

Some interesting integrals from Stewart (Early Transcendentals §7.4

7.4 #24: We seek an antiderivative for $\int \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx$

Observe that the denominator is the square of an irreducible quadratic and so the partial fractions expanded form

for this integrand is $\frac{x^2 + x + 1}{(x^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{Cx + D}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \Leftrightarrow (Ax + B)(x^2 + 1) + Cx + D = x^2 + x + 1$

Expanding the LHS and equating coefficients, we have

$$Ax^3 + Bx^2 + (A + C)x + B + D = x^2 + x + 1 \Leftrightarrow A = 0, B = 1, C = 1, D = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \int \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx = \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx = \arctan(x) + \int \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx$$

$$\int \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u^2} = -\frac{1}{2(x^2 + 1)} \text{ so } \boxed{\int \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx = \arctan(x) - \frac{1}{2(x^2 + 1)} + c}$$

7.4 #30: We seek an antiderivative for $\int \frac{3x^2 + x + 4}{x^4 + 3x^2 + 2} dx$.

Observe that the denominator factors as a product of irreducible quadratics, so the partial fractions expansion is

$$\frac{3x^2 + x + 4}{x^4 + 3x^2 + 2} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 2} \Leftrightarrow 3x^2 + x + 4 = (Ax + B)(x^2 + 2) + (Cx + D)(x^2 + 1)$$

Expand and equate coefficients: $3x^2 + x + 4 = (A + C)x^3 + (B + D)x^2 + (2A + C)x + 2B + D$

$A + C = 0$; $B + D = 3$; $2A + C = 1$; $2B + D = 4$. This works out to two 2X2 linear systems which are easily solved: $A = 1, B = 1, C = -1, D = 2$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{3x^2 + x + 4}{x^4 + 3x^2 + 2} dx &= \int \frac{x+1}{x^2+1} - \frac{x-2}{x^2+2} dx = \int \frac{x}{x^2+1} + \frac{1}{x^2+1} - \frac{x}{x^2+2} + \frac{2}{x^2+2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{x^2+1} dx + \int \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{x^2+2} dx + \int \frac{2}{x^2+2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) + \arctan(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+2) + \int \frac{2}{2u^2+2} \sqrt{2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{x^2+1}{x^2+2} + \arctan(x) + \sqrt{2} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + c \end{aligned}$$

#38 We seek an antiderivative for $\int \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x - 2}{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^2} dx$

Observe that the denominator is the square of an irreducible quadratic (discriminant is $4 - 8$)

To simplify matters, complete the square in the denominator: $x^2 + 2x + 2 = (x + 1)^2 + 1$ and substitute $u = x + 1$ (so that $x = u - 1$.)

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x - 2}{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^2} dx &= \int \frac{(u-1)^3 + 2(u-1)^2 + 3(u-1) - 2}{(u^2 + 1)^2} du \\ &= \int \frac{u^3 - 3u^2 + 3u - 1 + 2u^2 - 4u + 2 + 3u - 3 - 2}{(u^2 + 1)^2} du \\ &= \int \frac{u^3 - u^2 + 2u - 4}{(u^2 + 1)^2} du \\ &= \int \frac{Au + B}{u^2 + 1} + \frac{Cu + D}{(u^2 + 1)^2} du \end{aligned}$$

So we find A, B, C, D by equating coefficients in

$$\begin{aligned} u^3 - u^2 + 2u - 4 &= (Au + B)(u^2 + 1) + (Cu + D) \\ &= Au^3 + Bu^2 + (A + C)u + B + D \end{aligned}$$

Whence $A = 1, B = -1, C = 1, D = -3$ so

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x - 2}{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^2} dx &= \int \frac{u-1}{u^2 + 1} + \frac{u-3}{(u^2 + 1)^2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2u}{u^2 + 1} du - \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} du + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2u}{(u^2 + 1)^2} du - \int \frac{3}{(u^2 + 1)^2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(u^2 + 1) - \arctan(u) - \frac{1}{2(u^2 + 1)} - \int \frac{3 \sec^2 \theta}{(\tan^2 \theta + 1)^2} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

The last integral is using the substitution, $u = \tan \theta$ so that $du = \sec^2 \theta d\theta$. Thus we get

$$3 \int \cos^2 \theta d\theta = 3 \int \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta = \frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{3 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{2} + c = \frac{3}{2} \arctan(x+1) + \frac{3(x+1)}{2(x^2 + 2x + 2)} + c$$

Putting it all together,

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