

§8.3 - Integrating Trig Functions

After completing this section, students should be able to:

- Compute integrals of powers of sine and cosine that include at least one odd power by converting sines to cosines or vice versa and using u-substitution.
- Compute integrals of even powers of sine and cosine using the trig identities $\cos^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\theta)$ and $\sin^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\theta)$
- Compute some powers of sec and tan by converting them to sine and cosine, or by applying u-substitution.
- Compute $\int \sec(x) dx$ and $\int \csc(x) dx$.
- Compute $\int \sec^2(x) dx$ and $\int \tan^2(x) dx$

Note. Here are some useful trig identities for the next few sections.

1. Pythagorean Identity: $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$

2. Converted into tan and sec: $\tan^2(x) + 1 = \sec^2(x)$

3. Converted into cot and csc: $1 + \cot^2(x) = \csc^2(x)$

4. Even and Odd:
 even: $\cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$
 odd: $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$
 $\tan(-\theta) = -\tan(\theta)$

5. Angle Sum Formula: $\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$

6. Angle Sum Formula: $\cos(A + B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$

7. Double Angle Formula: $\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta)$

8. Double Angle Formulas: $\cos(2\theta) = \frac{\cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta)}{2\cos^2(\theta) - 1} = \frac{1 - 2\sin^2(\theta)}{1 - 2\sin^2(\theta)}$

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$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)}{2}$$

$$\sin A \sin B = \frac{\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)}{2}$$

11. $\cos^2(\theta) = \frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2}$

12. $\sin^2(\theta) = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2}$

Example. Find $\int \sin^4(x) \cos(x) dx$

$$u = \sin x$$

$$du = \cos x dx$$

$$\int u^4 du$$

$$\frac{1}{5}u^5$$

$$\frac{1}{5}(\sin^5(x)) + c$$

One of the powers is odd

Example. Find $\int \sin^4(x) \cos^3(x) dx$

$$\int \sin^4(x) \cos^2(x) \cos x dx$$

$$\int \sin^4(x) (1 - \sin^2(x)) \cos x dx$$

$$u = \sin x$$

$$du = \cos x dx$$

$$\int u^4 (1 - u^2) du$$

$$\int (u^4 - u^6) du$$

$$\frac{1}{5}u^5 - \frac{1}{7}u^7$$

$$\frac{1}{5}(\sin^5(x) - \sin^7(x)) + c$$

Example. Find $\int \sin^5(x) \cos^2(x) dx$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \sin^4(x) \cos^2(x) \sin x \, dx \\ & \int (\sin^2(x))^2 \cos^2(x) \sin x \, dx \\ & \int (1 - \cos^2(x))^2 \cos^2(x) \sin x \, dx \end{aligned}$$

$$u = \cos x$$

$$du = -\sin x \, dx$$

$$-du = \sin x \, dx$$

$$-\int (1 - u^2)^2 u^2 \, du$$

$$-\int (1 - 2u^2 + u^4) u^2 \, du$$

$$-\int (u^2 - 2u^4 + u^6) \, du$$

$$((-u^3)/3 + (2u^5)/5 - (u^7)/7)$$

$$(-\cos^3(x)/3 + 2\cos^5(x)/5 - (\cos^7(x)/7))$$

Example. Consider

$$\int \cos^2(x) dx$$

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According to a TI-89 calculator

$$\int \cos^2(x) dx = \frac{\sin(x) \cos(x)}{2} + \frac{x}{2}$$

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According to the table in the back of the book,

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

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Are these answers the same?

Compute $\int \cos^2(x) dx$ by hand. Hint: $\cos^2(x) = \frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \cos^2(x) dx &= \int (1 + \cos(2x))/2 dx = 1/2 \int 1 + \cos 2x dx \\ &= 1/2 (\int 1 dx + \int \cos 2x dx) = 1/2 [x + \sin 2x/2] \\ &= x/2 + \sin 2x/4 + c\end{aligned}$$

Example. Compute $\int \sin^2(x) dx$ by hand.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^2(x) &= \int ((1 - \cos 2x)/2) dx = 1/2 \int 1 - \cos 2x dx \\ &= 1/2 (\int 1 dx - \int \cos 2x dx) = 1/2 [x - \sin 2x/2] \\ &= x/2 - \sin 2x/4 + c\end{aligned}$$

Example. Compute $\int \sin^6(x) \, dx$ by hand.

