

7.3 Integrating Trigonometric Functions

Solutions to the Selected Problems

1–52. Evaluate the integral.

1. $\int \cos^3 x \sin x \, dx$

Solution

Let

$$u = \cos x \Rightarrow du = -\sin x \, dx$$

$$\int \cos^3 x \sin x \, dx = \int u^3 (-du) = -\frac{u^4}{4} + C$$

$$\boxed{\int \cos^3 x \sin x \, dx = -\frac{1}{4} \cos^4 x + C}$$

2. $\int \sin^5 3x \cos 3x \, dx$

Solution

Let

$$u = \sin 3x \Rightarrow du = \frac{1}{3} \cos 3x \, dx$$

$$\int \sin^5 3x \cos 3x \, dx = \int u^5 \left(\frac{1}{3} du\right) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{u^6}{6} + C$$

$$\boxed{\int \sin^5 3x \cos 3x \, dx = \frac{1}{18} \sin^6 3x + C}$$

3. $\int \sin^2 5\theta \, d\theta$

Solution

Using the following trigonometric identity

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

$$\int \sin^2 5\theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int (1 - \cos(10\theta)) \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \theta - \frac{1}{20} \sin(10\theta) + C$$

$$\boxed{\int \sin^2 5\theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \theta - \frac{1}{20} \sin(10\theta) + C}$$

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9. $\int \sin^2 t \cos^3 t \, dt$

Solution

$$\int \sin^2 t \cos^3 t \, dt = \int \sin^2 t \cos^2 t \cos t \, dt = \int \sin^2 t (1 - \sin^2 t) \cos t \, dt$$

Let

$$u = \sin t \Rightarrow du = \cos t \, dt$$

$$\int \sin^2 t (1 - \sin^2 t) \cos t \, dt = \int u^2 (1 - u^2) \, du = \int (u^2 - u^4) \, du = \frac{u^3}{3} - \frac{u^5}{5} + C$$

$$\boxed{\int \sin^2 t \cos^3 t \, dt = \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 t - \frac{1}{5} \sin^5 t + C}$$

10. $\int \sin^3 x \cos^2 x \, dx$

Solution

$$\int \sin^3 x \cos^2 x \, dx = \int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \sin x \, dx = \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \cos^2 x \sin x \, dx$$

Let

$$u = \cos x \Rightarrow du = -\sin x \, dx$$

$$\int (1 - \cos^2 x) \cos^2 x \sin x \, dx = \int (1 - u^2) u^2 (-du) = \int (u^4 - u^2) \, du = \frac{u^5}{5} - \frac{u^3}{3} + C$$

$$\boxed{\int \sin^3 x \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{5} \cos^5 x - \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 x + C}$$

11. $\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx$

Solution

Using the following trigonometric identities,

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2x)$$

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$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx &= \int \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x) \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x) \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{4} \int (1 - \cos^2 2x) \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{4} \int \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 4x)\right) \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{4} \int \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 4x\right) \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{8} \int dx - \frac{1}{8} \int \cos 4x \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{8} x - \frac{1}{32} \sin 4x\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{8} x - \frac{1}{32} \sin 4x + C}$$

Alternative

Using the following trigonometric identity,

$$2 \sin x \cos x = \sin 2x$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx &= \int \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x\right)^2 \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{4} \int \sin^2 2x \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{8} \int (1 - \cos 4x) \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{8} x - \frac{1}{32} \sin 4x\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{8} x - \frac{1}{32} \sin 4x + C}$$

13. $\int \sin 2x \cos 3x \, dx$

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Solution

Using the following trigonometric identity,

$$\sin mx \cos nx = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(m-n)x + \sin(m+n)x]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin 2x \cos 3x \, dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int [\sin(-x) + \sin(5x)] \, dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \sin x \, dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \sin 5x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cos x - \frac{1}{10} \cos 5x\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int \sin 2x \cos 3x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \cos x - \frac{1}{10} \cos 5x + C}$$

