

Some Basic Indefinite Integral Formulas

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$$1. \int x^\alpha dx = \frac{x^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} + c, \alpha \neq -1$$

$$2. \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + c$$

$$3. \int e^x dx = e^x + c$$

$$4. \int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + c, (a > 0, a \neq 1)$$

$$5. \int \cos x dx = \sin x + c$$

$$6. \int \sin x dx = -\cos x + c$$

$$7. \int \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} dx = \tan x + c$$

$$8. \int \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} dx = -\cot x + c$$

$$9. \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \arcsin x + c$$

$$10. \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \arctan x + c$$

$$11. \int \frac{1}{a^2+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{x}{a} + c$$

$$\text{Pf: } \int \frac{1}{a^2+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a^2} \int \frac{1}{(\frac{x}{a})^2+1} d\frac{x}{a}, \text{ use 10.}$$

$$12. \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} dx = \arcsin \frac{x}{a} + c$$

$$\text{Pf: } \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{dx}{a\sqrt{1-(\frac{x}{a})^2}} = \int \frac{d\frac{x}{a}}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{x}{a})^2}}, \text{ use 9.}$$

$$13(a). \int \frac{1}{a^2-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left| \frac{a+x}{a-x} \right| + c$$

$$\text{Pf: } \int \frac{1}{a^2-x^2} dx = \int \frac{dx}{(a-x)(a+x)} = \frac{1}{2a} \int \left(\frac{1}{a-x} + \frac{1}{a+x} \right) dx$$

$$\text{use 2, } = \frac{1}{2a} (-\ln|a-x| + \ln|a+x|) + c = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left| \frac{a+x}{a-x} \right| + c.$$

Similarly, we have

$$13(b). \int \frac{1}{x^2-a^2} dx = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left| \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right| + c$$

$$\text{Pf: } \int \frac{1}{x^2-a^2} dx = \int \frac{dx}{(x-a)(x+a)} = \frac{1}{2a} \int \left(\frac{1}{x-a} - \frac{1}{x+a} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a} (\ln|x-a| - \ln|x+a|) + c = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left| \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right| + c.$$

$$14. \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+a^2}} dx = \ln|x + \sqrt{x^2+a^2}| + c$$

$$\text{Pf: Let } x = a \tan t, \text{ then } dx = a \sec^2 t dt, \sqrt{x^2+a^2} = a \sec t$$

$$\text{so left side} = \int \frac{1}{a \sec t} a \sec^2 t dt = \int \frac{1}{\cos t} dt$$

$$\text{use 20, } = \ln \left| \tan \left(\frac{t}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right| + c = \ln |\sec t + \tan t| + c$$

$$= \ln|x + \sqrt{x^2+a^2}| + c.$$

Note: Some basic triangular transformation for square root type integrals:

(I) sin/cos type $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$

let $x = a \times \sin\theta$, $dx = a \times \cos\theta$; or $x = a \times \cos\theta$, $dx = -a \sin\theta d\theta$

$$\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$$

(II) sec/csc type $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$

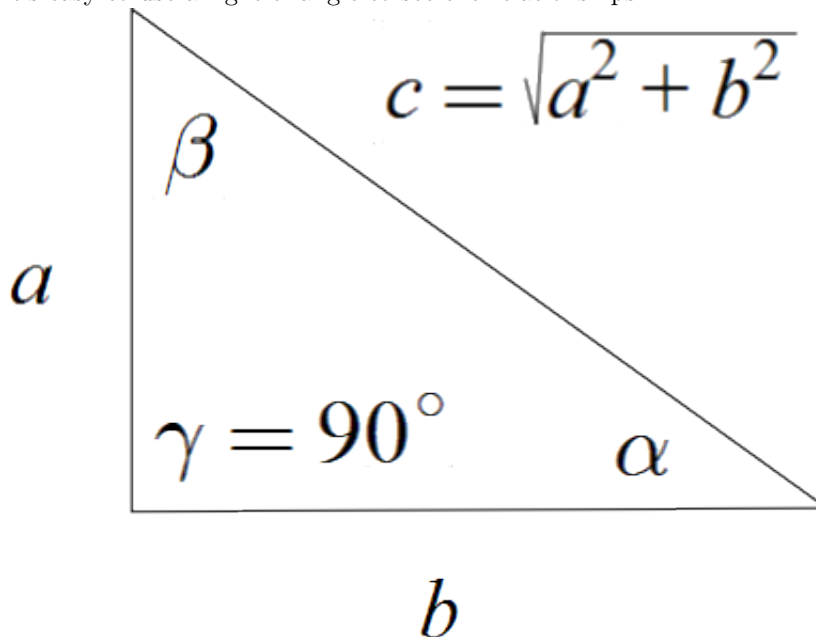
let $x = a \times \sec\theta$, $dx = a \times \sec\theta \tan\theta d\theta$; or $x = a \times \csc\theta$, $dx = -a \times \csc\theta \cot\theta$

$$\sec^2\theta = 1 + \tan^2\theta$$

(III) tan/cot type $\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$

let $x = a \times \tan\theta$, $dx = a \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta}$; or $x = a \times \cot\theta$, $dx = -a \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}$

