

3. [12 points]

- a. [6 points] Split the following function into partial fractions. Do not integrate the result. Be sure to show all your work.

$$\frac{10x + 2}{(x - 1)^2(x + 2)}$$

*Solution:* Start by splitting:

$$\frac{10x + 2}{(x - 1)^2(x + 2)} = \frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{(x - 1)^2} + \frac{C}{x + 2}$$

By giving terms a common denominator, we get:

$$10x + 2 = A(x - 1)(x + 2) + B(x + 2) + C(x - 1)^2. \quad (1)$$

Method 1: (Comparing Coefficients) If we distribute terms, we get

$$0x^2 + 10x + 2 = (A + C)x^2 + (A + B - 2C)x + (-2A + 2B + C).$$

This gives the system of equations:

$$A + C = 0 \quad A + B - 2C = 10 \quad -2A + 2B + C = 2$$

which we can solve for the values:  $A = 2$ ,  $B = 4$ ,  $C = -2$ .

Method 2: (Pluggin In Values) If we plug  $x = 1$  into (1) we get

$$10(1) + 2 = A(1 - 1)(1 + 2) + B(1 + 2) + C(1 - 1)^2$$

This simplifies to give  $12 = 3B$  and therefore  $B = 4$ .

If we plug in  $x = -2$

$$10(-2) + 2 = A(-2 - 1)(-2 + 2) + B(-2 + 2) + C(-2 - 1)^2$$

This gives  $-18 = 9C$  and therefore  $C = -2$ .

Then, plugging in  $B, C$  and  $x = -1$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} 10(-1) + 2 &= A(-1 - 1)(-1 + 2) + 4(-1 + 2) + (-2)(-1 - 1)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow -8 = -2A + 4 - 8 \\ &\Rightarrow -4 = -2A \Rightarrow A = 2. \end{aligned}$$

So we have  $A = 2$ ,  $B = 4$ ,  $C = -2$ .

b. [6 points] Given the partial fraction decomposition

$$\frac{-x - 10}{(x - 3)(x^2 + 4)} = \frac{-1}{x - 3} + \frac{x + 2}{x^2 + 4},$$

evaluate the following indefinite integral, show all your steps:

$$\int \frac{-x - 10}{(x - 3)(x^2 + 4)} dx$$

*Solution:* Start by substituting and splitting up the integral:

$$\int \frac{-x - 10}{(x - 3)(x^2 + 4)} dx = \int \frac{-1}{x - 3} dx + \int \frac{x + 2}{x^2 + 4} dx$$

Then we split up the second integral to get:

$$\int \frac{-x - 10}{(x - 3)(x^2 + 4)} dx = \int \frac{-1}{x - 3} dx + \int \frac{x}{x^2 + 4} dx + \int \frac{2}{x^2 + 4} dx$$

For the first integral we have:

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

For the second integral we use  $u$ -substitution with  $u = x^2 + 4$  and  $du = 2x dx$  to get

$$\int \frac{x}{x^2 + 4} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 4) + C.$$

For the final integral, we first rewrite  $\frac{2}{x^2 + 4} = \frac{2}{4\left(\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + 1\right)} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + 1}$ . Then we have:

$$\int \frac{2}{x^2 + 4} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + 1} dx$$

Using substitution with  $u = \frac{x}{2}$ , so  $du = \frac{1}{2} dx$ , this becomes:

$$\int \frac{2}{x^2 + 4} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + 1} dx = \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} du = \arctan(u) + C = \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$$

Putting this all together, we get

$$\int \frac{-x - 10}{(x - 3)(x^2 + 4)} dx = -\ln|x - 3| + \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 4) + \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C.$$