

# Chapter 2

## Reduction Formulae in Calculus

### 2.1 List of Reduction Formulae

#### 2.1.1 Indefinite Integral Reduction Formulae

##### Key Indefinite Integral Reduction Formulae

1. Powers of Sine:

$$\int \sin^n x \, dx = -\frac{\sin^{n-1} x \cos x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.1)$$

2. Powers of Cosine:

$$\int \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{\cos^{n-1} x \sin x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.2)$$

3. Powers of Tangent:

$$\int \tan^n x \, dx = \frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} - \int \tan^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.3)$$

4. Powers of Secant:

$$\int \sec^n x \, dx = \frac{\sec^{n-2} x \tan x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} \int \sec^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.4)$$

5. Product of Sine and Cosine Powers:

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{\sin^{m-1} x \cos^{n+1} x}{m+n} + \frac{m-1}{m+n} \int \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+2} x \, dx \quad (2.5)$$

6. Product of  $x^n$  and  $e^x$ :

$$\int x^n e^x \, dx = x^n e^x - n \int x^{n-1} e^x \, dx \quad (2.6)$$

7. Product of  $x^n$  and  $\ln(x)$ :

$$\int x^n \ln(x) \, dx = \frac{x^{n+1} \ln(x)}{n+1} - \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \quad (2.7)$$

### 2.1.2 Definite Integral Reduction Formulae

#### Key Definite Integral Reduction Formulae

1. **Powers of Sine from 0 to  $\pi/2$ :**

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{n} \times \frac{n-3}{n-2} \times \frac{n-5}{n-4} \times \cdots \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2}, & n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n-1}{n} \times \frac{n-3}{n-2} \times \frac{n-5}{n-4} \times \cdots \times \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{2}{3} \times 1, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

2. **Symmetry of Sine and Cosine:**

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx \quad (2.9)$$

3. **Product of Sine and Cosine from 0 to  $\pi/2$ :**

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{\{(m-1)(m-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\} \times \{(n-1)(n-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\}}{(m+n)(m+n-2)(m+n-4)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1} \times p \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$p = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2}, & m \text{ and } n \text{ both are even} \\ 1, & \text{for other values of } m \text{ and } n \end{cases} \quad (2.11)$$

4. **Sine on  $[0, \pi]$ :**

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin^n x \, dx = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx, \text{ for all positive integer of } n. \quad (2.12)$$

5. **Cosine on  $[0, \pi]$ :**

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} 2 \times \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx; & n \text{ is even} \\ 0; & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.13)$$

6. **Sine on  $[0, 2\pi]$ :**

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} 4 \times \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx; & n \text{ is even} \\ 0; & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.14)$$

7. **Cosine on  $[0, 2\pi]$ :**

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} 4 \times \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx; & n \text{ is even} \\ 0; & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.15)$$

### 2.1.3 Trigonometric Identities

#### Essential Trigonometric Identities

1.  $\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$
2.  $\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$
3.  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$
4.  $\sin x \cos x = \frac{\sin 2x}{2}$
5.  $\sin^2 x \cos^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 4x}{8}$
6.  $\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$
7.  $\cos(A + B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$
8.  $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$
9.  $\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$

### 2.1.4 Substitution Techniques

#### Key Substitution Techniques

1. For  $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ , use  $x = a \sin \theta$  or  $x = a \cos \theta$
2. For  $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$ , use  $x = a \tan \theta$
3. For  $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$ , use  $x = a \sec \theta$

### 2.1.5 Common Types of Reduction Formulae

#### Categories of Reduction Formulae

Reduction formulae are commonly established for:

1. **Powers of Trigonometric Functions:** Such as  $\int \sin^n(x) dx$ ,  $\int \cos^n(x) dx$ ,  $\int \tan^n(x) dx$
2. **Products of Trigonometric Functions:** Such as  $\int \sin^m(x) \cos^n(x) dx$
3. **Powers of Algebraic Expressions:** Such as  $\int (ax + b)^n dx$
4. **Products with Other Functions:** Such as  $\int x^n e^x dx$ ,  $\int x^n \ln(x) dx$

### 2.1.6 Mathematical Significance

#### Significance of Reduction Formulae

- Reduction formulae transform complex integrals into manageable forms through systematic reduction of powers.
- They reveal mathematical patterns and relationships between seemingly different integrals.
- They provide elegant solutions to integration problems that might otherwise require extensive substitutions or reference to integration tables.

## 2.2 Theory of Reduction Formulae

### 2.2.1 Mathematical Foundations

Reduction formulae are based on fundamental calculus techniques, primarily integration by parts and algebraic manipulation. The standard form of integration by parts is:

#### Integration by Parts

$$\int u(x)v'(x) dx = u(x)v(x) - \int u'(x)v(x) dx \quad (2.16)$$

This formula is strategically applied to establish recurrence relations between integrals with different powers.

### 2.2.2 General Approach to Deriving Reduction Formulae

#### General Method for Deriving Reduction Formulae

To derive a reduction formula for  $\int f^n(x) dx$ :

1. Identify a suitable decomposition of the integrand into factors  $u(x)$  and  $v'(x)$
2. Apply integration by parts
3. Algebraically manipulate the result to express the original integral in terms of a simpler integral
4. Solve for  $\int f^n(x) dx$  to obtain the reduction formula

### 2.2.3 Standard Reduction Formulae

#### Powers of Sine

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For  $n > 1$ :

$$\int \sin^n x dx = -\frac{\sin^{n-1} x \cos x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \sin^{n-2} x dx \quad (2.17)$$

#### Derivation

$$\int \sin^n x dx = \int \sin^{n-1} x \sin x dx \quad (2.18)$$

$$(2.19)$$

Using integration by parts with  $u = \sin^{n-1} x$  and  $dv = \sin x dx$ :

$$du = (n-1) \sin^{n-2} x \cos x dx \quad (2.20)$$

$$v = -\cos x \quad (2.21)$$

This gives:

$$\int \sin^n x dx = -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x - \int (n-1) \sin^{n-2} x \cos x \cdot (-\cos x) dx \quad (2.22)$$

$$= -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \cos^2 x dx \quad (2.23)$$