15. $\int \sin x \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx$

Solution

Using the following trigonometric identity,

$$\sin mx \cos nx = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(m-n)x + \sin(m+n)x]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin x \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \left[\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \sin\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[-2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{3} \cos\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) \right] + C\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int \sin x \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx = -\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{3} \cos\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) + C}$$

16. $\int (\cos x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \sin x \, dx$ or, $\int \sqrt[3]{\cos x} \sin x \, dx$

Solution

Let

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$$\int (\cos x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \sin x \, dx = \int u^{\frac{1}{3}} (-du) = -\int u^{\frac{1}{3}} du = -\frac{3}{4} u^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{\int (\cos x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \sin x \, dx = -\frac{3}{4} (\cos x)^{\frac{4}{3}} + C}$$

Or,

$$\boxed{\int \sqrt[3]{\cos x} \sin x \, dx = -\frac{3}{4} \cos x \sqrt[3]{\cos x} + C}$$

17. $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^3 x \, dx$

Solution

$$\int \cos^3 x \, dx = \int \cos^2 x \cos x \, dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x \, dx = \sin x - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 x$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^3 x \, dx = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\boxed{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^3 x \, dx = \frac{2}{3}}$$

28. $\int \frac{\sec \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx$

Solution

Let

$$u = \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow du = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = 2du$$

$$\int \frac{\sec \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx = \int \sec u (2du) = 2 \ln |\sec u + \tan u|$$

$$\boxed{\int \frac{\sec \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx = 2 \ln |\sec \sqrt{x} + \tan \sqrt{x}| + C}$$

29. $\int \tan^2 x \sec^2 x \, dx$

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Solution

$$\int \tan^2 x \sec^2 x \, dx = \int u^2 \, du = \frac{1}{3}u^3 + C$$

$$\boxed{\int \tan^2 x \sec^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x + C}$$

30. $\int \tan^5 x \sec^4 x \, dx$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^5 x \sec^4 x \, dx &= \int \tan^5 x \sec^2 x \sec^2 x \, dx = \int \tan^5 x (1 + \tan^2 x) \sec^2 x \, dx \\ &= \int u^5 (1 + u^2) \, du = \frac{1}{6}u^6 + \frac{1}{7}u^7 + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int \tan^5 x \sec^4 x \, dx = \frac{1}{6} \tan^6 x + \frac{1}{7} \tan^7 x + C}$$

33. $\int \sec^5 x \tan^3 x \, dx$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec^5 x \tan^3 x \, dx &= \int \sec^4 x \tan^2 x \sec x \tan x \, dx \\ &= \int \sec^4 x (1 + \sec^2 x) \sec x \tan x \, dx \\ &= \int u^4 (1 + u^2) \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{5}u^5 + \frac{1}{7}u^7 + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int \sec^5 x \tan^3 x \, dx = \frac{1}{5} \tan^5 x + \frac{1}{7} \tan^7 x + C}$$

34. $\int \tan^5 \theta \sec \theta \, d\theta$

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$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^5 \theta \sec \theta d\theta &= \int \tan^4 \theta \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta \\&= \int (1 + \sec^2 \theta)^2 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta \\&= \int (1 + 2 \sec^2 \theta + \sec^4 \theta) \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta \\&= \int (1 + 2u^2 + u^4) du \\&= u + \frac{2}{3}u^3 + \frac{1}{5}u^5 + C\end{aligned}$$

$$\int \tan^5 \theta \sec \theta d\theta = \sec \theta + \frac{2}{3}\sec^3 \theta + \frac{1}{5}\sec^5 \theta + C$$

35. $\int \tan^4 x \sec x dx$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^4 x \sec x dx &= \int (\sec^2 x - 1)^2 \sec x dx \\&= \int (\sec^4 x - 2 \sec^2 x + \sec x) dx \\&= \int \sec^4 x dx - 2 \int \sec^2 x dx + \int \sec x dx\end{aligned}$$

