

- 1 If $I_n = \int x^n e^{2x} dx$ prove that $I_n = \frac{x^n e^{2x}}{2} - \frac{n}{2} I_{n-1}$
- 2 If $I_n = \int \sin^n x dx$ prove that $I_n = -\frac{\sin^{n-1} x \cos x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} I_{n-2}$
- 3 If $I_n = \int \cot^n x dx$ prove that $I_n = -\frac{1}{n-1} \cot^{n-1} x - I_{n-2}$
- 4 In Question 1 we saw that if $I_n = \int x^n e^{2x} dx$ then $I_n = \frac{x^n e^{2x}}{2} - \frac{n}{2} I_{n-1}$. Find $\int x^2 e^{2x} dx$

MEDIUM

- 5 If $I_n = \int_1^{e^2} (\log_e x)^n dx$ prove that $I_n = 2^n e^2 - n I_{n-1}$
- 6 i Let $I_n = \int_0^x \sec^n t dt$ where $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$. Show that $I_n = \frac{\sec^{n-2} x \tan x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} I_{n-2}$
 ii Hence find the exact value of $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sec^4 t dt$
- 7 Prove $\int x \ln^n x dx = \frac{x^2 \ln^n x}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \int x \ln^{n-1} x dx$ and hence find $\int x \ln^2 x dx$
- 8 If $I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^n \cos x dx$ prove that $I_n = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^n - n(n-1) I_{n-2}$
- 9 If $I_n = \int x^n \sqrt{2x+1} dx$ prove that $I_n = \frac{x^n \sqrt{(2x+1)^3}}{2n+3} - \frac{n}{2n+3} I_{n-1}$

CHALLENGING

- 10 Find a recurrence relationship for $I_n = \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{(x^2+1)^2} dx$
- 11 Find a recurrence relationship for $I_m = \int_0^1 x^m (x^2-1)^5 dx$
- 12 Find a recurrence relationship for $I_n = \int_{-3}^0 x^n \sqrt{x+3} dx$
- 13 Find a recurrence relationship for $I_n = \int \frac{dx}{\sin^n x}$

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$$I_n = \int x^n e^{2x} dx$$

$$= \frac{x^n e^{2x}}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \int x^{n-1} e^{2x} dx$$

$$= \frac{x^n e^{2x}}{2} - \frac{n}{2} I_{n-1}$$

$u = x^n$	$\frac{dv}{dx} = e^{2x}$
$\frac{du}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$	$v = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x}$

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$$I_n = \int \sin^n x dx$$

$u = \sin^{n-1} x$	$dv = \sin x dx$
$\frac{du}{dx} = (n-1) \sin^{n-2} x \cos x$	$v = -\cos x$

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

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

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

$$\therefore I_n = -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) I_{n-2} - (n-1) I_n$$

$$n I_n = -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) I_{n-2}$$

$$I_n = -\frac{\sin^{n-1} x \cos x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} I_{n-2}$$

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$$I_n + I_{n-2}$$

$$= \int (\cot^n x + \cot^{n-2} x) dx$$

$$= \int \cot^{n-2} x (\cot^2 x + 1) dx$$

$$= \int \operatorname{cosec}^2 x \cot^{n-2} x dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n-1} \cot^{n-1} x$$

$$\therefore I_n = -\frac{1}{n-1} \cot^{n-1} x - I_{n-2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 I_0 &= \int x^0 e^{2x} dx \\
 &= \int e^{2x} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + c
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int x^2 e^{2x} dx &= I_2 \\
 &= \frac{x^2 e^{2x}}{2} - \frac{2}{2} I_{2-1} \\
 &= \frac{x^2 e^{2x}}{2} - \left(\frac{x e^{2x}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} I_0 \right) \\
 &= \frac{x^2 e^{2x}}{2} - \frac{x e^{2x}}{2} + \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} + c
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 I_n &= \int_1^{e^2} (\log_e x)^n dx \\
 &= \left[x (\log_e x)^n \right]_1^{e^2} - n \int_1^{e^2} (\log_e x)^{n-1} dx \\
 &= e^2 \times 2^n - 0 - n I_{n-1} \\
 \therefore I_n &= 2^n e^2 - n I_{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$u = (\log_e x)^n$	$\frac{dv}{dx} = 1$
$\frac{du}{dx} = n(\log_e x)^{n-1} \times \frac{1}{x}$	$v = x$

