

Partial Fraction Decomp.

Ex: Given  $\frac{3}{x^2-x-6} = \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x+2}$

Find A & B

$$3 = A(x+2) + B(x-3)$$

when  $x=3$   $3 = A(5)$   $A = 3/5$

when  $x=-2$   
 $3 = -5B$   
 $B = -3/5$

Can we use this process to evaluate... - yEP!

$$\int \frac{3}{x^2-x-6} dx = \int \left[ \frac{3/5}{x-3} + \frac{-3/5}{x+2} \right] dx$$

$$\frac{3}{5} \int \frac{1}{x-3} dx - \frac{3}{5} \int \frac{1}{x+2} dx$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} \ln|x-3| - \frac{3}{5} \ln|x+2| + C$$

what if mc question...

$$= \frac{3}{5} \left( \ln|x-3| - \ln|x+2| \right) + C$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} \ln \frac{|x-3|}{|x+2|} + C \quad \text{only if mc}$$

Ex: Evaluate  $\int \frac{4}{x^2-2x-3} dx$

$$\int \left( \frac{1}{x-3} + \frac{-1}{x+1} \right) dx$$

Alg. work..

$$\frac{4}{(x-3)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x+1}$$

$$4 = A(x+1) + B(x-3)$$

when  $x=3$   $4=4A$

$x=-1$   $4=-4B$

$A=1$

$B=-1$

$$\ln|x-3| - \ln|x+1| + C$$

$$= \ln \frac{|x-3|}{|x+1|} + C$$

you try...

$$\int \frac{x-13}{2x^2-7x+3} dx =$$

$$\int \left[ \frac{5}{2x-1} - \frac{2}{x-3} \right] dx$$

$$5 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \ln|2x-1| - 2 \ln|x-3| + C$$

$$\frac{5}{2} \ln|2x-1| - 2 \ln|x-3| + C$$

side note

$$x-13 = A(x-3) + B(2x-1)$$

when  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

$x = 3$

$$-\frac{25}{2} = -\frac{5}{2}A$$

$$-10 = 5B$$

$$B = -2$$

$$A = 5$$