

Answer on Question #51697, Math, Calculus:

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

Solution

Decompose this partial fraction:

$$\frac{x}{(x+1)(x^3+1)}$$

One root of the $x^3 + 1$ polynomial is -1 . To find the factoring, divide the polynomial by $x + 1$:

$$\begin{array}{r|l} x^3 & +1 \\ x^3 + x^2 & \\ \hline -x^2 & +1 \\ -x^2 - x & \\ \hline x+1 & \\ x+1 & \\ \hline 0 & \end{array}$$

i.e. $x^3 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$

Therefore:

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

Represent the task fraction as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{(x+1)^2(x^2-x+1)} &= \frac{A}{(x+1)} + \frac{B}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{Cx+D}{x^2-x+1} = \\ &= \frac{A(x+1)(x^2-x+1) + B(x^2-x+1) + Cx(x+1)^2 + D(x+1)^2}{(x+1)^2(x^2-x+1)} = \\ &= \frac{A(x^3+1) + B(x^2-x+1) + C(x^3+2x^2+x) + D(x^2+2x+1)}{(x+1)^2(x^2-x+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Equate the rates of equal powers:

$$\begin{aligned} x^3: A + C &= 0 \\ x^2: B + 2C + D &= 0 \\ x^1: -B + C + 2D &= 1 \\ x^0: A + B + D &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The first equation is equal to $A = -C$

Sum of the third and the fourth equations gives:

$$A + C + 3D = 1 \Rightarrow D = \frac{1}{3}$$

Sum of the second and the third equations gives:

$$3C + 3D = 1 \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{3} - D = 0$$

From the third equation:

$$B = 2D - 1 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Finally:

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