

1 Integrating Irreducible Quadratics

1.1 Concepts

1. For partial fractions, we often end up with something of the form $\frac{Ax+B}{x^2+bx+c}$ where the bottom is an irreducible polynomial, one that does not have real roots, and we need to integrate it. We will always end up with a $\ln x^2 + bx + c$ term and an arctan term. In order to split this, let $u = x^2 + bx + c$ so $du = 2x + b$ and write $Ax + B = Cdu + D$. Then you need to be able to complete the square and use the fact that

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \arctan(x/a) + C.$$

1.2 Example

2. Find $\int \frac{2x + 3}{4x^2 + 4x + 5} dx$.

Solution: First we want to get the denominator to be monic or have a leading term x^2 . This gives $\int \frac{2x + 3}{4x^2 + 4x + 5} dx = \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{2x + 3}{x^2 + x + 5/4} dx$. Now let $u = x^2 + x + 5/4$. Then $du = 2x + 1$ and we want to write $2x + 3 = C(2x + 1) + D$. Matching coefficients gives $C = 1$ and $D = 2$. Thus

$$\int \frac{2x + 3}{4x^2 + 4x + 5} = \frac{1}{4} \left[\int \frac{du}{u} + \int \frac{2}{x^2 + x + 5/4} dx \right]$$

The first integral is just $\ln |u| = \ln |x^2 + x + 5/4|$. For the second integral, we need to complete the square. To do this, take the middle term 1, divide by 2, then square to get $1/4$ and so $x^2 + x + 5/4 = x^2 + x + 1/4 + 1 = (x + 1/2)^2 + 1$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4} \left[\int \frac{du}{u} + \int \frac{2}{x^2 + x + 5/4} dx \right] &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\ln |x^2 + x + 5/4| + \int \frac{2}{(x + 1/2)^2 + 1} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{\ln |x^2 + x + 5/4|}{4} + \frac{\arctan(x + 1/2)}{2} + C. \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Problems

3. Find $\int \frac{4x + 1}{x^2 + 4x + 8} dx$.

Solution: Let $u = x^2 + 4x + 8$ so $du = 2x + 4$ and $4x + 1 = 2(2x + 4) - 7$. Then we want to complete the square and we do this by halving 4 to get 2 then squaring to get 4 to get $x^2 + 4x + 8 = x^2 + 4x + 4 + 4 = (x + 2)^2 + 4$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{4x + 1}{x^2 + 4x + 8} dx &= \int \frac{2(2x + 4)}{x^2 + 4x + 8} dx - \int \frac{7}{(x + 2)^2 + 2^2} dx \\ &= 2 \ln |x^2 + 4x + 8| - \frac{7}{2} \arctan((x + 2)/2) + C. \end{aligned}$$

4. Find $\int \frac{3x + 4}{x^2 - 2x + 10} dx$.

Solution: Let $u = x^2 - 2x + 10$ so then $du = 2x - 2$ and then $3x + 4 = \frac{3}{2}(2x - 2) + 7$ and to complete the square, we add $(-2/2)^2 = 1$ to get $x^2 - 2x + 10 = x^2 - 2x + 1 + 9 = (x - 1)^2 + 3^2$. Thus we split to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{3x + 4}{x^2 - 2x + 10} dx &= \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{(2x - 2) dx}{x^2 - 2x + 10} + 7 \int \frac{1}{(x - 1)^2 + 3^2} dx \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \ln |x^2 - 2x + 10| + \frac{7}{3} \arctan((x - 1)/3) + C. \end{aligned}$$

1.4 Extra Problems

5. Find $\int \frac{x - 3}{x^2 - 4x + 5} dx$.

Solution: We write

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x - 3}{x^2 - 4x + 5} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x - 4}{x^2 - 4x + 5} - \int \frac{1}{(x - 2)^2 + 1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 - 4x + 5| - \arctan(x - 2) + C. \end{aligned}$$

6. Find $\int \frac{5-x}{x^2-x+1} dx$.

Solution: We write

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{-x+5}{x^2-x+1} &= \frac{-1}{2} \int \frac{2x-1}{x^2-x+1} dx + \frac{9}{2} \int \frac{1}{(x-1/2)^2+3/4} \\ &= \frac{-1}{2} \ln|x^2-x+1| + \frac{9}{2\sqrt{3}/2} \arctan((x-1/2)/(\sqrt{3}/2)) + C \\ &= \frac{-1}{2} \ln|x^2-x+1| + 3\sqrt{3} \arctan\left(\frac{2x-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + C. \end{aligned}$$

2 Determinants and Inverses

2.1 Concepts

7. There are 2 ways to calculate the determinant of a 3×3 matrix $\begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ b_4 & b_5 & b_6 \\ b_7 & b_8 & b_9 \end{pmatrix}$. The first is expansion along the first row to get the determinant is $b_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_5 & b_6 \\ b_8 & b_9 \end{vmatrix} - b_2 \begin{vmatrix} b_4 & b_6 \\ b_7 & b_9 \end{vmatrix} + b_3 \begin{vmatrix} b_4 & b_5 \\ b_7 & b_8 \end{vmatrix}$. The other is to use the diagonal method to get $b_1b_5b_9 + b_2b_6b_7 + b_3b_4b_8 - b_1b_6b_8 - b_2b_4b_9 - b_3b_5b_7$.

We can determine the number of solutions to an equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ by the determinant of A and that is given below.

$$\frac{\det(A)}{\text{Number of Solutions}} \left\| \begin{array}{c|c} \neq 0 & = 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \text{ or } \infty \end{array} \right.$$

2.2 Examples

8. Find the determinant of $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 & -3 \\ 7 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$.

Solution: One option gives us $3(5 \cdot (-1) - (-3) \cdot (-1)) - 2((-1) \cdot (-1) - (-3) \cdot 7) + 3((-1) \cdot (-1) - 5 \cdot 7) = -170$ and the other way gives us $3 \cdot 5 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot (-3) \cdot 7 + 3 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) - 3 \cdot (-3) \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) - 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 = -170$.

2.3 Problems

9. True **FALSE** It is possible for $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ to have no solutions.

Solution: $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is a solution so it cannot have no solutions.

10. **TRUE** False If we know that $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has no solutions, then we know what $\det(A)$ is.

Solution: If it has no solutions, then $\det(A) = 0$.

11. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \\ 6 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$. What is $\det(A)$? How many solutions that $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ have?

Solution: The determinant is $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 9 + 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 + (-1) \cdot 2 \cdot 8 - 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 9 - (-1) \cdot 2 \cdot 6 = 0$. Therefore $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has 0 or ∞ many solutions. But $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is a solution so it cannot have 0 solutions, so it has ∞ many solutions.

12. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. What is $\det(A)$? How many solutions does $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ have?

Solution: The determinant is $-\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -(5 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 2) = -14$. Since $\det(A) \neq 0$, this has a unique solution and it is $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

13. Find the solution to $x + 2y = 3$ and $4x + 5y = 6$ using matrix vector form.

Solution: We write it as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 4} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

14. Write $x + y = 10$, $y + z = 5$, $x + z = -1$ in matrix vector form. How many solutions does it have?

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To determine the number of solutions, we can calculate the determinant and it is $1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 - 0 = 2 \neq 0$. Therefore, there is a unique solution.