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$$\text{i } I_n = \int_0^x \sec^n t \, dt$$

$u = \sec^{n-2} t$	$\frac{dv}{dt} = \sec^2 t$
$\frac{du}{dt} = (n-2) \sec^{n-3} t \sec t \tan t$	$v = \tan t$
$= (n-2) \sec^{n-2} t \tan t$	

$$= \left[\sec^{n-2} t \tan t \right]_0^x - (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} t \tan^2 t \, dt$$

$$= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - 0 - (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} t (\sec^2 t - 1) \, dt$$

$$= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \sec^n t \, dt + (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} t \, dt$$

$$\therefore I_n = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) I_n + (n-2) I_{n-2}$$

$$(n-1) I_n = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x + (n-2) I_{n-2}$$

$$I_n = \frac{\sec^{n-2} x \tan x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} I_{n-2}$$

$$\text{ii } \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sec^4 t \, dt$$

$$= I_4$$

$$= \frac{\sec^2 \frac{\pi}{3} \tan \frac{\pi}{3}}{3} + \frac{2}{3} I_2$$

$$= 2^2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1 \times \tan \frac{\pi}{3}}{1} + 0 \right)$$

$$= \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3} + \frac{2}{3} (\sqrt{3})$$

$$= 2\sqrt{3}$$

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$$I_n = \int x \ln^n x \, dx = \frac{x^2 \ln^n x}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \int \frac{\ln x}{x} \times x^2 \, dx$$

$$= \frac{x^2 \ln^n x}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \int x \ln^{n-1} x \, dx$$

$u = \ln^n x$ $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{n \ln^{n-1} x}{x}$	$\frac{dv}{dx} = x$ $v = \frac{x^2}{2}$
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$$\therefore I_n = \frac{x^2 \ln^n x}{2} - \frac{n}{2} I_{n-1}$$

$$I_0 = \int x \, dx = \frac{x^2}{2} + c$$

$$I_2 = \frac{x^2 \ln^2 x}{2} - \frac{2}{2} I_1$$

$$= \frac{x^2 \ln^2 x}{2} - \left(\frac{x^2 \ln x}{2} - \frac{1}{2} I_0 \right)$$

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

$$= \frac{x^2 \ln^2 x}{2} - \frac{x^2 \ln x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + c$$

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$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^n \cos x \, dx$$

$$= \left[x^n \sin x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - n \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^{n-1} \sin x \, dx$$

$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^n - n \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^{n-1} \sin x \, dx$$

$u = x^n$ $\frac{du}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$	$\frac{dv}{dx} = \cos x$ $v = \sin x$
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$u = x^{n-1}$ $\frac{du}{dx} = (n-1)x^{n-2}$	$\frac{dv}{dx} = \sin x$ $v = -\cos x$
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$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^n + n \left\{ \left[x^{n-1} \cos x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - (n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^{n-2} \cos x \, dx \right\}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^n + n(0-0) - n(n-1) I_{n-2}$$

$$\therefore I_n = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^n - n(n-1) I_{n-2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
I_n &= \int x^n \sqrt{2x+1} \, dx \\
&= \frac{x^n (2x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3} - \frac{n}{3} \int x^{n-1} (2x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \, dx \\
&= \frac{x^n \sqrt{(2x+1)^3}}{3} - \frac{n}{3} \int (2x+1) x^{n-1} (2x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, dx \\
&= \frac{x^n \sqrt{(2x+1)^3}}{3} - \frac{n}{3} \int 2x \times x^{n-1} (2x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, dx - \frac{n}{3} \int x^{n-1} (2x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, dx \\
&= \frac{x^n \sqrt{(2x+1)^3}}{3} - \frac{2n}{3} \int x^n \sqrt{2x+1} \, dx - \frac{n}{3} \int x^{n-1} \sqrt{2x+1} \, dx \\
\therefore I_n &= \frac{x^n \sqrt{(2x+1)^3}}{3} - \frac{2n}{3} I_n - \frac{n}{3} I_{n-1} \\
\frac{2n+3}{3} I_n &= \frac{x^n \sqrt{(2x+1)^3}}{3} - \frac{n}{3} I_{n-1} \\
\therefore I_n &= \frac{x^n \sqrt{(2x+1)^3}}{2n+3} - \frac{n}{2n+3} I_{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$u = x^n$ $\frac{du}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$	$\frac{dv}{dx} = (2x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $v = \frac{1}{3}(2x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}$
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$$\begin{aligned}
I_n &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{(x^2+1)^2} \, dx, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^{n-1}}{x^2+1} \right]_0^1 + \frac{n-1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-2}}{x^2+1} \, dx \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} - 0 + \frac{n-1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-2}(x^2+1)}{(x^2+1)^2} \, dx \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{n-1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{(x^2+1)^2} \, dx + \frac{n-1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-2}}{(x^2+1)^2} \, dx \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{n-1}{2} I_n + \frac{n-1}{2} I_{n-2} \\
\therefore \frac{3-n}{2} I_n &= -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{n-1}{2} I_{n-2} \\
I_n &= \frac{1}{2(n-3)} - \frac{n-1}{n-3} I_{n-2}
\end{aligned}$$