Substituting  $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$ :

$$\int \sin^n x \, dx = -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x (1 - \sin^2 x) \, dx \quad (2.24)$$

$$= -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx - (n-1) \int \sin^n x \, dx \quad (2.25)$$

Rearranging to solve for  $\int \sin^n x \, dx$ :

$$\int \sin^n x \, dx + (n-1) \int \sin^n x \, dx = -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.26)$$

$$n \int \sin^n x \, dx = -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.27)$$

Dividing by  $n$ :

$$\int \sin^n x \, dx = -\frac{\sin^{n-1} x \cos x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.28)$$

## Powers of Cosine

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For  $n > 1$ :

$$\int \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{\cos^{n-1} x \sin x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.29)$$

### Complete Derivation

We want to find a reduction formula for  $\int \cos^n x \, dx$  where  $n > 1$ .

$$\int \cos^n x \, dx = \int \cos^{n-1} x \cos x \, dx \quad (2.30)$$

We'll use integration by parts with the formula:

$$\int u \vartheta \, dx = u \int \vartheta \, dx - \int \left[ \frac{du}{dx} \int \vartheta \, dx \right] dx \quad (2.31)$$

Let:

$$u = \cos^{n-1} x \quad (2.32)$$

$$\vartheta = \cos x \quad (2.33)$$

This gives:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = (n-1) \cos^{n-2} x \cdot (-\sin x) = -(n-1) \cos^{n-2} x \sin x \quad (2.34)$$

$$\int \vartheta \, dx = \int \cos x \, dx = \sin x \quad (2.35)$$

Applying the integration by parts formula:

$$\int \cos^n x \, dx = \cos^{n-1} x \sin x - \int [-(n-1) \cos^{n-2} x \sin x \cdot \sin x] \, dx \quad (2.36)$$

$$= \cos^{n-1} x \sin x + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2} x \sin^2 x \, dx \quad (2.37)$$

Using the identity  $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$ :

$$\int \cos^n x \, dx = \cos^{n-1} x \sin x + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2} x (1 - \cos^2 x) \, dx \quad (2.38)$$

$$= \cos^{n-1} x \sin x + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx - (n-1) \int \cos^n x \, dx \quad (2.39)$$

Rearranging to isolate  $\int \cos^n x \, dx$ :

$$\int \cos^n x \, dx + (n-1) \int \cos^n x \, dx = \cos^{n-1} x \sin x + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.40)$$

$$n \int \cos^n x \, dx = \cos^{n-1} x \sin x + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.41)$$

Dividing by  $n$ :

$$\int \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{\cos^{n-1} x \sin x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.42)$$

Therefore, the reduction formula for powers of cosine is:

$$\boxed{\int \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{\cos^{n-1} x \sin x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx} \quad (2.43)$$

## Powers of Tangent

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For  $n \neq 1$ :

$$\int \tan^n x \, dx = \frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} - \int \tan^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.44)$$

### Complete Derivation

We want to find a reduction formula for  $\int \tan^n x \, dx$  where  $n \neq 1$ .  
We'll use the identity  $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$  to begin the derivation:

$$\int \tan^n x \, dx = \int \tan^{n-2} x \cdot \tan^2 x \, dx \quad (2.45)$$

$$= \int \tan^{n-2} x \cdot (\sec^2 x - 1) \, dx \quad (2.46)$$

$$= \int \tan^{n-2} x \sec^2 x \, dx - \int \tan^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.47)$$

For the first integral, we can make the substitution  $u = \tan x$ , which gives  $\frac{du}{dx} = \sec^2 x$ :

$$\int \tan^{n-2} x \sec^2 x \, dx = \int \tan^{n-2} x \frac{du}{dx} \, dx \quad (2.48)$$

$$= \int \tan^{n-2} x \, du \quad (2.49)$$

$$= \int u^{n-2} \, du \quad (2.50)$$

$$= \frac{u^{n-1}}{n-1} + C \quad (\text{for } n \neq 1) \quad (2.51)$$

$$= \frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} + C \quad (2.52)$$

Substituting back into our original expression:

$$\int \tan^n x \, dx = \frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} - \int \tan^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.53)$$

Therefore, the reduction formula for powers of tangent is:

$$\boxed{\int \tan^n x \, dx = \frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} - \int \tan^{n-2} x \, dx} \quad (2.54)$$

Note that this formula is valid for  $n \neq 1$ . For  $n = 1$ , we have:

$$\int \tan x \, dx = \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx \quad (2.55)$$

$$= - \int \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx \quad (2.56)$$

$$= - \int \frac{d(\cos x)}{\cos x} \quad (2.57)$$

$$= - \ln |\cos x| + C \quad (2.58)$$

$$= \ln |\sec x| + C \quad (2.59)$$

## Powers of Secant

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For  $n > 2$ :

$$\int \sec^n x \, dx = \frac{\sec^{n-2} x \tan x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} \int \sec^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.60)$$

### Complete Derivation

We want to find a reduction formula for  $\int \sec^n x \, dx$  where  $n > 2$ .

We can rewrite the integral as:

$$\int \sec^n x \, dx = \int \sec^{n-2} x \cdot \sec^2 x \, dx \quad (2.61)$$

Using integration by parts with the formula:

$$\int u \vartheta dx = u \int \vartheta dx - \int \left[ \frac{du}{dx} \int \vartheta dx \right] dx \quad (2.62)$$

Let:

$$u = \sec^{n-2} x \quad (2.63)$$

$$\vartheta = \sec^2 x \quad (2.64)$$

This gives:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = (n-2) \sec^{n-2} x \tan x \quad (2.65)$$

$$\int \vartheta dx = \int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x \quad (2.66)$$

Applying the integration by parts formula:

$$\int \sec^{n-2} x \cdot \sec^2 x dx = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - \int [(n-2) \sec^{n-2} x \tan x \cdot \tan x] dx \quad (2.67)$$

$$= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x \tan^2 x dx \quad (2.68)$$

Using the identity  $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$ :

$$\int \sec^{n-2} x \cdot \sec^2 x dx = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) dx \quad (2.69)$$

$$= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \sec^n x dx + (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x dx \quad (2.70)$$

