

Integration Methods

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Integration by Substitution

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Example 1: Integrate $\int (\sqrt{\sin x} * \cos x) dx$

Solution 1: Let $u = \sin x$. Then $\frac{du}{dx} = \cos x$, and $du = \cos x * dx$.

Therefore we get the integral: $\int (\sqrt{u}) du$, which is integrable by the power rule to give $\frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} + C$

Back substituting gives us: $\frac{2}{3} \sin x \sqrt{\sin x} + C$

Example 2: Find the value of $\int_1^3 (C + f(z)) dz$ if $\int_1^2 f(2x - 1) dx = 7$, and $C > 0$.

Solution 2: Split the first integral: $\int_1^3 C dz + \int_1^3 f(z) dz$.

Then, in the second integral, make a substitution, $z = 2x - 1$, $dz = 2 dx$, $\frac{dz}{2} = dx$, and the limits of integration change to $1 (2(1) - 1 = 1)$ and $3 (2(2) - 1)$.

The second integral now reads: $\frac{1}{2} \int_1^3 f(z) dz = 7$.

Therefore, $\int_1^3 f(z) dz = 14$.

Now, we just back substitute into our original expression, realizing that z and x are dummy variables and are interchangeable.

Therefore, our answer is $2C + 14$.

Recap

This Study Guide went over:

- Integration by u-substitution
- The idea of a dummy variable

Now attempt the practice problems on the next page!

Practice Problems

The problems will ramp up in difficulty.

1) Integrate each of the following:

a) $f(x) = \sin(2x)$

b) $f(x) = \sin^2 x$

c) $f(x) = \frac{2}{x}$

d) $f(x) = \cos(\sin x) * \cos x$

e) $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$

f) $f(x) = \tan x + \cot x$

2) Integrate each of the following:

a) $f(x) = \sin(3x)$ from 0 to π .

b) $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$ from 1 to e .

c) $f(x) = \frac{3x^2}{x^3+1}$ from 1 to 2.

3) If $\int_0^1 (2 + f(x)) dx = 5$, find $\int_0^3 f(\frac{x}{3}) dx$.

Answer Key

1) Answers Below

a) $-\frac{1}{2}\cos(2x) + C$

b) $\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4}\sin(2x) + C$

c) $2 \ln|x| + C$

d) $\sin(\sin x) + C$

e) $\sqrt{x^2 - 1} + C$

f) $\ln|\sec x| + \ln|\sin x| + C$

2) Answers Below

a) $\frac{2}{3}$

b) $\frac{1}{2}$

c) $\ln 9 - \ln 2$

3) 3

Other Integration Methods

Theorems

Integration by Parts: $\int f(x)g'(x)dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x)dx$

Trig Substitution Rules:

$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}}$ uses the substitution $x = a \sin \theta$ (the denominator is in the form $1 - \sin^2 x$)

$\int \frac{dx}{a^2+x^2}$ uses the substitution $x = a \tan \theta$ (the denominator is in the form $1 + \tan^2 x$)

$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}}$ uses the substitution $x = a \sec \theta$ (the denominator is in the form $\sec^2 x - 1$)

Examples

Example 1: Evaluate $\int x e^x$

Solution 1: A u-substitution doesn't work here, so we try integration by parts.

Since we know the derivative of x , let $f(x) = x$ and since we know the integral of e^x , let $g'(x) = e^x$.

Applying integration by parts:

$$\int x e^x dx = x e^x - \int e^x dx$$

$$= x e^x - e^x + C$$

Example 2: Evaluate $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$.

Solution 2: This is in the form of one of the integrals that use a trigonometric substitution.

Since it appears to be in the form of the trigonometric identity $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ (here it's in the form $1 - \sin^2 x$). Thus, we'll make the substitution $x = \sin \theta$. (If this were a definite integral, make sure to change the limits of integration!)

$$x = \sin \theta, \quad dx = \cos \theta \, d\theta$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 \theta}} d\theta$$

$$= \int d\theta \quad (\text{we can disregard absolute values in$$

$$= \theta + C$$

Inverting our substitution, we get that $\theta = \arcsin x$

Thus our answer is $\arcsin x + C$ (you should have recognized the integrand from the beginning!)

Note that if there were a trig function in the resulting θ answer, you would need to draw a triangle to determine the answer.

Example 3: Evaluate $\int \frac{dx}{x^2-1}$.

Solution 3: This is a classic example of an integral with partial fractions.

First, we'll need to split $\frac{1}{x^2-1}$ via partial fraction decomposition.

The decomposition is $\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1})$, and so our integrand simplifies to:

$$\int \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dx}{x-1} - \frac{dx}{x+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int \frac{dx}{x-1} - \int \frac{dx}{x+1} \right).$$

These integrals are fundamental.

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\int \frac{dx}{x-1} - \int \frac{dx}{x+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (\ln|x-1| - \ln|x+1| + D)$$

Combining logarithms:

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right| + C.$$

Recap

This Study Guide went over:

- Integration by Parts
- Integration by Trig Sub
- Integration by Partial Fractions

If you want to review partial fractions, check out this [guide](#).

Now attempt the practice problems on the next page!

Problems

1) Evaluate each integral

a) $\int x \sin x \, dx$

b) $\int x^2 e^x \, dx$

c) $\int \sec^3 x \, dx$ (This is a very famous integral!)

d) $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2-4}} \, dx$

e) $\int \sin^2(\sqrt{x}) \, dx$

f) $\int \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^4}} \, dx$

g) $\int \frac{dx}{x^3+1}$

2) Evaluate each integral

a) $\int_1^2 x \ln x \, dx$

b) $\int_1^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{x^3}{4x^2+1} \, dx$

Answer Key

1) Answers Below

- a) $-x \cos x + \sin x + C$
- b) $x^2 e^x - 2x e^x + 2e^x + C$
- c) $\frac{1}{2} \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + \frac{1}{2} \sec x \tan x + C$
- d) $4 \ln \left| \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 4}}{2} \right| + x \sqrt{x^2 - 4} + C$
- e) $\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{x} \sin(2\sqrt{x}) + \frac{1}{4} \cos(2\sqrt{x}) + C$
- f) $\frac{-1}{6} \ln(x^2 - x + 1) - \frac{1}{3} \ln|x + 1| + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \arctan\left(\frac{2x-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + C$

2) Answers Below

- a) 0.636
- b) 0.220