It's easy to use a right triangle to see the relationships.



$$\sin\alpha = \frac{a}{c}, \cos\alpha = \frac{b}{c}, \tan\alpha = \frac{a}{b}, \cot\alpha = \frac{b}{a};$$

$$\sec\alpha = \frac{1}{\cos\alpha} = \frac{c}{b}, \csc\alpha = \frac{1}{\sin\alpha} = \frac{c}{a}.$$

$$(\csc x)' = -\csc x \cot x, (\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x.$$

$$(IV)^m \sqrt[m]{ax+b} = t, x = \frac{t^m - b}{a}, dx = \frac{1}{a} m t^{m-1} dt$$

$$(V)^m \sqrt[m]{x}, x = t^m, dx = m t^{m-1} dt;$$

$${}^m\sqrt{x} \text{ and } {}^n\sqrt{x}, \text{ let } t = {}^{mn}\sqrt{x}, \text{ so } {}^m\sqrt{x} = t^n, {}^n\sqrt{x} = t^m$$

$$dx = dt^{mn} = (mn)t^{mn-1} dt$$

$$15. \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx = \ln|x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}| + c$$

$$\text{Pf: let } x = a \times \sec t, \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = a \times \tan t,$$

$$dx = d(a \times \sec t) = a \frac{\sin t}{\cos^2 t} dt = a \times \sec t \times \tan t \times dt$$

$$\text{left side} = \int \frac{a \times \sec t \times \tan t}{a \times \tan t} dt = \int \frac{dt}{\cos t}$$

$$\text{use 20, } = \ln|\sec t + \tan t| + c = \ln\left|\frac{x}{a} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{a}\right| + c$$

$$= \ln|x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}| - \ln a + c$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \int \frac{1}{(x^2 - a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx = -\frac{x}{a^2 \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} + c$$

Pf: let $x = a \sec \theta$, $dx = a d \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = a \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta$,
 $(x^2 - a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = (a^2 \tan^2 \theta)^{\frac{3}{2}} = a^3 \tan^3 \theta$.

left side = $\frac{a \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta}{a^3 \tan^3 \theta} = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d \sin \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} = -\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = -\frac{x}{a^2 \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} + c$.

16. $\int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \arcsin \frac{x}{a} + c$, ($x^2 \leq a^2 \Rightarrow -a \leq x \leq a$)

Pf(a): let $x = a \sin t$, $dx = a \cos t dt$, $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} = a \cos t$;

left side = $\int a \cos t a \cos t dt = a^2 \int \cos^2 t dt$
 $= \frac{a^2}{2} \int (\cos 2t + 1) dt = \frac{a^2}{2} (\frac{1}{2} \sin 2t + t) + c$

$\sin 2t = 2 \sin t \cos t = 2 \frac{x}{a} \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{a}$
so = $\frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \arcsin \frac{x}{a} + c$

Pf(b): integral by parts, left side = $x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} - \int x d \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$

$= x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} - \int \frac{-2x^2 \times \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} - \int \frac{-x^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx$

note that for $\frac{-x^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$, the degree of numerator is higher than the degree of denominator,

$\int \frac{-x^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \int \frac{a^2 - x^2 - a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx$, so

$\int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx = x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} - \int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx + \int \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx$

move the term $\int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx$ from right side to left side, we have

$\int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx$,

now use 12, we get $\int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \arcsin \frac{x}{a} + c$.

17. $\int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \frac{a^2}{2} \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}| + c$

Pf: integral by parts, left side = $x \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \int \frac{\frac{1}{2} 2xx}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx$

$= x \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx = x \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \int \frac{x^2 - a^2 + a^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx$

$= x \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx - \int \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx$

so $\int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx = x \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx - \int \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx$

$\int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \frac{a^2}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx$

use 15.

$= \frac{x}{2} \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \frac{a^2}{2} \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}| + c$.

18. $\int \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}| + c$

Pf: integral by parts, left side = $x \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \int x d \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$

$= x \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} dx = x \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - \int \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} dx + \int \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} dx$

so $\int \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} dx$

use 14.

$= \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}| + c$.