Rearranging to isolate  $\int \sec^n x dx$ :

$$\int \sec^n x dx = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \sec^n x dx + (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x dx \quad (2.71)$$

$$(n-1) \int \sec^n x dx = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x + (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x dx \quad (2.72)$$

Dividing by  $(n-1)$ :

$$\int \sec^n x dx = \frac{\sec^{n-2} x \tan x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} \int \sec^{n-2} x dx \quad (2.73)$$

Therefore, the reduction formula for powers of secant is:

$$\boxed{\int \sec^n x dx = \frac{\sec^{n-2} x \tan x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} \int \sec^{n-2} x dx} \quad (2.74)$$



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For  $m > 0$ :

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx = \frac{\sin^{m-1} x \cos^{n+1} x}{m+n} + \frac{m-1}{m+n} \int \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+2} x dx \quad (2.75)$$

## Complete Derivation

We want to find a reduction formula for  $\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx$  where  $m > 0$ .  
We begin by rewriting the integral:

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx = \int \sin^{m-1} x \cos^n x \sin x dx \quad (2.76)$$

Using integration by parts with the formula:

$$\int u \vartheta dx = u \int \vartheta dx - \int \left[ \frac{du}{dx} \int \vartheta dx \right] dx \quad (2.77)$$

Let:

$$u = \sin^{m-1} x \cos^n x \quad (2.78)$$

$$\vartheta = \sin x \quad (2.79)$$

This gives:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = (m-1) \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+1} x \quad (2.80)$$

$$+ \sin^{m-1} x \cdot n \cos^{n-1} x \cdot (-\sin x) \quad (2.81)$$

$$= (m-1) \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+1} x - n \sin^m x \cos^{n-1} x \quad (2.82)$$

And:

$$\int \vartheta dx = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x \quad (2.83)$$

Applying the integration by parts formula:

$$\int \sin^{m-1} x \cos^n x \sin x dx = \sin^{m-1} x \cos^n x \cdot (-\cos x) \quad (2.84)$$

$$- \int [(m-1) \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+1} x - n \sin^m x \cos^{n-1} x] \cdot (-\cos x) dx \quad (2.85)$$

Simplifying:

$$\int \sin^{m-1} x \cos^n x \sin x dx = -\sin^{m-1} x \cos^{n+1} x \quad (2.86)$$

$$+ \int (m-1) \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+2} x dx \quad (2.87)$$

$$- \int n \sin^m x \cos^n x dx \quad (2.88)$$

Rearranging to isolate  $\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx$ :

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx + n \int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx = -\sin^{m-1} x \cos^{n+1} x \quad (2.89)$$

$$+ (m-1) \int \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+2} x dx \quad (2.90)$$

Therefore:

$$(m+n) \int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx = -\sin^{m-1} x \cos^{n+1} x \quad (2.91)$$

$$+ (m-1) \int \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+2} x dx \quad (2.92)$$

Dividing by  $(m+n)$ :

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx = \frac{-\sin^{m-1} x \cos^{n+1} x}{m+n} \quad (2.93)$$

$$+ \frac{m-1}{m+n} \int \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+2} x dx \quad (2.94)$$

Adjusting the sign:

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx = \frac{\sin^{m-1} x \cos^{n+1} x}{m+n} \quad (2.95)$$

$$+ \frac{m-1}{m+n} \int \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+2} x dx \quad (2.96)$$

Therefore, the reduction formula for products of sine and cosine powers is:

$$\boxed{\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx = \frac{\sin^{m-1} x \cos^{n+1} x}{m+n} + \frac{m-1}{m+n} \int \sin^{m-2} x \cos^{n+2} x dx} \quad (2.97)$$

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$$\int x^n e^x dx = x^n e^x - n \int x^{n-1} e^x dx \quad (2.98)$$

#### Complete Derivation

We want to find a reduction formula for  $\int x^n e^x dx$ .

Using integration by parts with the formula:

$$\int u \vartheta dx = u \int \vartheta dx - \int \left[ \frac{du}{dx} \int \vartheta dx \right] dx \quad (2.99)$$

Let:

$$u = x^n \quad (2.100)$$

$$\vartheta = e^x \quad (2.101)$$

This gives:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = nx^{n-1} \quad (2.102)$$

$$\int \vartheta dx = \int e^x dx = e^x \quad (2.103)$$

Applying the integration by parts formula:

$$\int x^n e^x dx = x^n \cdot e^x - \int [nx^{n-1} \cdot e^x] dx \quad (2.104)$$

$$= x^n e^x - n \int x^{n-1} e^x dx \quad (2.105)$$

Therefore, the reduction formula for the product of  $x^n$  and  $e^x$  is:

$$\boxed{\int x^n e^x dx = x^n e^x - n \int x^{n-1} e^x dx} \quad (2.106)$$

Note that the base case for this reduction is:

$$\int x^0 e^x dx = \int e^x dx = e^x + C \quad (2.107)$$

Therefore, we can use the reduction formula to express  $\int x^n e^x dx$  in terms of elementary functions:

$$\int x^n e^x dx = x^n e^x - n \int x^{n-1} e^x dx \quad (2.108)$$

$$= x^n e^x - n(x^{n-1} e^x - (n-1) \int x^{n-2} e^x dx) \quad (2.109)$$

$$= x^n e^x - nx^{n-1} e^x + n(n-1) \int x^{n-2} e^x dx \quad (2.110)$$

$$\vdots \quad (2.111)$$

After continuing this process, we get:

$$\int x^n e^x dx = e^x (x^n - nx^{n-1} + n(n-1)x^{n-2} - \dots + (-1)^n n!) + C \quad (2.112)$$

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$$\int x^n \ln(x) dx = \frac{x^{n+1} \ln(x)}{n+1} - \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \quad (2.113)$$

#### Complete Derivation

We want to find a reduction formula for  $\int x^n \ln(x) dx$ .

