Calculus Notes

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Part I

Integral Calculus in One Variable

1 Indefinite Integrals

1.1 Integral of a function

The integral is the inverse of the derivative operator. Given a function $f(x)$, we can find a function $F(x)$ such that $F'(x) = f(x)$. The integral of a function is not unique, as for each $f(x)$, $F(x) + C$ is also an integral of that function.

Concept

Both the derivative and the integral are linear operators, so we have:

$$\int [\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)] \mathrm{d}x = \alpha \int f(x) \mathrm{d}x + \beta \int g(x) \mathrm{d}x$$

1.2 Ways to calculate indefinite integrals

1. **Expansion**

   We use the linearity rule to turn a complicated integral into the sum of many simpler ones, then calculate one by one.

2. **Changing the differential expression (u-substitution)**

   If $\displaystyle\int f(x)\mathrm{d}x = F(x) + C$ then $\displaystyle\int f(u)\mathrm{d}x = F(u) + C$, where $u = u(x)$ is a continuously differentiable function. Then, we can change the integrand $g(x)\mathrm{d}x$ into:

   $$g(x) = f(u(x))u'(x)\mathrm{d}x$$

   Then the integral turns into:

   $$\int g(x)\mathrm{d}x = \int f(u(x))u'(x)\mathrm{d}x = \int f(u(x))\mathrm{d}u = F(u) + C$$

   Insight

   In the simple case $u = ax + b$, we have $\mathrm{d}u = a\mathrm{d}x$. Then if $\displaystyle\int f(x)\mathrm{d}x = F(x) + C$ then:

   $$\int f(ax+b)\mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{a}F(ax+b) + C$$

3. **Change of variables** Consider the integral $I = \int f(x)\mathrm{d}x$, where $f(x)$ is a continuous function. We can change $f(x)$ such that we work with functions with known or easier antiderivatives:

   (a) **Change of variables type 1:**
   Let $x = \varphi(t)$, where $\varphi(t)$ is a monotonic and continuously differentiable function. Then:

   $$I = \int f(x)\mathrm{d}x = \int f[\varphi(t)]\varphi'(t)\mathrm{d}t$$

   Denote the antiderivative of $g(t) = f[\varphi(t)]\varphi'(t)$ as $G(t)$ and $h(x)$ as the inverse of $x = \varphi(t)$, we then have:

   $$\int g(t)\mathrm{d}t = G(t) + C \Rightarrow I = G[h(x)] + C$$

   (b) **Change of variables type 2:**
   Let $t = \psi(x)$, where $\psi(x)$ is a continuously differentiable function and we can write $f(x) = g[\psi(x)]\psi'(x)$. Then:

   $$I = \int f(x)\mathrm{d}x = \int g[\psi(x)]\psi'(x)\mathrm{d}x$$

   Denote the antiderivative of $g(t)$ as $G(t)$, then:

   $$I = G[\psi(x)] + C$$

   > Important
   >
   > Remember to change back to the original variable!

4. **Integration by parts** Let $u = u(x)$ and $v = v(x)$ be continuously differentiable functions. We know:

   $$\mathrm{d}(uv) = u\mathrm{d}v + v\mathrm{d}u \Rightarrow \int \mathrm{d}(uv) = \int u\mathrm{d}v + v\mathrm{d}u$$

   Then we have the following formula:

   $$\int u\mathrm{d}v = uv - \int v\mathrm{d}u$$

   Consider the integral $I = \int f(x)\mathrm{d}x$ We need to express:

   $$f(x)\mathrm{d}x = [g(x)h(x)]\mathrm{d}x = g(x)[h(x)\mathrm{d}x] = u\mathrm{d}v$$

   then apply the integration by parts formula to $u = g(x)$, $v = h(x)\mathrm{d}x$

1.3 Integral of rational functions

A rational function is one with the form $f(x) = \dfrac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$, where $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are polynomials in x. If $\deg P(x) < \deg Q(x)$ then it's called a *true rational function.*

Using polynomial division, we can rewrite any rational function:

$$f(x) = H(x) + \frac{r(x)}{Q(x)}$$

The integral of $H(x)$ can easily be computed. As for the true rational function $\dfrac{r(x)}{Q(x)}$, we will use partial fractions to decompose it into four simpler types of functions. First, using the method of Undetermined Coefficients, we can write $Q(x)$ as the product of linear polynomials and quadratic polynomials with no real roots:

$$Q(x) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} (x - a_k)^{\alpha_k} \prod_{k=1}^{n} (x^2 + p_k x + q_k)^{\beta_k}$$

Note that this can always be achieved as per the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra. Then, we just need to compute the following four types of integrals:

Insight

1. $\displaystyle\int \frac{A}{x-a} \mathrm{d}x$
2. $\displaystyle\int \frac{A}{(x-a)^k} \mathrm{d}x \quad (k \geq 2)$
3. $\displaystyle\int \frac{Mx+N}{x^2+px+q} \mathrm{d}x$
4. $\displaystyle\int \frac{Mx+N}{(x^2+px+q)^m} \mathrm{d}x \quad (m \geq 2)$

These integrals cover all cases because any partial fraction decomposition over $\mathbb{R}$ involves repeated linear factors and irreducible quadratic factors, possibly raised to powers. The first two ones are simple:

1. $\displaystyle\int \frac{A}{x-a} \mathrm{d}x = A \ln |x-a| + C$
2. $\displaystyle\int \frac{A}{(x-a)^k} \mathrm{d}x = A \int (x-a)^{-k} = \frac{-A}{(k-1)(x-a)^{k-1}} \quad (k \geq 2)$

