

Math 10250 Activity 32: Integration by Parts and Partial Fraction Decomposition (Section 5.3)

GOAL: To find integrals using Integration by Parts and Partial Fraction decomposition.

► **Integration by parts**

IDEA: Recall that Integration by Substitution “reverses” the chain rule. Today we learn another technique, called *integration by parts*, which “reverses” the product rule.

- Let $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ be two differentiable functions. Applying the product rule, we have:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u(x)v(x)) = u(x)v'(x) + u'(x)v(x)$$

- By the definition of an anti-derivative:

$$u(x)v(x) = \int [u(x)v'(x) + u'(x)v(x)] dx = \int u(x)v'(x) dx + \int u'(x)v(x) dx$$

- Rearranging terms, we have:

$$\int u(x)v'(x) dx = u(x)v(x) - \int v(x)u'(x) dx$$

- Note $\frac{du}{dx} = u'(x) \iff \boxed{du = u'(x)dx}$. Also, $\frac{dv}{dx} = v'(x) \iff \boxed{dv = v'(x)dx}$.

- Suppressing the variable x , we get:

$$\boxed{\int u dv = uv - \int vdu.} \rightarrow \text{Integration by Parts}$$

Example 1 Use integration by parts to find the following integrals:

(a) $\int xe^{3x} dx = x \frac{1}{3} e^{3x} - \int \frac{1}{3} e^{3x} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x \\ du &= dx \\ dv &= e^{3x} dx \\ \frac{dv}{dx} &= e^{3x} \\ v &= \int e^{3x} dx = \frac{e^{3x}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{3} x e^{3x} - \frac{1}{3} \int e^{3x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} x e^{3x} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{e^{3x}}{3} + c \\ &= \frac{1}{3} x e^{3x} - \frac{1}{9} e^{3x} + c \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\int x^3 \ln x dx = \int u dv = uv - \int v du$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln x \\ du &= (\ln x)' dx = \frac{dx}{x} \\ dv &= x^3 dx \\ \frac{dv}{dx} &= x^3 \\ v &= \int x^3 dx = \frac{x^4}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \ln x \frac{1}{4} x^4 - \int \frac{1}{4} x^4 \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{4} \int x^3 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} x^4 + c \\ &= \frac{1}{4} x^4 \ln x - \frac{1}{16} x^4 + c \end{aligned}$$

► **Partial Fraction Decomposition**

Example 2 Find $\int \frac{2}{x^2 - 3x + 2} dx$, by first writing $\frac{2}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = \frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{x - 2}$.
 Since $x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x - 1)(x - 2)$, we have

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

- $x = 1 \implies 2 = A(1 - 2) + B(1 - 1) \implies 2 = -A \implies A = -2$
- $x = 2 \implies 2 = A(2 - 2) + B(2 - 1) \implies B = 2$

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

Example 3 Use any integration method to compute the following indefinite integrals:

(a)
$$\int x\sqrt{2x + 9} dx$$

$$= x \frac{1}{3}(2x + 9)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \int \frac{1}{3}(2x + 9)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx$$

$$= x \frac{1}{3}(2x + 9)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2x + 9)^{\frac{3}{2} + 1}}{\frac{3}{2} + 1} + c$$

$$\begin{aligned} u = x &\implies du = dx \\ dv = \sqrt{2x + 9} dx &\implies \frac{dv}{dx} = (2x + 9)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ v = \int (2x + 9)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2x + 9)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}(2x + 9)^{\frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

(b)
$$\int \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 2x + 8} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{du}{u} = \frac{1}{2} \ln|u| + c$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2 + 2x + 8| + c$$

$$\begin{aligned} u = x^2 + 2x + 8 \\ du = (2x + 2)dx \\ 2(x + 1)dx = du \\ (x + 1)dx = \frac{1}{2}du \end{aligned}$$

(c)
$$\int (\ln x)^2 dx = x(\ln x)^2 - \int x \cdot 2 \ln x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$= x(\ln x)^2 - 2 \int \ln x dx$$

$$= x(\ln x)^2 - 2(x \ln x - x) + c$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \ln x dx &= \ln x \cdot x - \int \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= x \ln x - x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u = \ln x \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx \\ dv = dx \end{aligned}$$

(d)
$$\int \frac{5}{4 - x^2} dx = \frac{5}{4} \int \frac{1}{2 - x} dx + \frac{5}{4} \int \frac{1}{2 + x} dx$$

$$= -\frac{5}{4} \ln|2 - x| + \frac{5}{4} \ln|2 + x| + c$$

$$\frac{5}{4 - x^2} = \frac{5}{(2 - x)(2 + x)} = \frac{A}{2 - x} + \frac{B}{2 + x}$$

$$\implies 5 = A(2 + x) + B(2 - x)$$

- $x = 2 \implies 5 = A \cdot 4 \implies A = \frac{5}{4}$
- $x = -2 \implies 5 = B \cdot 4 \implies B = \frac{5}{4}$

Example 4 In a study of students learning a foreign language, the number of new words $w(t)$ (as a function of time) an average student can learn in a day is modeled by the equation $\frac{dw}{dt} = 0.1(1 - t)e^{-0.1t}$. If the student begins with 20 new words a day, how many new words a day can he learn after 10 days?

Solving the differential equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} w(t) &= \int 0.1(1 - t)e^{-0.1t} dt = 0.1 \int e^{-0.1t} dt - 0.1 \int te^{-0.1t} dt = 0.1 \frac{e^{-0.1t}}{-0.1} + \int td(e^{-0.1t}) \\ &= -e^{-0.1t} + te^{-0.1t} - \int e^{-0.1t} dt = -e^{-0.1t} + te^{-0.1t} + 10e^{-0.1t} + c = \boxed{(9 + t)e^{-0.1t} + c} \end{aligned}$$

Using the initial condition, we obtain: $20 = w(0) = 9e^0 + c \implies 20 = 9 + c \implies c = 11$.

Thus, $w(t) = (9 + t)e^{-0.1t} + 11$ and $w(10) = 19e^{-1} + 11 \approx 17.99 \approx \boxed{18 \text{ words}}$