Using integration by parts with the formula:

$$\int u \vartheta dx = u \int \vartheta dx - \int \left[ \frac{du}{dx} \int \vartheta dx \right] dx \quad (2.114)$$

Let:

$$u = \ln(x) \quad (2.115)$$

$$\vartheta = x^n \quad (2.116)$$

This gives:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \quad (2.117)$$

$$\int \vartheta dx = \int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad (2.118)$$

Applying the integration by parts formula:

$$\int x^n \ln(x) dx = \ln(x) \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} - \int \left[ \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right] dx \quad (2.119)$$

$$= \frac{x^{n+1} \ln(x)}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1} \int x^n dx \quad (2.120)$$

$$= \frac{x^{n+1} \ln(x)}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad (2.121)$$

$$= \frac{x^{n+1} \ln(x)}{n+1} - \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \quad (2.122)$$

Therefore, the formula for the product of  $x^n$  and  $\ln(x)$  is:

$$\boxed{\int x^n \ln(x) dx = \frac{x^{n+1} \ln(x)}{n+1} - \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2}} \quad (2.123)$$

## 2.2.4 Terminating the Recursion

### Base Cases for Recursion

Every reduction formula eventually terminates at a base case:

- For  $\int \sin^n x dx$  and  $\int \cos^n x dx$ , the base cases are:

$$\int \sin^0 x dx = \int 1 dx = x + C \quad (2.124)$$

$$\int \sin^1 x dx = -\cos x + C \quad (2.125)$$

$$\int \cos^0 x dx = \int 1 dx = x + C \quad (2.126)$$

$$\int \cos^1 x dx = \sin x + C \quad (2.127)$$

- For  $\int \tan^n x dx$ , the base cases are:

$$\int \tan^0 x dx = \int 1 dx = x + C \quad (2.128)$$

$$\int \tan^1 x dx = -\ln |\cos x| + C = \ln |\sec x| + C \quad (2.129)$$

## 2.3 Solved Examples

### Example 1

If  $I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n} x dx$ , prove that  $I_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n}\right) I_{n-1} - \frac{1}{n2^{n+1}}$ .

### Detailed Solution

We need to establish a relationship between  $I_n$  and  $I_{n-1}$  where:

$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n} x dx \quad (2.130)$$

$$I_{n-1} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n-2} x dx \quad (2.131)$$

**Step 1:** First, we'll rewrite the integral to apply integration by parts:

$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n} x dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n-1} x \cdot \sin x dx \quad (2.132)$$

**Step 2:** We'll use the integration by parts formula:

$$\int u \vartheta dx = u \int \vartheta dx - \int \left[ \frac{du}{dx} \int \vartheta dx \right] dx \quad (2.133)$$

Let:

$$u = \sin^{2n-1} x \quad (2.134)$$

$$\vartheta = \sin x \quad (2.135)$$

Then:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = (2n-1) \sin^{2n-2} x \cos x \quad (2.136)$$

$$\int \vartheta dx = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x \quad (2.137)$$

**Step 3:** Applying the integration by parts formula:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n} x dx = [\sin^{2n-1} x \cdot (-\cos x)]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} [(2n-1) \sin^{2n-2} x \cos x \cdot (-\cos x)] dx \quad (2.138)$$

$$= [-\sin^{2n-1} x \cos x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} + (2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n-2} x \cos^2 x dx \quad (2.139)$$

**Step 4:** Evaluating the first term at the limits:

$$\left[-\sin^{2n-1} x \cos x\right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = -\sin^{2n-1} \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \sin^{2n-1} 0 \cos 0 \quad (2.140)$$

$$= -\sin^{2n-1} \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + 0 \cdot 1 \quad (2.141)$$

$$= -\sin^{2n-1} \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.142)$$

At  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , we have  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , so:

$$-\sin^{2n-1} \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = -\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{2n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2.143)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2^{\frac{2n-1}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (2.144)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2^n} \quad (2.145)$$

**Step 5:** For the second term, we use the identity  $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$ :

$$(2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n-2} x \cos^2 x \, dx = (2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n-2} x (1 - \sin^2 x) \, dx \quad (2.146)$$

$$= (2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n-2} x \, dx - (2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^{2n} x \, dx \quad (2.147)$$

$$= (2n-1)I_{n-1} - (2n-1)I_n \quad (2.148)$$

**Step 6:** Combining all terms:

$$I_n = -\frac{1}{2^n} + (2n-1)I_{n-1} - (2n-1)I_n \quad (2.149)$$

$$2nI_n = -\frac{1}{2^n} + (2n-1)I_{n-1} \quad (2.150)$$

$$I_n = -\frac{1}{2n \cdot 2^n} + \frac{2n-1}{2n} I_{n-1} \quad (2.151)$$

$$I_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n}\right) I_{n-1} - \frac{1}{n \cdot 2^{n+1}} \quad (2.152)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{I_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n}\right) I_{n-1} - \frac{1}{n \cdot 2^{n+1}}} \quad (2.153)$$

This proves the desired formula.

### Example 2

If  $I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n} x \, dx$ , prove that  $I_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n}\right) I_{n-1} + \frac{1}{n \cdot 2^{n+1}}$ .

**Detailed Solution**

We need to establish a relationship between  $I_n$  and  $I_{n-1}$  where:

$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n} x \, dx \quad (2.154)$$

$$I_{n-1} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n-2} x \, dx \quad (2.155)$$

**Step 1:** First, we'll rewrite the integral to apply integration by parts:

$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n} x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n-1} x \cdot \cos x \, dx \quad (2.156)$$

**Step 2:** We'll use the integration by parts formula:

$$\int u \vartheta \, dx = u \int \vartheta \, dx - \int \left[ \frac{du}{dx} \int \vartheta \, dx \right] dx \quad (2.157)$$

Let:

$$u = \cos^{2n-1} x \quad (2.158)$$

$$\vartheta = \cos x \quad (2.159)$$

Then:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = (2n-1) \cos^{2n-2} x \cdot (-\sin x) = -(2n-1) \cos^{2n-2} x \sin x \quad (2.160)$$

$$\int \vartheta \, dx = \int \cos x \, dx = \sin x \quad (2.161)$$

**Step 3:** Applying the integration by parts formula:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n} x \, dx = [\cos^{2n-1} x \cdot \sin x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} [-(2n-1) \cos^{2n-2} x \sin x \cdot \sin x] \, dx \quad (2.162)$$

$$= [\cos^{2n-1} x \sin x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} + (2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n-2} x \sin^2 x \, dx \quad (2.163)$$

