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§7.4 Partial Fraction Decomposition (PFD)

Any polynomial can be factored uniquely into terms of the form

$$(x-k) \text{ or } (x^2+bx+c).$$

This means that any rational function $R(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ w/
 $\deg(P) < \deg(Q)$ can be decomposed into a sum of the form

$$\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{A}{x-k} + \frac{B}{x-c} + \dots + \frac{Cx+D}{x^2+bx+c} + \dots$$

for a repeated factor:

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

$$\frac{x^3-1}{(x^2+2x+2)^2} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+2x+2} + \frac{Cx+D}{(x^2+2x+2)^2}$$

$$\text{Ex. } \int \frac{7t-5}{t+1} dt = \int 7 - \frac{12}{t+1} dt = \int 7 dt - 12 \int \frac{1}{t+1} dt$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 + \frac{-12}{t+1} \\ \text{long div: } t+1 \overline{) 7t-5} \\ \underline{-7t+7} \\ -12 \end{array} \qquad = 7t - 12 \ln(t+1) + C$$

Ex. $\int \frac{x-6}{x^2+x-6} dx$

$u = x^2 + x - 6$ | $x^2 + x - 6 = (x+3)(x-2)$
 $du = (2x+1) dx$ |

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

$\frac{x-6}{x^2+x-6} = \frac{A(x-2) + B(x+3)}{x^2+x-6}$

$x-6 = A(x-2) + B(x+3)$

$x = -3: -9 = -5A + 0B \quad \text{so} \quad A = 9/5$

$x = 2: -4 = 0A + 5B \quad B = -4/5$

$\int \frac{x-6}{x^2+x-6} dx = \int \frac{9}{5} \frac{1}{x+3} - \frac{4}{5} \frac{1}{x-2} dx$

$= \frac{9}{5} \int \frac{1}{x+3} dx - \frac{4}{5} \int \frac{1}{x-2} dx$

$= \frac{9}{5} \ln(x+3) - \frac{4}{5} \ln(x-2) + C$

Ex. $\int \frac{25}{x^3-1} dx = 25 \int \frac{1}{(x-1)(x^2+x+1)} dx$

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

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 & x^3 & & & \\
 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\
 & \downarrow & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
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 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0
 \end{array}$$

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

$$1 = A(x^2+x+1) + (Bx+C)(x-1)$$

$$1 = Ax^2 + Ax + A + Bx^2 - Bx + Cx - C$$

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

$$x^2: 0 = A+B$$

$$x: 0 = A-B+C$$

$$\#: 1 = A-C$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A = -B \\ 0 = -2B + C \\ 1 = -B - C \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} C = 2B \\ + \\ 1 = -B - C \end{array}$$

$$1 = -3B$$

$$B = -1/3 \quad A = 1/3$$

$$C = -2/3$$

$$\text{so, } \frac{1}{x^3-1} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{x+2}{x^2+x+1}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^3-1} dx = \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{x-1} dx}_{I_1} - \frac{1}{3} \underbrace{\int \frac{x+2}{x^2+x+1} dx}_{I_2}$$

$$I_1 = \ln(x-1)$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2(x+2)}{x^2+x+1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2(x+1/2 + 3/2)}{x^2+x+1} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2+x+1 \\ du &= (2x+1) dx \\ &= 2(x+1/2) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2(x+1/2) dx}{x^2+x+1} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2(3/2)}{x^2+x+1} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+x+1) + \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{1}{x^2+x+1} dx$$

$$(x^2 + x + 1/4) + 1 - 1/4 = \underbrace{(x + 1/2)^2}_{u^2} + 3/4 \quad a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{1}{\underbrace{(x + 1/2)^2 + (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})^2}_{u^2 + a^2}} dx = \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{1}{u^2 + a^2} du = \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) + C$$

$$u = x + 1/2$$

$$du = dx$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \arctan\left(\frac{x + 1/2}{\sqrt{3}/2}\right) + C$$

$$= \sqrt{3} \arctan\left(\frac{2x+1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + C$$

FINALLY,

$$25 \int \frac{1}{x^3 - 1} dx = \frac{25}{3} \ln(x-1) - \frac{25}{6} \ln(x^2 + x + 1) - \frac{25\sqrt{3}}{3} \arctan\left(\frac{2x+1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + C$$