Using the following reduction formula

$$\int \sec^n x dx = \frac{1}{n-1} \sec^{n-2} x \tan x + \frac{n-2}{n-1} \int \sec^{n-2} x dx$$

we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sec^3 x dx &= \frac{1}{2} \sec x \tan x + \frac{1}{2} \int \sec x dx = \frac{1}{2} \sec x \tan x + \frac{1}{2} \ln|\sec x + \tan x| \\ \int \sec^5 x dx &= \frac{1}{4} \sec^3 x \tan x + \frac{3}{4} \int \sec^3 x dx \\&= \frac{1}{4} \sec^3 x \tan x + \frac{3}{4} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sec x \tan x + \frac{1}{2} \ln|\sec x + \tan x| \right] \\&= \frac{1}{4} \sec^3 x \tan x + \frac{3}{8} \sec x \tan x + \frac{3}{8} \ln|\sec x + \tan x|\end{aligned}$$

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$$\int \tan^4 x \sec x \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \sec^3 x \tan x - \frac{5}{8} \sec x \tan x + \frac{3}{8} \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C$$

43. $\int \sqrt{\tan x} \sec^4 x \, dx$

Solution

$$\int \sqrt{\tan x} \sec^4 x \, dx = \int \sqrt{\tan x} (1 + \tan^2 x) \sec^2 x \, dx$$

Let

$$u = \tan x \Rightarrow du = \sec^2 x \, dx$$

$$\int \sqrt{\tan x} (1 + \tan^2 x) \sec^2 x \, dx = \int \sqrt{u} (1 + u^2) \, du = \frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{2}{7} u^{\frac{7}{2}} = \frac{2}{3} u \sqrt{u} + \frac{2}{7} u^3 \sqrt{u}$$

$$\int \sqrt{\tan x} \sec^4 x \, dx = \frac{2}{3} \tan x \sqrt{\tan x} + \frac{2}{7} \tan^3 x \sqrt{\tan x} + C$$

57. Let m, n be nonnegative distinct integers. Prove that,

(a) $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \cos nx \, dx = 0$

(b) $\int_0^{2\pi} \cos mx \cos nx \, dx = 0$

(c) $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \sin nx \, dx = 0$

Solution

(a) $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \cos nx \, dx$

$$\sin mx \cos nx = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(m+n)x + \sin(m-n)x]$$

$$\int \sin mx \cos nx \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int [\sin(m+n)x + \sin(m-n)x] \, dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2(m+n)} \cos(m+n)x - \frac{1}{2(m-n)} \cos(m-n)x$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \cos nx \, dx &= \left[-\frac{1}{2(m+n)} \cos 2(m+n)\pi - \frac{1}{2(m-n)} \cos 2(m-n)\pi \right] \\
 &\quad - \left[-\frac{1}{2(m+n)} \cos 0 - \frac{1}{2(m-n)} \cos 0 \right] \\
 &= \boxed{\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \cos nx \, dx = 0}
 \end{aligned}$$

Optional but Important Problems

58. Let m be an integer. Prove that,

(a) $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \cos mx \, dx = 0$

(b) $\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 mx \, dx = \begin{cases} \pi & m \neq 0 \\ 2\pi & m = 0 \end{cases}$

(b) $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 mx \, dx = \begin{cases} \pi & m \neq 0 \\ 0 & m = 0 \end{cases}$

Solution

(a) Case I: m is an positive integer.

$$\sin mx \cos mx = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2mx)$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \cos mx \, dx = -\frac{1}{4m} [\cos(4m\pi) - \cos 0] = 0$$

Case II: $m = 0$.