**Step 4:** Evaluating the first term at the limits:

$$[\cos^{2n-1} x \sin x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = \cos^{2n-1} \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos^{2n-1} 0 \sin 0 \quad (2.164)$$

$$= \cos^{2n-1} \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} - 1 \cdot 0 \quad (2.165)$$

$$= \cos^{2n-1} \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.166)$$

At  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , we have  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , so:

$$\cos^{2n-1} \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^{2n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2.167)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{\frac{2n-1}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (2.168)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \quad (2.169)$$

**Step 5:** For the second term, we use the identity  $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$ :

$$(2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n-2} x \sin^2 x \, dx = (2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n-2} x (1 - \cos^2 x) \, dx \quad (2.170)$$

$$= (2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n-2} x \, dx - (2n-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^{2n} x \, dx \quad (2.171)$$

$$= (2n-1)I_{n-1} - (2n-1)I_n \quad (2.172)$$

**Step 6:** Combining all terms:

$$I_n = \frac{1}{2^n} + (2n-1)I_{n-1} - (2n-1)I_n \quad (2.173)$$

$$2nI_n = \frac{1}{2^n} + (2n-1)I_{n-1} \quad (2.174)$$

$$I_n = \frac{1}{2n \cdot 2^n} + \frac{2n-1}{2n} I_{n-1} \quad (2.175)$$

$$I_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n}\right) I_{n-1} + \frac{1}{n \cdot 2^{n+1}} \quad (2.176)$$

**Therefore:**

$$I_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n}\right) I_{n-1} + \frac{1}{n \cdot 2^{n+1}} \quad (2.177)$$

This proves the desired formula.

### Example 3

If  $I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{\sin x} \, dx$ , then prove that  $n(I_{n+1} - I_n) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$  and hence find  $I_3$ .

### Detailed Solution

Let's use a more direct method with integration by substitution.

**Step 1:** First, we need to express  $I_{n+1} - I_n$ :

$$I_{n+1} - I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sin(2n+1)x}{\sin x} \, dx - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{\sin x} \, dx \quad (2.178)$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sin(2n+1)x - \sin(2n-1)x}{\sin x} \, dx \quad (2.179)$$

**Step 2:** Using the identity  $\sin A - \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A-B}{2} \cos \frac{A+B}{2}$ :

$$\sin(2n+1)x - \sin(2n-1)x = 2 \sin x \cos(2nx) \quad (2.180)$$



**Step 3:** Substituting this:

$$I_{n+1} - I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{2 \sin x \cos(2nx)}{\sin x} dx \quad (2.181)$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos(2nx) dx \quad (2.182)$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{\sin(2nx)}{2n} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \quad (2.183)$$

$$= \frac{\sin(2n \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}) - \sin(0)}{n} \quad (2.184)$$

$$= \frac{\sin(\frac{n\pi}{2})}{n} \quad (2.185)$$

Therefore:

$$n(I_{n+1} - I_n) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \quad (2.186)$$

**Step 4:** To find  $I_3$ , we need to establish a recursive formula and an initial value.  
From our result:

$$I_{n+1} - I_n = \frac{\sin \frac{n\pi}{2}}{n} \quad (2.187)$$

Since we need  $I_3$ , let's compute:

$$I_2 - I_1 = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2}}{1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \quad (2.188)$$

$$I_3 - I_2 = \frac{\sin \pi}{2} = \frac{0}{2} = 0 \quad (2.189)$$

Therefore:

$$I_3 = I_2 = I_1 + 1 \quad (2.190)$$

**Step 5:** We need to find  $I_1$ :

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sin x}{\sin x} dx \quad (2.191)$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 1 dx \quad (2.192)$$

$$= x \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \quad (2.193)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.194)$$

**Step 6:** Now we can compute  $I_3$ :

$$I_3 = I_1 + 1 \quad (2.195)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + 1 \quad (2.196)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{I_3 = \frac{\pi}{4} + 1} \quad (2.197)$$

**Example 4**

If  $I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^n \theta d\theta$ , prove that  $I_n = \frac{1}{n-1} - I_{n-2}$ . Hence evaluate  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^6 \theta d\theta$ .

**Detailed Solution**

We need to establish a relationship between  $I_n$  and  $I_{n-2}$  where:

$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^n \theta d\theta \quad (2.198)$$

**Step 1:** First, we'll split  $\tan^n \theta$  into  $\tan^{n-2} \theta \cdot \tan^2 \theta$  and use the identity  $\tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta - 1$ :

$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^n \theta d\theta \quad (2.199)$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} \theta \cdot \tan^2 \theta d\theta \quad (2.200)$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} \theta \cdot (\sec^2 \theta - 1) d\theta \quad (2.201)$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} \theta \cdot \sec^2 \theta d\theta - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} \theta d\theta \quad (2.202)$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} \theta \cdot \sec^2 \theta d\theta - I_{n-2} \quad (2.203)$$

**Step 2:** For the first integral, we'll use the formula  $\int [f(x)]^n f'(x) dx = \frac{[f(x)]^{n+1}}{n+1}$ .

We know that  $\frac{d}{d\theta}(\tan \theta) = \sec^2 \theta$ , so  $\sec^2 \theta$  is the derivative of  $\tan \theta$ .

If we set  $f(\theta) = \tan \theta$ , then  $f'(\theta) = \sec^2 \theta$ , and  $[f(\theta)]^{n-2} = \tan^{n-2} \theta$ .

Using the formula with  $n - 2$  in place of  $n$ :

$$\int \tan^{n-2} \theta \cdot \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \int [f(\theta)]^{n-2} f'(\theta) d\theta \quad (2.204)$$

$$= \frac{[f(\theta)]^{n-2+1}}{n-2+1} \quad (2.205)$$

$$= \frac{\tan^{n-1} \theta}{n-1} \quad (2.206)$$

**Step 3:** Evaluating this at the limits:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} \theta \cdot \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{\tan^{n-1} \theta}{n-1} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \quad (2.207)$$

$$= \frac{\tan^{n-1} \frac{\pi}{4}}{n-1} - \frac{\tan^{n-1} 0}{n-1} \quad (2.208)$$

$$= \frac{1^{n-1}}{n-1} - \frac{0^{n-1}}{n-1} \quad (2.209)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \quad (2.210)$$

since  $\tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$  and  $\tan 0 = 0$ .