The third one is a bit more complicated: we need to use a clever substitution, inspired by completing the square, to bring it back to familiar forms:

Let $a = \sqrt{q - \frac{p^2}{4}}$ and $t = x + \frac{p}{2}$, the integral becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{Mx+N}{x^2+px+q}\mathrm{d}x &= \int \frac{Mt + (N - \frac{Mp}{2})}{t^2+a^2}\mathrm{d}t \\ &= M\int \frac{t}{t^2+a^2}\mathrm{d}t + \left(N - \frac{Mp}{2}\right)\int \frac{1}{t^2+a^2}\mathrm{d}t\end{aligned}$$

For the first integral, substitute in $u = t^2$ and we have a logarithm. For the second one, divide both the numerator and the denominator by a^2 then substitute $u = \frac{t}{a}$, we yield the inverse tangent. Then the integral is simply:

$$\int \frac{Mx+N}{x^2+px+q}\mathrm{d}x = \frac{M}{2}\ln(x^2+px+q) + \frac{2N-Mp}{\sqrt{4q-p^2}}\arctan\frac{2x+p}{\sqrt{4q-p^2}} + C$$

Before moving on to solve the last integral, let's review a bit of complex numbers:

Concept

Some important (and beautiful) formulas::

$$\begin{aligned}\textbf{Euler's Formula:}\quad & e^{ix} = \cos x + i\sin x \\ \textbf{De Moivre's Formula:}\quad & (\cos x + i\sin x)^n = \cos nx + i\sin nx\end{aligned}$$

We will prove it using ODEs. Let $f(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = \cos x + i\sin x$. We know:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= ie^{ix} = if(x) \\ g'(x) &= -\sin x + i\cos x = ig(x)\end{aligned}$$

And also the initial values:

$$f(0) = g(0) = 1$$

By uniqueness of solutions to first-order linear ODEs, Euler's formula is proven. By substituting $f(nx) = g(nx)$, De Moivre's formula is proven. Then we have:

Insight

- $\cos x = \Re(e^{ix}) = \dfrac{e^{ix}+e^{-ix}}{2}$
- $\sin x = \Im(e^{ix}) = \dfrac{e^{ix}+e^{-ix}}{2i}$

From this, we can derive a general formula for powers of the sine and cosine:

$$\cos^n x = \left(\frac{e^{ix}+e^{-ix}}{2}\right)^n = \frac{1}{2^n}\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}e^{i(n-2k)x}$$

Now if we group k and $n-k$ in pairs to get $\cos(n-2k)$, we get:

$$\cos^n x = \frac{1}{2^n}\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}\cos((n-2k)x)$$

Analogously, we also have:

$$\sin^n x = \frac{1}{(2i)^n}\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}(-1)^k\cos(\frac{\pi n}{2}-(n-2k)x)$$

Now, back to the fourth integral, we first do the same thing: change variables $a = \sqrt{q-\frac{p^2}{4}}$ and $t = x+\frac{p}{2}$. This yields:

$$\begin{aligned}\int\frac{Mx+N}{(x^2+px+q)^m}\mathrm{d}t =& \int\frac{Mt+(N-\frac{Mp}{2})}{(t^2+a^2)^m}\mathrm{d}t\\ =&M\int\frac{t}{(t^2+a^2)^m}\mathrm{d}t + \left(N-\frac{Mp}{2}\right)\int\frac{1}{(t^2+a^2)^m}\mathrm{d}t\end{aligned}$$

Again, to compute the first integral, we use the substitution $u = t^2$. Then it is:

$$M\int\frac{t}{(t^2+a^2)^m}\mathrm{d}t = \frac{-M}{2(m-1)(t^2+a^2)^{m-1}}+C$$

For the second integral however, this time we need a different substitution. Let $t = a\tan z$. Then: $t^2+a^2 = a^2\sec^2 z$, and $\mathrm{d}t = a\sec^2\mathrm{d}z$. Then the integral turns into:

$$\int\frac{1}{(t^2+a^2)^m}\mathrm{d}t = a^{2m-1}\int\cos^{2m-2}z\mathrm{d}z$$

Let $I(z) = \int\cos^{2m-2}z\mathrm{d}z$and now, we can take advantage of the linearity rule and the formula for powers of cosine we just derived. The integral turns into:

$$\begin{aligned}I(z) =& \int\frac{1}{2^{2m-2}}\sum_{k=0}^{2m-2}\binom{2m-2}{k}\cos(2(m-k-1)z)\mathrm{d}z\\ =&\frac{1}{2^{2m-2}}\sum_{k=0}^{2m-2}\binom{2m-2}{k}\frac{1}{2m-2-2k}\sin(2(m-k-1)z)+C\\ =&\frac{1}{2^{2m-2}}\left[\binom{2m-2}{m-1}z+\sum_{k=0,k\neq m-1}^{2m-2}\binom{2m-2}{k}\frac{1}{2m-2-2k}\sin(2(m-k-1)z)\right]+C\end{aligned}$$

Then the integral, as a whole, evaluates to:

$$\int\frac{Mx+N}{(x^2+px+q)^m}\mathrm{d}x = \frac{-M}{2(m-1)(x^2+px+q)^{m-1}}+\left(N-\frac{Mp}{2}\right)\left(\sqrt{q-\frac{p^2}{4}}\right)^{2m-1}\cdot I(z)+C$$

1.4 Integral of trigonometric functions