

Topic: Trigonometric integrals**Question:** Evaluate the trigonometric integral.

$$\int \sec^2 x + x^2 \, dx$$

Answer choices:

A $\frac{1}{3} \sec^3 x + \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C$

B $\tan x + \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C$

C $\sec x \tan x + \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C$

D $2 \sec^2 x \tan x + 2x + C$



Solution: B

In order to integrate the sum of two terms, we integrate each term and add the results.

$$\int \sec^2 x + x^2 \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^2 x \, dx + \int x^2 \, dx$$

$$\tan x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C$$



Topic: Trigonometric integrals**Question:** Evaluate the trigonometric integral.

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 1 - \cos x \, dx$$

Answer choices:

A $\frac{\pi}{2} + \sqrt{2}$

B $\frac{\pi}{2} - \sqrt{2}$

C $\sqrt{2}$

D $-\sqrt{2}$



Solution: B

Since

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

we have

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 1 - \cos x \, dx$$

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 1 \, dx - \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos x \, dx$$

$$x \Big|_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} - \sin x \Big|_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$x - \sin x \Big|_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \left[-\frac{\pi}{4} - \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right]$$



$$\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \left[-\frac{\pi}{4} - \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \sqrt{2}$$



Topic: Trigonometric integrals**Question:** Evaluate the trigonometric integral.

$$\int \frac{\sin^3 x}{1 - \cos^2 x} dx$$

Answer choices:

A $\frac{-\cos x}{x - \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 x} + C$

B $\frac{1}{2 \sin x} + C$

C $-\cos x + C$

D $\cos x + C$



Solution: C

Before we can integrate, we have to rewrite the integral to simplify it.

$$\int \frac{\sin^3 x}{1 - \cos^2 x} dx$$

$$\int \frac{\sin^3 x}{\sin^2 x} dx$$

$$\int \sin x dx$$

$$-\cos x + C$$

