

# Mth 141 Worksheet #3 Solutions.

1. i)  $\frac{1}{(x-3)(x+7)}$       PFE:  $\frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x+7}$

ii)  $\frac{2x+5}{(x-3)^2(x-7)^3}$

PFE:  $\frac{A}{(x-3)} + \frac{B}{(x-3)^2} + \frac{C}{(x-7)} + \frac{D}{(x-7)^2} + \frac{E}{(x-7)^3}$

iii)  $\frac{x^3-14x^2+7x+12}{(x-3)(x+7)}$

PFE:  $Ax + B + \frac{C}{x-3} + \frac{D}{x+7}$

(long division needed).

iv)  $\frac{x^2+7x+2}{(x^2+4)^2(x-1)^2}$

PFE:  $\frac{Ax+B}{x^2+4} + \frac{Cx+D}{(x^2+4)^2} + \frac{E}{x-1} + \frac{F}{(x-1)^2}$

$$2. \quad i) \quad \int \frac{dx}{x^2-1}$$

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

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

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

Comparing like powers of  $x$ .

$$x \quad A+B = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$1 \quad A-B = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow B = -A$$

$$\text{Sub in } (2) \quad A - (-A) = 1$$

$$2A = 1$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{so } B = -A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}, \quad B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Thus

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

and

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + C.$$

$$\text{ii) } \int \frac{x^2 + 2x - 1}{(x-1)(x+1)^2} dx.$$

Write.

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

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

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

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

Compare like powers of  $x$ .

$$\frac{x^2}{\quad} \quad A + B \quad = 1 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{x}{\quad} \quad 2A \quad + C = 2 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\quad} \quad A - B - C = -1 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

Add  $\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{3}$  to get rid of  $B$

$$2A \quad - C = 0 \quad \textcircled{4}$$

Add  $\textcircled{2}$  and  $\textcircled{4}$  to get rid of  $C$

$$4A \quad = 2$$

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

Substitute for  $A$  in  $\textcircled{1}$  to get  $B$

$$\frac{1}{2} + B = 1$$

$$B = \frac{1}{2}$$

Substitute for A in (2) to get C

$$2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + C = 2$$

$$C = 1.$$

So  $A = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $B = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $C = 1$  and

the partial fractions expansion is

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

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln|x-1| + \frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| - \frac{1}{x+1} + C.$$

$$\text{iii) } \int \frac{2x^2}{(x-1)(x^2+1)} \cdot dx$$

$x^2+1$  is irreducible and the P.F.E is

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

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

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

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

Compare like powers of  $x$ .

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

$$\frac{x}{\quad} \quad -B + C = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{\quad} \quad A - C = 0 \quad (3)$$

Add (1) and (2) to get rid of  $B$

$$A + C = 2 \quad (4)$$

Add (3) and (4) to get rid of  $C$

$$2A = 2$$

$$A = 1$$

Subst for  $A$  in (1) to get  $B$

$$1 + B = 2$$

$$B = 1$$



Subst for A in (3) to get C

$$1 - C = 0$$

$$C = 1$$

So  $A = B = C = 1$  and we have P.F.E.

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

and

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

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

For the second integral let

$$u = x^2 + 1$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$\frac{du}{2} = x dx$$

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

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

$$= \ln|x-1| + \frac{1}{2} \ln|u| + \arctan x + C$$

$$= \ln|x-1| + \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2+1| + \arctan x + C$$

$$3. \text{ i) } \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{4x} dx$$

$$\text{Look at } \int_a^0 e^{4x} dx = \left[ \frac{e^{4x}}{4} \right]_a^0$$

$$= \frac{e^0}{4} - \frac{e^{4a}}{4}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{e^0}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ as } a \rightarrow -\infty.$$

Hence  $\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{4x} dx$  converges and has value  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

$$\text{ii) } \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx$$

Look at  $\int_2^b \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx$  and let  $b \rightarrow \infty$ .

Substitution : let  $u = \ln x$ ,  $du = \frac{dx}{x}$

Limits : When  $x = 2$ ,  $u = \ln 2$   
 When  $x = b$ ,  $u = \ln b$

$$= \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du$$

$\ln 2$

$$= \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du$$

$$= \left[ \frac{u^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_{\ln 2}^{\ln b}$$

$$= \left[ 2\sqrt{u} \right]_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} = 2\sqrt{\ln b} - 2\sqrt{\ln 2}$$

As  $b \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\ln b \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\sqrt{\ln b} \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hence  $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{\ln x}}$  diverges.

$$\text{iii)} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan x \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx$$

Problem here is that  $\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$   
and so we need to look at

$$\int_0^b \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx \quad \text{and let } b \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-.$$

Substitution Let  $u = \cos x$ ,  $du = -\sin x \, dx$

Limits: When  $x = 0$ ,  $u = \cos 0 = 1$   
 $x = b$ ,  $u = \cos b$

$$= \int_{\cos b}^1 -\frac{du}{u}$$

$$= \int_{\cos b}^1 \frac{du}{u}$$

(get rid of minus sign  
by flipping the limits  
of integration.)

$$= [\ln u]_{\cos b}^1$$

$$= \ln 1 - \ln(\cos b)$$

$$= -\ln(\cos b) \quad (\ln 1 = 0).$$

As  $b \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-$ ,  $\cos b \rightarrow 0^+$

and so  $-\ln(\cos b) \rightarrow -(-\infty) = +\infty$ .

Hence

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan x \, dx$$

diverges.

$$\text{iv) } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^x dx$$

Need to split up into

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{\infty} x e^x dx$$

and investigate each piece separately.

$$\text{For } \int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx$$

we look at

$$\int_a^0 x e^x dx$$

and let  $a \rightarrow -\infty$ .

For  $\int_a^0 x e^x dx$

use integration by parts with

$$u = x, \quad dv = e^x dx$$

$$du = dx, \quad v = e^x$$

$$= [x e^x]_a^0 - \int_a^0 e^x dx$$

$$= [x e^x]_a^0 - [e^x]_a^0$$

$$= 0 - a e^a - (e^0 - e^a)$$

$$= -1 - e^a - a e^a$$

As  $a \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $e^a \rightarrow 0$  and faster than any polynomial can grow so that  $a e^a \rightarrow 0$  also (you may treat this as a known fact or derive it for yourself using l'Hôpital's rule).



Hence

$$\int_a^0 x e^x dx$$

$$\rightarrow -1 - 0 - 0 = -1$$

as  $a \rightarrow -\infty$  and

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx \text{ converges to } -1.$$

For  $\int_0^{\infty} x e^x dx$ , we look at

$$\int_0^b x e^x dx \text{ and let } b \rightarrow \infty.$$

We can re-use the same antiderivative we found earlier using integration by parts:

$$\int_0^b x e^x dx = \left[ x e^x - e^x \right]_0^b$$

$$= b e^b - e^b - (0 - e^0)$$

$$= (b-1)e^b + 1$$

As  $b \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $e^b \rightarrow \infty$  as does  $b-1$ ,

so

$$\int_0^{\infty} x e^x dx$$

diverges.

Finally, since one of the 'pieces' does not converge, we have that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^x dx$$

must also diverge.