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin mx \cos mx \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} 0 \, dx = 0$$

(b) Case I: m is an positive integer.

$$\cos^2 mx = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2mx)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 mx \, dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \cos 2mx) \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos 2mx \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 2\pi + \frac{1}{4m} \times \sin 2mx \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \pi + \frac{1}{4m} \times (\sin 4m\pi - 0) = \pi\end{aligned}$$

Case II: $m = 0$.

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 mx \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, dx = 2\pi$$

(c) Case I: m is an positive integer.

$$\sin^2 mx = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2mx)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 mx \, dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 - \cos 2mx) \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos 2mx \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 2\pi - \frac{1}{4m} \times \sin 2mx \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \pi - \frac{1}{4m} \times (\sin 4m\pi - 0) = \pi\end{aligned}$$

Case II: $m = 0$.

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 mx \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} 0 \, dx = 0$$

Problem. Let m be a nonnegative integer and c is any real number. Prove that,

$$(a) \int_c^{c+2\pi} \sin mx \cos mx \, dx = 0$$

$$(b) \int_c^{c+2\pi} \cos^2 mx \, dx = \begin{cases} \pi & m \neq 0 \\ 2\pi & m = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(c) \int_c^{c+2\pi} \sin^2 mx \, dx = \begin{cases} \pi & m \neq 0 \\ 0 & m = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution

$$(a) \int_c^{c+2\pi} \sin mx \cos mx \, dx$$

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$$\sin mx \cos mx = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2mx)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c^{c+2\pi} \sin mx \cos mx \, dx &= -\frac{1}{4m} [\cos(2m(c+2\pi)) - \cos(2mc)] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4m} [\cos(2mc) \cos(4m\pi) + \sin(2mc) \sin(4m\pi) - \cos(2mc)] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4m} [\cos(2mc) + \sin(2mc) \times 0 - \cos(2mc)] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Case I: $m \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c^{c+2\pi} \cos^2 mx \, dx &= \int_c^{c+2\pi} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2mx) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x + \frac{1}{2m} \sin 2mx \right) \Big|_c^{c+2\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \left[(c+2\pi) + \frac{1}{2m} \sin 2m(c+2\pi) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \times \left[c + \frac{1}{2m} \sin 2mc \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 2\pi + \frac{1}{4m} \times [\sin 2m(c+2\pi) - \sin 2mc] \\ &= \pi + \frac{1}{4m} \times [\sin 2mc \cos 4m\pi + \cos 2mc \sin 4m\pi - \sin 2mc] \\ &= \pi + \frac{1}{4m} \times \left[\sin 2mc \left(\underbrace{\cos 4m\pi}_1 - 1 \right) + \cos 2mc \underbrace{\sin 4m\pi}_0 \right] \\ &= \pi \end{aligned}$$

Case II: $m = 0$

$$\int_c^{c+2\pi} \cos^2 mx \, dx = \int_c^{c+2\pi} dx = 2\pi$$

(c) Case I: $m \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c^{c+2\pi} \sin^2 mx \, dx &= \int_c^{c+2\pi} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2mx) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{1}{2m} \sin 2mx \right) \Big|_c^{c+2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \times \left[(c + 2\pi) - \frac{1}{2m} \sin 2m(c + 2\pi) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \times \left[c - \frac{1}{2m} \sin 2mc \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \times 2\pi - \frac{1}{4m} \times [\sin 2m(c + 2\pi) - \sin 2mc] \\
 &= \pi - \frac{1}{4m} \times [\sin 2mc \cos 4m\pi + \cos 2mc \sin 4m\pi - \sin 2mc] \\
 &= \pi - \frac{1}{4m} \times \left[\sin 2mc \left(\underbrace{\cos 4m\pi}_1 - 1 \right) + \cos 2mc \underbrace{\sin 4m\pi}_0 \right] \\
 &= \pi
 \end{aligned}$$

Case II: $m = 0$

$$\int_c^{c+2\pi} \sin^2 mx \, dx = \int_c^{c+2\pi} 0 \, dx = 0$$