Review. What tricks can be used to calculate $\int \cos^7(5x) \sin^4(5x) dx$?

theta = 5x
 dtheta = 5dx
 1/5 dtheta = dx

1/5 $\int \cos^7(\theta) \sin^4(\theta) d\theta$
 1/5 $\int \cos^6(\theta) \sin^4(\theta) \cos(\theta) d\theta$
 1/5 $\int (\cos^2(\theta))^3 \sin^4(\theta) \cos(\theta) d\theta$
 1/5 $\int (1 - \sin^2(\theta))^3 \sin^4(\theta) \cos(\theta) d\theta$

$\int \sin^2(x) \cos^2(x) dx$
 $\int \sin x \sin x \cos x \cos x dx$
 $\int \sin x \cos x \sin x \cos x dx$
 $\int (\sin x \cos x)^2 dx$
 $\int (\sin(2x)/2)^2 dx$
 $\int 1/4 (\sin^2 2x) dx$

Which of these integrals can be attacked in the same way, using the identity $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$ and u -substitution?

A. $\int \sin^3(x) \cos^4(x) dx$

D. $\int \sin^3(2x) \sqrt{\cos(2x)} dx$

B. $\int \frac{\cos^3(\sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{x}} dx$

E. $\int \tan^3(x) dx$

C. $\int \cos^2(x) \sin^4(x) dx$

F. $\int \sin^2(x) dx$

Even powers of sine and cosine.

Review. What trig identities are most useful in evaluating $\int \cos^2(x) \sin^4(x) dx$?

1/2 angle identities
 $\sin 2x$
 sum angle formulas

Example. Compute $\int \cos^2(x) \sin^4(x) dx$ by hand.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int \cos^2 x \sin^4 x \, dx \\
 &= \int \cos^2 x \sin^2 x \sin^2 x \, dx \\
 &= \int (\sin x \cos x)^2 \sin^2 x \, dx \\
 &= \int (\sin(2x)/2)^2 (1 - \cos(2x)/2) \, dx \\
 &= \int \sin^2(2x)/4 (1 - \cos(2x)/2) \, dx \\
 &= 1/8 \int ((1 - \cos 4x)/2)(1 - \cos 2x) \, dx \\
 &= 1/16 \int (1 - \cos 2x - \cos 4x) + (\cos x) \\
 &= 1/16 \int 1 - \cos 2x - \cos 4x + (\cos 6x + \cos 2x)/2 \, dx \\
 &= 1/16 [x - \sin(2x)/2 - \sin(4x)/4 + \sin(x)/12 + \sin(2x)/4] \\
 &= x/16 - \sin(2x)/32 - \sin(4x)/64 + \sin(x)/192 + \sin(2x)/64] + c
 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusions:

To find $\int \sin^m(x) \cos^n(x) dx$,

if m is odd and n is even:

sin is odd
 let $u = \cos x$
 $du = -\sin x dx$
 $\sin^2(x) = 1 - \cos^2(x)$

if n is odd and m is even:

cos is odd
 let $u = \sin x$
 $du = \cos x dx$
 $\cos^2(x) = 1 - \sin^2(x)$

if both m and n are odd:

Can do either 1 or 2
 $\int \sin^3(x) \cos^5(x) dx$
 $\int \sin^3(x) \cos^4(x) \cos x dx$
 $\int \sin^3(x) (1 - \sin^2(x))^2 \cos x dx$

if both m and n are even:

Create squares
 Use half angle identities
 $\sin(2x)$ identity
 sum angle formulas

Note. Often the answers that you get when you integrate by hand do not look identical to the answers you will see if you use your calculator, Wolfram Alpha, or the integral table in the back of the book. Of course, the answers should be equivalent. Why do you think the answers look so different?

These integrals have their own special tricks.

Example. $\int \tan^2(x) \, dx$

Example. $\int \sec(x) \, dx$