$u = \frac{1}{2} x^{n-1}$ $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} (n-1) x^{n-2}$	$\frac{dv}{dx} = 2x(x^2+1)^{-2}$ $v = -(x^2+1)^{-1}$
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$$I_m = \int_0^1 x^m (x^2 - 1)^5 dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \left[x^{m-1} (x^2 - 1)^6 \right]_0^1 - \frac{(m-1)}{12} \int_0^1 x^{m-2} (x^2 - 1)^6 dx$$

$$= 0 - \frac{m-1}{12} \int_0^1 x^{m-2} (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 1)^5 dx$$

$$= -\frac{m-1}{12} \int_0^1 x^m (x^2 - 1)^5 dx + \frac{m-1}{12} \int_0^1 x^{m-2} (x^2 - 1)^5 dx$$

$$\therefore \frac{m+11}{12} I_m = \frac{m-1}{12} I_{m-2}$$

$$\therefore I_m = \frac{m-1}{m+11} I_{m-2}$$

$u = \frac{1}{2} x^{m-1}$	$\frac{dv}{dx} = 2x(x^2 - 1)^5$
$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{m-1}{2} x^{m-2}$	$v = \frac{(x^2 - 1)^6}{6}$

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$$I_n = \int_{-3}^0 x^n \sqrt{x+3} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \left[x^n (x+3)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_{-3}^0 - \frac{2n}{3} \int_{-3}^0 x^{n-1} (x+3)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx$$

$$= 0 - \frac{2n}{3} \int_{-3}^0 x^{n-1} (x+3)(x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$= -\frac{2n}{3} \int_{-3}^0 x^n \sqrt{x+3} dx - 2n \int_{-3}^0 x^{n-1} \sqrt{x+3} dx$$

$$\therefore I_n = -\frac{2n}{3} I_n - 2n I_{n-1}$$

$$\frac{2n+3}{3} I_n = -2n I_{n-1}$$

$$I_n = -\frac{6n}{2n+3} I_{n-1}$$

$u = x^n$	$\frac{dv}{dx} = (x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
$\frac{du}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$	$v = \frac{2}{3} (x+3)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

$$I_n = \int \frac{dx}{\sin^n x}$$

$$= \int \operatorname{cosec}^n x \, dx$$

$$u = \operatorname{cosec}^{n-2} x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = (n-2) \operatorname{cosec}^{n-3} x (-\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x)$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \operatorname{cosec}^2 x$$

$$v = -\cot x$$

$$= -\cot x \operatorname{cosec}^{n-2} x - (n-2) \int \operatorname{cosec}^{n-2} x \cot^2 x \, dx$$

$$= -\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \times \frac{1}{\sin^{n-2} x} - (n-2) \int \operatorname{cosec}^{n-2} x (\operatorname{cosec}^2 x - 1) \, dx$$

$$= -\frac{\cos x}{\sin^{n-1} x} - (n-2) \int \operatorname{cosec}^n x \, dx + (n-2) \int \operatorname{cosec}^{n-2} x \, dx$$

$$\therefore I_n = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin^{n-1} x} - (n-2)I_n + (n-2)I_{n-2}$$

$$(n-1)I_n = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin^{n-1} x} + (n-2)I_{n-2}$$

$$\therefore I_n = -\frac{\cos x}{(n-1)\sin^{n-1} x} + \frac{n-2}{n-1}I_{n-2}$$