

Partial Fractions

Splitting Fractions

$$\frac{6x-2}{(x-3)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{(x-3)} + \frac{B}{(x+1)}$$

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$$\text{let } x = -1 \quad 6(-1) - 2 = A((-1) + 1) + B((-1) - 3)$$

$$B = 2$$

$$\text{let } x = 3 \quad 6(3) - 2 = A((3) + 1) + B((3) - 3)$$

$$A = 4$$

When there is a square in the denominator, it is included twice:

$$\frac{6x-2}{(x-3)(x+1)^2} = \frac{A}{(x-3)} + \frac{B}{(x+1)} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}$$

Top Heavy Fractions

For top heavy fractions divide the numerator by the denominator algebraic long division).

Parametric Equations

Cartesian Equation: Eliminate t

$$x = 2t \quad y = t^2$$

$$t = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$y = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2$$

Differentiating: Differentiate both separately

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$$

Integrating: We can change to t

$$\int y \, dx = \int y \frac{dx}{dt} \, dt$$

remember to change the limits

The Binomial Expansion

We can expand negative and fractional powers using the formula:

$$(1+kx)^n = 1 + n(kx) + \frac{n(n-1)(kx)^2}{2 \times 1} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(kx)^3}{3 \times 2 \times 1}$$

If the number at the front is not 1,
factorise out first

$$(4-3x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$4^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{3}{4}x\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{3}{4}x\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3}{4}x\right) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{3}{4}x\right)^2}{2 \times 1} + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)\left(\frac{3}{4}x\right)^3}{3 \times 2 \times 1}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{3}{8}x + \frac{27}{128}x^2 - \frac{135}{1024}x^3\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{16}x + \frac{27}{256}x^2 - \frac{135}{2048}x^3$$

Differentiation

$$y = a^x$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a^x \ln a$$

Implicit Differentiation

$$2x^2 + y = x^3 + 3xy$$
$$4x + \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y$$

Vectors

$$a.b = |a||b| \cos \theta$$

Lines are perpendicular if $a.b = 0$

Intersection is where i, j and k are equal

Length of line is Pythagoras

the direction of $\overrightarrow{AB}$ is the position of B
minus the position of A

Draw a diagram to help

Integration

Integration by Inspection: reversing the chain rule

$$y = 24(4x + 2)^2$$
$$\int y \, dx = 2(4x + 2)^3$$

Integration by substitution: substitute into the expression eliminating x . Remember to change the limits.

Integration by parts: the product rule for integration

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} \, dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} \, dx$$

Volumes of Revolution

$$\pi \int_a^b y^2 \, dx$$

Differential Equations: split to have $f(y) \, dy = g(x) \, dx$