

Complicated Integrals (Partial Fraction Decomposition)

- Problem: Compute the following antiderivative

$$I = \int \frac{4 \tan^4 x + 6 \tan^3 x + 2 \tan^2 x - 4}{2 \sin^2 x \tan x + 4 \sin^2 x - \sin 2x - 1} dx \quad (18)$$

- Reorder the function either to a complicated function which derivation will simplify, times another which can easily be integrated or to a complicated function which is only depended of a function which derivative is multiplied by the first one:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int \frac{2 \tan^4 x + 3 \tan^3 x + \tan^2 x - 2}{\cos^2 x \tan^3 x + 2 \cos^2 x \tan^2 x - \tan x \cos^2 x - \cos^2 x - \cos^2 x \tan^2 x} dx \\ &= \int \frac{2 \tan^4 x + 3 \tan^3 x + \tan^2 x - 2}{\tan^3 x + \tan^2 x - \tan x - 1} \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} dx \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

- Do partial integration in the first case or the substitution method in the second one.

$$u = \tan x, \quad \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad I = \int \frac{2u^4 + 3u^3 + u^2 - 2}{u^3 + u^2 - u - 1} du \quad (20)$$

- If the power of the numerator is larger than the denominator, do a division of the polynoms:

$$(2u^4 + 3u^3 + u^2 - 2) : (u^3 + u^2 - u - 1) = 2u + 1 + \frac{2u^2 + 3u - 1}{u^3 + u^2 - u - 1} \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2u^4 + 2u^3 - 2u^2 - 2u \\ \underline{u^3 + 3u^2 + 2u - 2} \\ u^3 + u^2 - u - 1 \\ \underline{+ 2u^2 + 3u - 1} \end{array}$$

- Factorize the denominator: $u^3 + u^2 - u - 1 = (u - 1)(u + 1)^2$
- Use these zero points to make an ansatz of the partial fraction decomposition and compute the coefficients:

$$\frac{2u^2 + 3u - 1}{u^3 + u^2 - u - 1} = \frac{A}{u - 1} + \frac{B}{u + 1} + \frac{C}{(u + 1)^2} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2u^2 + 3u - 1 &= A(u^2 + 2u + 1) + B(u^2 - 1) + C(u - 1) \\ A + B &= 2, \quad 2A + C = 3, \quad A - B - C = -1 \\ A = B = C &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

- Put the results of the division and the decomposition into the integral and evaluate it:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int (2u + 1 + \frac{1}{u - 1} + \frac{1}{u + 1} + \frac{1}{(u + 1)^2}) du \\ &= u^2 + u + \ln |u - 1| + \ln |u + 1| - \frac{1}{u + 1} + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}, u \neq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

- Resubstitute and simplify

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \tan^2 x + \tan x + \ln |\tan x - 1| + \ln |\tan x + 1| - \frac{1}{\tan x + 1} + C \\ &= (\tan x + 1) \tan x + \ln |\tan^2 x - 1| - \frac{1}{\tan x + 1} + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}, \tan x \neq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

- Further exercises:

$$\int \frac{2e^{3x} + 3e^x}{e^{3x} - e^{2x} + 4e^x - 4} dx \quad (26)$$

$$\int \frac{2 \ln^2 x - 3 \ln x}{x \ln^3 x - 4x \ln^2 x + 5x \ln x - 2x} dx \quad (27)$$

$$\int \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{2 - 2 \sin x + \cos x} dx \quad (28)$$

$$\int \frac{\sinh^3 x + 2 \sinh^2 x + 5 \sinh x + 2}{\sinh^4 x \cosh x + 2 \sinh^3 x \cosh x + 2 \sinh^3 x \cosh x + 2 \sinh x \cosh x + \cosh x} dx \quad (29)$$

$$\int \frac{2x \ln x}{(1 + x^2)^2} dx \quad (30)$$

$$\int \frac{\operatorname{arccot} x}{x^2 - 4x + 4} dx \quad (31)$$