

a special case of partial integration

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In determining the antiderivative of a http://planetmath.org/AlgebraicFunctiontranscende function U whose derivative U' is http://planetmath.org/AlgebraicFunctionalgebraic, the result can be obtained when choosing in the formula

$$\int UV'\,dx = UV - \int VU'\,dx$$

of integration by parts $V' \equiv 1$; then one has

$$\int U \, dx = \int U \cdot 1 \, dx = U \cdot x - \int x \cdot U' \, dx.$$

The functions U in question are mainly the http://planetmath.org/NaturalLogarithm2logarithm the cyclometric functions and the area functions.

Examples.

1.
$$\int \ln x \, dx = x \ln x - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \, dx = x \ln x - x + C$$

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

3.
$$\int \arctan x \, dx = x \arctan x - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2} \, dx = x \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \, dx$$
$$= x \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2) + C = x \arctan x - \ln \sqrt{1+x^2} + C$$

4.
$$\int \operatorname{arcosh} x \, dx = x \operatorname{arcosh} x - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \, dx$$
$$= x \operatorname{arcosh} x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1} + C$$

The choice $V'\equiv 1$ works as well in such cases as $\int (\ln x)^2\,dx$ and $\int \ln(\ln x)\,dx$, giving respectively $x((\ln x)^2-2\ln x+2)+C$ and $x\ln(\ln x)-$ Li x+C (see logarithmic integral). Also $\int (\arcsin x)^2\,dx$, requiring two integrations by parts, and giving the result $x(\arcsin x)^2+2\sqrt{1-x^2}\arcsin x-2x+C$.