

Section 7.2 Trigonometric Integrals

In this section, we use trigonometric identities to integrate certain combinations of trigonometric functions. We start with powers of sine and cosine.

Strategy for Evaluating $\int \cos^n x \sin^m x dx$

1. If the power of cosine is odd ($n = 2k + 1$), save one cosine factor and use

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

to express the remaining factors in terms of sine:

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

Then substitute $u = \sin x$.

2. If the power of sine is odd ($m = 2k + 1$), save one sine factor and use

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

to express the remaining factors in terms of cosine:

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

Then substitute $u = \cos x$.

3. If the powers of both sine and cosine are even, use the half-angle identities

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x), \quad \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x).$$

It is sometimes helpful to use the identity

$$\sin x \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x.$$

Example 1: $\int \sin^2 x \cos^3 x \, dx$

Example 2: $\int \sin^5 x \cos^2 x \, dx$

Strategy for Evaluating $\int \tan^n x \sec^m x dx$

1. If the power of tangent is odd ($n = 2k + 1$, $k \geq 0$), save a factor of $\sec x \tan x$ and use $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$ to express the remaining factors in terms of $\sec x$:

$$\int \tan^{2k+1} x \sec^m x dx = \int (\tan^2 x)^k \sec^m x \tan x dx$$

$$\int (\tan^2 x)^k \sec^m x \tan x dx = \int (\sec^2 x - 1)^k \sec^{m-1} x (\sec x \tan x) dx.$$

Then substitute $u = \sec x$.

2. If the power of secant is even ($m = 2k$, $k \geq 1$), save a factor of $\sec^2 x$ and use $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$ to express the remaining factors in terms of $\tan x$:

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

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

Then substitute $u = \tan x$.

Example 3: $\int \tan^6 x \sec^4 x \, dx$

Example 4: $\int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - \sin x)^2 dx$

Example 5: $\int \sin x \sec^5 x \, dx$

Example 6: $\int \sqrt{1 + \cos(2x)} \, dx$

Strategy for Evaluating

$\int \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx$, $\int \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx$, **or** $\int \cos(mx) \cos(nx) dx$

Use the corresponding identities:

$$(a) \quad \sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A - B) + \sin(A + B)],$$

$$(b) \quad \sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)],$$

$$(c) \quad \cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B)].$$

Example 7: $\int \sin(5x) \cos(4x) dx$