

Partial Fractions

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x-a)^n}$$

1. $n = 1$

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x-a)} = \ln|x-a| + C.$$

2. $n > 1$

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x-a)^n} = \frac{1}{(1-n)} \cdot \frac{1}{(x-a)^{n-1}} + C.$$

$$\int \frac{A+Bx}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^n} dx = \int \frac{B[x-a]}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^n} dx + \int \frac{A+Ba}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^n} dx.$$

1. $n = 1$

$$\int \frac{A+Bx}{[x-a]^2+b^2} dx = \frac{B}{2} \ln([x-a]^2+b^2) + \frac{A+Ba}{b} \tan^{-1} \frac{x-a}{b} + C.$$

2. $n > 1$

$$\int \frac{B[x-a]}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^n} dx = \frac{B}{2(1-n)} \cdot \frac{1}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^{n-1}} + C.$$

$$\int \frac{A+Ba}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^n} dx = (A+Ba) \int \frac{1}{b^{2n} \left(\left[\frac{x-a}{b} \right]^2 + 1 \right)^n} dx.$$

The substitution

$$\frac{x-a}{b} = \tan \theta, \quad dx = \frac{bd\theta}{\cos^2 \theta}, \quad \left[\frac{x-a}{b} \right]^2 + 1 = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

reduces the integral to $\frac{A+Ba}{b^{2n-1}} \int \cos^{2(n-1)} \theta d\theta$.

$$\int \cos^{2(n-1)} \theta d\theta = (\text{integration by parts}) = \frac{\cos^{2n-3} \theta \sin \theta}{2(n-1)} + \frac{2n-3}{2n-2} \int \cos^{2(n-2)} \theta d\theta + C.$$

So

$$\int \cos^{2(n-1)} \theta d\theta = \frac{x-a}{b \left(\left[\frac{x-a}{b} \right]^2 + 1 \right)^{n-1} (2n-2)} + \frac{2n-3}{b(2n-2)} \int \frac{dx}{\left(\left[\frac{x-a}{b} \right]^2 + 1 \right)^{n-1}} + C,$$

and

$$\int \frac{A+Ba}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^n} dx = \frac{(A+Ba)(x-a)}{b^2 ([x-a]^2+b^2)^{n-1} (2n-2)} + \frac{(A+Ba)(2n-3)}{b^2(2n-2)} \int \frac{dx}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^{n-1}} + C.$$

Finally

$$\int \frac{A+Bx}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^n} dx = \frac{B}{2(1-n)([x-a]^2+b^2)^{n-1}} + \frac{(A+Ba)(x-a)}{b^2 ([x-a]^2+b^2)^{n-1} (2n-2)} + \frac{(A+Ba)(2n-3)}{b^2(2n-2)} \int \frac{dx}{([x-a]^2+b^2)^{n-1}} + C.$$