**Step 4:** Therefore:

$$I_n = \frac{1}{n-1} - I_{n-2} \quad (2.211)$$

**Step 5:** To evaluate  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^6 \theta d\theta = I_6$ , we need to find  $I_4$ ,  $I_2$ , and  $I_0$  first. Using our reduction formula:

$$I_6 = \frac{1}{6-1} - I_{6-2} \quad (2.212)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} - I_4 \quad (2.213)$$

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{4-1} - I_{4-2} \quad (2.214)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - I_2 \quad (2.215)$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{2-1} - I_{2-2} \quad (2.216)$$

$$= 1 - I_0 \quad (2.217)$$

**Step 6:** We need to compute  $I_0$ :

$$I_0 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^0 \theta d\theta \quad (2.218)$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 1 d\theta \quad (2.219)$$

$$= \theta \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \quad (2.220)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} - 0 \quad (2.221)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.222)$$

**Step 7:** Now we can calculate  $I_2$ :

$$I_2 = 1 - I_0 \quad (2.223)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.224)$$

$$= \frac{4}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.225)$$

$$= \frac{4 - \pi}{4} \quad (2.226)$$

**Step 8:** Calculating  $I_4$ :

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{3} - I_2 \quad (2.227)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \left( \frac{4 - \pi}{4} \right) \quad (2.228)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4 - \pi}{4} \quad (2.229)$$

$$= \frac{4}{12} - \frac{3(4 - \pi)}{12} \quad (2.230)$$

$$= \frac{4 - 12 + 3\pi}{12} \quad (2.231)$$

$$= \frac{-8 + 3\pi}{12} \quad (2.232)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi - 8}{12} \quad (2.233)$$

**Step 9:** Finally, calculating  $I_6$ :

$$I_6 = \frac{1}{5} - I_4 \quad (2.234)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} - \frac{3\pi - 8}{12} \quad (2.235)$$

$$= \frac{12}{60} - \frac{5(3\pi - 8)}{60} \quad (2.236)$$

$$= \frac{12 - 15\pi + 40}{60} \quad (2.237)$$

$$= \frac{52 - 15\pi}{60} \quad (2.238)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^6 \theta \, d\theta = \frac{52 - 15\pi}{60} \quad (2.239)$$

### Example 5

If  $I_n = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^n \theta \, d\theta$ , prove that  $I_n = \frac{1}{n-1} - I_{n-2}$ . Hence evaluate  $\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^6 \theta \, d\theta$ .

### Detailed Solution

We need to establish the reduction formula for:

$$I_n = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^n \theta \, d\theta \quad (2.240)$$

**Step 1:** First, we rewrite  $\cot^n \theta$  by splitting off two powers:

$$I_n = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^n \theta \, d\theta \quad (2.241)$$

$$= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^{n-2} \theta \cdot \cot^2 \theta \, d\theta \quad (2.242)$$

**Step 2:** Using the identity  $\cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta - 1$ :

$$I_n = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^{n-2} \theta \cdot (\csc^2 \theta - 1) \, d\theta \quad (2.243)$$

$$= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^{n-2} \theta \cdot \csc^2 \theta \, d\theta - \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^{n-2} \theta \, d\theta \quad (2.244)$$

$$= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^{n-2} \theta \cdot \csc^2 \theta \, d\theta - I_{n-2} \quad (2.245)$$

**Step 3:** We know that  $\frac{d}{d\theta}(\cot \theta) = -\csc^2 \theta$ , so:

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^{n-2} \theta \cdot \csc^2 \theta \, d\theta = - \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^{n-2} \theta \cdot (-\csc^2 \theta) \, d\theta \quad (2.246)$$

$$= - \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^{n-2} \theta \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta}(\cot \theta) \, d\theta \quad (2.247)$$

**Step 4:** Using the formula  $\int [f(x)]^n f'(x) dx = \frac{[f(x)]^{n+1}}{n+1}$  with  $f(\theta) = \cot \theta$  and  $n = n - 2$ :

$$-\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^{n-2} \theta \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta}(\cot \theta) d\theta = -\left[ \frac{(\cot \theta)^{n-2+1}}{n-2+1} \right]_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \quad (2.248)$$

$$= -\left[ \frac{(\cot \theta)^{n-1}}{n-1} \right]_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \quad (2.249)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n-1} [\cot^{n-1} \theta]_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \quad (2.250)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n-1} \left[ \cot^{n-1} \frac{\pi}{2} - \cot^{n-1} \frac{\pi}{4} \right] \quad (2.251)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n-1} [0 - 1] \quad (2.252)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n-1} (-1) \quad (2.253)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \quad (2.254)$$

Since  $\cot \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$  and  $\cot \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$ .

**Step 5:** Combining our results:

$$I_n = \frac{1}{n-1} - I_{n-2} \quad (2.255)$$

**Step 6:** To evaluate  $\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^6 \theta d\theta = I_6$ , we need to use the recurrence relation repeatedly. Using the reduction formula:

$$I_6 = \frac{1}{5} - I_4 \quad (2.256)$$

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{3} - I_2 \quad (2.257)$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{1} - I_0 \quad (2.258)$$

**Step 7:** For  $I_0$ :

$$I_0 = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 1 d\theta \quad (2.259)$$

$$= \theta \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \quad (2.260)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.261)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.262)$$

**Step 8:** Now we calculate  $I_2$ :

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{1} - I_0 \quad (2.263)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.264)$$

**Step 9:** Calculating  $I_4$ :

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{3} - I_2 \quad (2.265)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \left(1 - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad (2.266)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - 1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.267)$$

$$= -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.268)$$

**Step 10:** Finally, calculating  $I_6$ :

$$I_6 = \frac{1}{5} - I_4 \quad (2.269)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} - \left(-\frac{2}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad (2.270)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.271)$$

$$= \frac{3}{15} + \frac{10}{15} - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.272)$$

$$= \frac{13}{15} - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (2.273)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot^6 \theta \, d\theta = \frac{13}{15} - \frac{\pi}{4}} \quad (2.274)$$

### Example 6

Evaluate  $\int_0^\pi x \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx$ .

