{-4} = \frac{-4A}{-4}$$

$$A = 3$$

## EXAMPLE 2 Antidifferentiating with Partial Fractions

Find  $\int \frac{3x^4 + 1}{x^2 - 1} dx$  ← only do this when it's bigger on top!

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln |u|] = \frac{u'}{u}$$

### SOLUTION

First we note that the degree of the denominator is not less than the degree of the numerator. We use the division algorithm to find the quotient and remainder:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 3 \\ x^2 - 1 \overline{) 3x^4 \phantom{+ 3x^2} + 1} \\ \underline{3x^4 - 3x^2} \phantom{+ 1} \\ 3x^2 + 1 \\ \underline{3x^2 - 3} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

Thus

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

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Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{3x^4 + 1}{x^2 - 1} dx &= \int \left( 3x^2 + 3 + \frac{4}{x^2 - 1} \right) dx \\ &= x^3 + 3x + \int \frac{4}{(x-1)(x+1)} dx \\ &= x^3 + 3x + \int \left( \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+1} \right) dx.\end{aligned}$$

Partial  
fractions!

We know that  $A(x+1) + B(x-1) = 4$ .

Setting  $x = 1$ ,

$$A(2) + B(0) = 4, \text{ so } A = 2.$$

Setting  $x = -1$ ,

$$A(0) + B(-2) = 4, \text{ so } B = -2.$$

$$\int \frac{u'}{u} = \ln|u|$$

Thus

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

Now try Exercise 7.

In Exercises 5–14, evaluate the integral.

$$5. \int \frac{x-12}{x^2-4x} dx \quad \ln \frac{|x|^3}{(x-4)^2} + C \quad 6. \int \frac{2x+16}{x^2+x-6} dx \quad \ln \frac{(x-2)^4}{(x+3)^2} + C$$

$$7. \int \frac{2x^3}{x^2-4} dx \quad x^2 + \ln(x^2-4)^4 + C \quad 8. \int \frac{x^2-6}{x^2-9} dx \quad x + \ln \sqrt{\left| \frac{x-3}{x+3} \right|} + C$$

$$9. \int \frac{2 dx}{x^2+1} \quad 2 \tan^{-1} x + C \quad 10. \int \frac{3 dx}{x^2+9} \quad \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{3} \right) + C$$

$$11. \int \frac{7 dx}{2x^2-5x-3} \quad \ln \left| \frac{x-3}{2x+1} \right| + C \quad 12. \int \frac{1-3x}{3x^2-5x+2} dx \quad \ln \frac{|3x+2|}{(x-1)^2} + C$$

$$13. \int \frac{8x-7}{2x^2-x-3} dx \quad \ln(1x+1)^3(2x-3) + C \quad 14. \int \frac{5x+14}{x^2+7x} dx \quad \ln(x^2|x+7|^3) + C$$

In Exercises 15–19, solve the differential equation.



$$13. \int \frac{8x-7}{2x^2-x-3} dx = \int \frac{8x-7}{(2x-3)(x+1)} dx + C$$

ln |(x+1)<sup>3</sup>(2x-3)| + C
|2x+1

$$\frac{8x-7}{(2x-3)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{2x-3} + \frac{B}{x+1}$$

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

$$8x-7 = A(x+1) + B(2x-3)$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$5 = \frac{5}{2}A$$

$$A = 2$$

$$x = -1$$

$$-15 = -5B$$

$$B = 3$$

$$2x-3=0$$

$$\frac{+3}{2} + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{2x+3}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

So...

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

$$\textcircled{2} \ln |2x-3| + \textcircled{3} \ln |x+1|$$

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$$5. \int \frac{x-12}{x^2-4x} dx$$

$$\textcircled{5} \int \frac{x-12}{x^2-4x} = \int \frac{x-12}{x(x-4)}$$

$$\frac{x-12}{x(x-4)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-4} \quad \text{(CD: } x(x-4))$$

$$x-12 = A(x-4) + Bx$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x=4: \\ -8 = 4B \end{array} \right\} B = -2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x=0 \\ -12 = -4A \end{array} \right\} A = 3$$

$$= \int \left( \frac{3}{x} - \frac{2}{x-4} \right) dx$$

$$= 3 \ln|x| - 2 \ln|x-4|$$

In Exercises 5-14, evaluate the integral.

5.  $\int \frac{x-12}{x^2-4x} dx \ln \frac{|x|}{(x-4)^2} + C$     6.  $\int \frac{2x+16}{x^2+x-6} dx \ln \frac{(x-2)^4}{(x+3)^2} + C$

7.  $\int \frac{2x^3}{x^2-4} dx \ln(x^2-4)^{3/2} + C$     8.  $\int \frac{x^2-6}{x^2-9} dx x + \ln \left| \frac{x-3}{x+3} \right| + C$

9.  $\int \frac{2 dx}{x^2+1} 2 \tan^{-1} x + C$     10.  $\int \frac{3 dx}{x^2+9} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{3} \right) + C$

11.  $\int \frac{7 dx}{2x^2-5x-3} \ln \left| \frac{x-3}{2x+1} \right| + C$

13.  $\int \frac{8x-7}{2x^2-x-3} dx \ln |(x+1)^3(2x-3)| + C$

$\Rightarrow 2x + \frac{8x}{x^2-4}$   
 $\textcircled{1} x^2-4 \overline{) 2x^3+0x^2+0x+0}$   
 $\quad - 2x^2 \quad \quad - 8x$

Decompose!

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

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

$1 = (x+3)A + (2x-1)B$

if  $x = -3 \dots$  if  $x = \frac{1}{2} \dots$

$1 = -7B$      $1 = \frac{7}{2}A$   
 $B = -\frac{1}{7}$      $A = \frac{2}{7}$

$\int \left( \frac{2}{7(2x-1)} - \frac{1}{7(x+3)} \right) dx$

$\int \frac{2 dx}{2x-1} - \int \frac{1 dx}{x+3}$   
 $u = 2x-1 \quad \int \frac{1}{u} = \ln|u|$

$u = 2x-1 \quad u' = du = 2 dx$   
 $= \ln|2x-1| - \ln|x+3|$   
 $\ln|m| - \ln|N| = \ln \left| \frac{m}{N} \right|$