19. $\int \csc x dx = \int \frac{1}{\sin x} dx = \ln |\tan \frac{x}{2}| + c = \ln |\csc x - \cot x| + c$

left side = $\int \frac{dx}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}} = \int \frac{dx}{\frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos \frac{x}{2}} 2 \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} = \int \frac{d \tan \frac{x}{2}}{\tan \frac{x}{2}} = \ln |\tan \frac{x}{2}| + c$

and $\tan \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{2\cos \frac{x}{2} \sin \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{1-\cos x}{\sin x} = \csc x - \cot x$.

Similarly, we have $\int \frac{1}{\sin x \cos x} dx = \int \frac{\cot x}{\cos^2 x} dx$
 $= \int \frac{1}{\tan x} d\tan x = \ln|\tan x| + c$.

20. $\int \sec x dx = \int \frac{1}{\cos x} dx = \ln|\tan(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4})| + c = \ln|\sec x + \tan x| + c$

Pf: left side = $\int \frac{d(x+\frac{\pi}{2})}{\sin(x+\frac{\pi}{2})}$

use 19. = $\ln|\tan(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4})| + c$.

$\tan(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 1}{1 - \tan \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}}{\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2})^2}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos x}$.

21. $\int \tan x dx = \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx = \int \frac{-d\cos x}{\cos x} = -\ln|\cos x| + c$

22. $\int \cot x dx = \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} dx = \int \frac{d\sin x}{\sin x} = \ln|\sin x| + c$

23. $\int \tan^2 x dx = \int (\sec^2 x - 1) dx = \tan x - x + c$

24. $\int \cot^2 x dx = \int (\csc^2 x - 1) dx = -\cot x - x + c$

25. $\int e^{ax} \sin(bx) dx = \frac{e^{ax}(a\sin(bx) - b\cos(bx))}{a^2 + b^2} + c$

Pf: integral by parts, left side

= $\frac{1}{a} \int \sin(bx) de^{ax} = \frac{1}{a} (\sin(bx)e^{ax} - \int be^{ax} \cos(bx) dx)$

and $\int be^{ax} \cos(bx) dx = \frac{b}{a} \int \cos(bx) de^{ax} = \frac{b}{a} (\cos(bx)e^{ax} - \int e^{ax} d\cos(bx))$

= $\frac{b}{a} (\cos(bx)e^{ax} + b \int e^{ax} \sin(bx) dx)$

so $\int e^{ax} \sin(bx) dx = \frac{1}{a} (\sin(bx)e^{ax} - \frac{b}{a} (\cos(bx)e^{ax} + b \int e^{ax} \sin(bx) dx))$

$a \int e^{ax} \sin(bx) dx = \sin(bx)e^{ax} - \frac{b}{a} \cos(bx)e^{ax} - \frac{b^2}{a} \int e^{ax} \sin(bx) dx$

$(a + \frac{b^2}{a}) \int e^{ax} \sin(bx) dx = \sin(bx)e^{ax} - \frac{b}{a} \cos(bx)e^{ax}$

$\int e^{ax} \sin(bx) dx = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} (a\sin(bx)e^{ax} - b\cos(bx)e^{ax}) + c$.

26. $\int e^{ax} \cos(bx) dx = \frac{e^{ax}(b\sin(bx) + a\cos(bx))}{a^2 + b^2} + c$

Pf: left side = $\frac{1}{a} \int \cos(bx) de^{ax} = \frac{1}{a} (\cos(bx)e^{ax} + \int be^{ax} \sin(bx) dx)$

$\int be^{ax} \sin(bx) dx = \frac{b}{a} \int \sin(bx) de^{ax} = \frac{b}{a} (\sin(bx)e^{ax} - \int e^{ax} d\sin(bx))$

= $\frac{b}{a} (\sin(bx)e^{ax} - b \int e^{ax} \cos(bx) dx)$

so $a \int e^{ax} \cos(bx) dx = \cos(bx)e^{ax} + \frac{b}{a} \sin(bx)e^{ax}$

$\int e^{ax} \cos(bx) dx = \frac{a\cos(bx)e^{ax} + b\sin(bx)e^{ax}}{a^2 + b^2}$.

27. $\int \frac{1}{(x^2 + a^2)} dx = \frac{1}{2a^2} \frac{x}{x^2 + a^2} + \frac{1}{2a^3} \arctan \frac{x}{a} + c$

Pf: let $x = a \times \tan \theta$, $x^2 + a^2 = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} a^2$,

left side = $\int \frac{\frac{a}{\cos^2 \theta}}{\frac{1}{\cos^4 \theta} a^4} d\theta = \frac{1}{a^3} \int \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2a^3} \int \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} d2\theta$

= $\frac{1}{4a^3} (2\theta + \sin 2\theta)$

note that $\theta = \arctan \frac{x}{a}$, $\sin 2\theta = 2\sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{2ax}{a^2 + x^2}$

so left side = $\frac{1}{4a^3} (2\arctan \frac{x}{a} + \frac{2ax}{a^2 + x^2}) + c$.