### Detailed Solution

We need to evaluate:

$$I = \int_0^\pi x \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (1)$$

(2.275)

**Step 1:** Using the substitution property  $\int_0^a f(x)dx = \int_0^a f(a-x)dx$ :

$$I = \int_0^\pi (\pi - x) \sin^7(\pi - x) \cos^4(\pi - x) \, dx \quad (2.276)$$

**Step 2:** Using the identities  $\sin(\pi - x) = \sin x$  and  $\cos(\pi - x) = -\cos x$ :

$$I = \int_0^\pi (\pi - x) \sin^7 x (-\cos x)^4 \, dx \quad (2.277)$$

$$= \int_0^\pi (\pi - x) \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (\text{since } (-\cos x)^4 = \cos^4 x) \quad (2.278)$$

**Step 3:** Expanding the integrand:

$$I = \int_0^\pi \pi \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx - \int_0^\pi x \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (2.279)$$

$$= \pi \int_0^\pi \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx - I \quad (2.280)$$

**Step 4:** Solving for  $I$ :

$$2I = \pi \int_0^\pi \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (2.281)$$

$$(2.282)$$

**Step 5:** For the integral  $\int_0^\pi \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx$ , we can use symmetry properties. For  $m, n$  positive integers, we have:

$$\int_0^\pi \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad (2.283)$$

Since  $n = 4$  is even:

$$\int_0^\pi \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (2.284)$$

**Step 6:** Thus:

$$2I = \pi \cdot 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (2.285)$$

$$I = \pi \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (2.286)$$

**Step 7:** We need to evaluate  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx$ . We can use the formula:

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{\{(m-1)(m-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\} \times \{(n-1)(n-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\}}{(m+n)(m+n-2)(m+n-4)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1} \times p \quad (2.287)$$

where

$$p = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2}, & m \text{ and } n \text{ both are even} \\ 1, & \text{for other values of } m \text{ and } n \end{cases} \quad (2.288)$$

**Step 8:** In our case,  $m = 7$  and  $n = 4$ . Since  $m$  is odd and  $n$  is even,  $p = 1$ . Computing the numerator:

$$(m-1)(m-3)(m-5) \times (n-1)(n-3) \quad (2.289)$$

$$= (7-1)(7-3)(7-5) \times (4-1)(4-3) \quad (2.290)$$

$$= 6 \times 4 \times 2 \times 3 \times 1 \quad (2.291)$$

$$= 144 \quad (2.292)$$

Computing the denominator:

$$(m+n)(m+n-2)(m+n-4)(m+n-6)(m+n-8)(m+n-10) \quad (2.293)$$

$$= (7+4)(11-2)(11-4)(11-6)(11-8)(11-10) \quad (2.294)$$

$$= 11 \times 9 \times 7 \times 5 \times 3 \times 1 \quad (2.295)$$

$$= 10395 \quad (2.296)$$

**Step 9:** Therefore:

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx = \frac{6 \times 4 \times 2 \times 3 \times 1}{11 \times 9 \times 7 \times 5 \times 3 \times 1} \times 1 \quad (2.297)$$

$$= \frac{144}{10395} \quad (2.298)$$

$$= \frac{16}{1155} \quad (2.299)$$

**Step 10:** Finally:

$$I = \pi \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (2.300)$$

$$= \pi \cdot \frac{16}{1155} \quad (2.301)$$

$$= \frac{16\pi}{1155} \quad (2.302)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_0^{\pi} x \sin^7 x \cos^4 x \, dx = \frac{16\pi}{1155}} \quad (2.303)$$

### Example 7

Evaluate  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^6 x \, dx$ .

We can directly apply the reduction formula for powers of sine from 0 to  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ :

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{n} \times \frac{n-3}{n-2} \times \frac{n-5}{n-4} \times \cdots \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2}, & n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n-1}{n} \times \frac{n-3}{n-2} \times \frac{n-5}{n-4} \times \cdots \times \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{2}{3} \times 1, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.304)$$

For  $n = 6$  (even case):

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^6 x \, dx = \frac{6-1}{6} \times \frac{6-3}{6-2} \times \frac{6-5}{6-4} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.305)$$

$$= \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.306)$$

$$= \frac{5 \times 3 \times 1}{6 \times 4 \times 2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.307)$$

$$= \frac{15}{48} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.308)$$

$$= \frac{5\pi}{32} \quad (2.309)$$



**Therefore:**

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^6 x \, dx = \frac{5\pi}{32} \quad (2.310)$$

### Example 8

Evaluate  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^5 x \, dx$ .

We'll use the symmetry property of sine and cosine:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \, dx \quad (2.311)$$

Therefore:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^5 x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^5 x \, dx \quad (2.312)$$

Now we can apply the reduction formula for powers of sine with  $n = 5$  (odd case):

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^5 x \, dx = \frac{5-1}{5} \times \frac{5-3}{5-2} \times \frac{5-5}{5-4} \times 1 \quad (2.313)$$

$$= \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{2}{3} \times 1 \quad (2.314)$$

$$= \frac{8}{15} \quad (2.315)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^5 x \, dx = \frac{8}{15} \quad (2.316)$$

### Example 9

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

We'll use the product formula for sine and cosine:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{\{(m-1)(m-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\} \times \{(n-1)(n-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\}}{(m+n)(m+n-2)(m+n-4)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1} \times p \quad (2.317)$$

where

$$p = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2}, & m \text{ and } n \text{ both are even} \\ 1, & \text{for other values of } m \text{ and } n \end{cases} \quad (2.318)$$

For  $m = 3$  (odd) and  $n = 2$  (even),  $p = 1$ .

Computing the numerator:

$$\{(m-1)(m-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\} \times \{(n-1)(n-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\} = \{(3-1)\} \times \{(2-1)\} \quad (2.319)$$

$$= 2 \times 1 \quad (2.320)$$

$$= 2 \quad (2.321)$$

Computing the denominator:

$$(m+n)(m+n-2)(m+n-4)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1 = (3+2)(5-2)(5-4) \quad (2.322)$$

$$= 5 \times 3 \times 1 \quad (2.323)$$

$$= 15 \quad (2.324)$$

Therefore:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^3 x \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{2}{15} \times 1 \quad (2.325)$$

$$= \frac{2}{15} \quad (2.326)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^3 x \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{2}{15}} \quad (2.327)$$

### Example 10

Evaluate  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^4 x \cos^6 x \, dx$ .

We'll use the product formula for sine and cosine:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{\{(m-1)(m-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\} \times \{(n-1)(n-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\}}{(m+n)(m+n-2)(m+n-4)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1} \times p \quad (2.328)$$

For  $m = 4$  (even) and  $n = 6$  (even),  $p = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Computing the numerator:

$$\{(m-1)(m-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\} \times \{(n-1)(n-3)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1\} \quad (2.329)$$

$$= \{(4-1)(4-3)\} \times \{(6-1)(6-3)(6-5)\} \quad (2.330)$$

$$= \{3 \times 1\} \times \{5 \times 3 \times 1\} \quad (2.331)$$

$$= 3 \times 15 \quad (2.332)$$

$$= 45 \quad (2.333)$$

Computing the denominator:

$$(m+n)(m+n-2)(m+n-4)\cdots 2 \text{ or } 1 \quad (2.334)$$

$$= (4+6)(10-2)(10-4)(10-6)(10-8) \quad (2.335)$$

$$= 10 \times 8 \times 6 \times 4 \times 2 \quad (2.336)$$

$$= 3840 \quad (2.337)$$

Therefore:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^4 x \cos^6 x \, dx = \frac{45}{3840} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.338)$$

$$= \frac{45\pi}{7680} \quad (2.339)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{512} \quad (2.340)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^4 x \cos^6 x \, dx = \frac{3\pi}{512}} \quad (2.341)$$

### Example 11

Evaluate  $\int_0^{\pi} \sin^5 x \, dx$ .

We'll use the formula for sine on  $[0, \pi]$ :

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin^n x \, dx = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n x \, dx, \text{ for all positive integers } n. \quad (2.342)$$

First, we calculate  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^5 x \, dx$  using the reduction formula for powers of sine with  $n = 5$  (odd case):

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^5 x \, dx = \frac{5-1}{5} \times \frac{5-3}{5-2} \times 1 \quad (2.343)$$

$$= \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{2}{3} \quad (2.344)$$

$$= \frac{8}{15} \quad (2.345)$$

Therefore:

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin^5 x \, dx = 2 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^5 x \, dx \quad (2.346)$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{8}{15} \quad (2.347)$$

$$= \frac{16}{15} \quad (2.348)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_0^{\pi} \sin^5 x \, dx = \frac{16}{15}} \quad (2.349)$$

### Example 12

Evaluate  $\int_0^{\pi} \cos^4 x \, dx$ .

We'll use the formula for cosine on  $[0, \pi]$ :

$$\int_0^\pi \cos^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} 2 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \, dx; & n \text{ is even} \\ 0; & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.350)$$

Since  $n = 4$  is even, we have:

$$\int_0^\pi \cos^4 x \, dx = 2 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (2.351)$$

Using the symmetry property  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n x \, dx$ :

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^4 x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^4 x \, dx \quad (2.352)$$

Applying the reduction formula for powers of sine with  $n = 4$  (even case):

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^4 x \, dx = \frac{4-1}{4} \times \frac{4-3}{4-2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.353)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.354)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{16} \quad (2.355)$$

Therefore:

$$\int_0^\pi \cos^4 x \, dx = 2 \times \frac{3\pi}{16} \quad (2.356)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{8} \quad (2.357)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_0^\pi \cos^4 x \, dx = \frac{3\pi}{8}} \quad (2.358)$$

### Example 13

Evaluate  $\int_0^\pi \cos^3 x \, dx$ .

We'll use the formula for cosine on  $[0, \pi]$ :

$$\int_0^\pi \cos^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} 2 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \, dx; & n \text{ is even} \\ 0; & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.359)$$

Since  $n = 3$  is odd, we immediately have:

$$\int_0^\pi \cos^3 x \, dx = 0 \quad (2.360)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_0^\pi \cos^3 x \, dx = 0} \quad (2.361)$$

**Example 14**

Evaluate  $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^6 x \, dx$ .

We'll use the formula for sine on  $[0, 2\pi]$ :

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} 4 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n x \, dx; & n \text{ is even} \\ 0; & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.362)$$

Since  $n = 6$  is even, we have:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^6 x \, dx = 4 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^6 x \, dx \quad (2.363)$$

We already computed this in Example 9:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^6 x \, dx = \frac{5\pi}{32} \quad (2.364)$$

Therefore:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^6 x \, dx = 4 \times \frac{5\pi}{32} \quad (2.365)$$

$$= \frac{5\pi}{8} \quad (2.366)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^6 x \, dx = \frac{5\pi}{8}} \quad (2.367)$$

**Example 15**

Evaluate  $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^5 x \, dx$ .

We'll use the formula for sine on  $[0, 2\pi]$ :

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} 4 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n x \, dx; & n \text{ is even} \\ 0; & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.368)$$

Since  $n = 5$  is odd, we immediately have:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^5 x \, dx = 0 \quad (2.369)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^5 x \, dx = 0} \quad (2.370)$$

**Example 16**

Evaluate  $\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^4 x \, dx$ .

We'll use the formula for cosine on  $[0, 2\pi]$ :

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} 4 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \, dx; & n \text{ is even} \\ 0; & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2.371)$$

Since  $n = 4$  is even, we have:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^4 x \, dx = 4 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^4 x \, dx \quad (2.372)$$

Using the symmetry property  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^n x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n x \, dx$ :

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^4 x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^4 x \, dx \quad (2.373)$$

Applying the reduction formula for powers of sine with  $n = 4$  (even case):

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^4 x \, dx = \frac{4-1}{4} \times \frac{4-3}{4-2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.374)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2.375)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{16} \quad (2.376)$$

Therefore:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^4 x \, dx = 4 \times \frac{3\pi}{16} \quad (2.377)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{4} \quad (2.378)$$

**Therefore:**

$$\boxed{\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^4 x \, dx = \frac{3\pi}{4}} \quad (2.379)$$