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Integration by Parts

The Formula

Let u and v be functions of x .

The product rule says $\frac{d}{dx}(u)(v) = \frac{du}{dx}v + u\frac{dv}{dx}$.

If we integrate, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{d}{dx}(u v) dx &= \int \frac{du}{dx} \cdot (v)(dx) + \int u \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} dx \\ (u)(v) &= \int v \cdot (du) + \int u \cdot (dv) \\ &= \int u \cdot dv = (u)(v) - \int v \cdot du \quad (\text{REMEMBER THIS FORMULA IT'S VERY IMPORTANT!})\end{aligned}$$

This looks a little bit confusing, and I was confused at first so I'll try to explain. What we've just proven is this: If we have a function that is very difficult or impossible to integrate with our current rules, we can split it into the product of two functions u and dv and use Integration by Parts to integrate.

To do this, first we need a u and dv function! Even though dv looks like a derivative, don't worry about this. Choose u and dv such that u times dv equals the function you're trying to integrate. Below are tips for choosing effective functions. Then you'll want to *differentiate* u and call the derivative du . Next, *integrate* dv and call the integral v . Now by Integration by Parts, the original integration we were trying to solve is equal to $(u)(v) - \int v \cdot du$.

Strategies for Choosing Functions

When integrating the product of two functions using Integration by Parts, we need to choose u and v effectively. We will be differentiating u and integrating v .

- Pick dv to be the most complicated part of the integral that you know how to integrate.
- Pick u so it gets simpler when you take the derivative.

ILATE Rule

The above tips may seem ambiguous and confusing. Thankfully, the 'ILATE' rule make choosing u and dv as simple as memorization.

- Pick u to be the first function that appears in this list:
 - **I**nverse trig functions
 - **L**ogarithms
 - **A**lgebraic (Polynomials)
 - **T**rig
 - **E**xponentials

Examples

a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int x^2 \ln x \, dx & u &= \ln x \\
 &= \frac{x^3}{3} \ln x - \int \frac{x^3}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx & du &= \frac{1}{x} dx \\
 &= \frac{x^3}{3} \ln x - \int \frac{x^2}{3} dx & dv &= x^2 dx \\
 &= \frac{x^3}{3} \ln x - \frac{x^3}{9} + c & v &= \frac{x^3}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int x e^x \, dx & u &= x \\
 &= x e^x - \int e^x \, dx & du &= \frac{1}{x} dx \\
 &= x e^x - e^x + c & dv &= x^2 dx \\
 & & v &= \frac{x^3}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int \ln x \, dx & u &= \ln x \\
 &= x \ln x - \int x \frac{1}{x} dx & du &= \frac{1}{x} dx \\
 &= x \ln x - x + c & dv &= dx \\
 & & v &= x
 \end{aligned}$$

d)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int x^2 \cos x \, dx & u &= x^2, \, du = 2x \, dx \quad \text{FIRST USAGE} \\
 &= x^2 \sin x - \int 2x \sin x \, dx & dv &= \cos x, \, v = \sin x \\
 &= x^2 \sin x - ((2x)(-\cos x) - 2 \int \cos x \, dx) & u &= 2x, \, du = 2 \, dx \quad \text{SECOND USAGE} \\
 &= x^2 \sin x + 2x \cos x + 2 \sin x + c & dv &= 2 \, dx, \, v = -\cos x
 \end{aligned}$$

e)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int e^x \cos x \, dx & u &= \cos x, \, du = -\sin x \, dx \quad \text{FIRST USAGE} \\
 &= \cos x e^x - \int e^x (-\sin x) \, dx & dv &= e^x, \, v = e^x \\
 &= e^x \cos x + \int e^x \sin x \, dx & u &= \sin x, \, du = \cos x \quad \text{SECOND USAGE} \\
 &= e^x \cos x + e^x \sin x - \int e^x \cos x \, dx & dv &= e^x, \, v = e^x
 \end{aligned}$$

Notice the integral is the same as our original integral.

Let the original integral be I

$$I = e^x \cos x + e^x \sin x - I$$

$$2I = e^x \cos x + e^x \sin x$$

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

f)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_1^3 x^3 \ln x \, dx & u &= \ln x \\
 & = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \ln x \right]_1^3 - \int_1^3 \frac{x^4}{4} \frac{1}{x} \, dx & du &= \frac{1}{x} dx \\
 & = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \ln x \right]_1^3 - \int_1^3 \frac{x^3}{4} \, dx & dv &= x^3 dx \\
 & = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \ln x - \frac{x^4}{16} \right]_1^3 & v &= \frac{x^4}{4} \\
 & = \frac{81}{4} \ln 3 - \frac{81}{16} - \left(0 - \frac{1}{16} \right) \\
 & = 18 \frac{\ln 3}{4} - \frac{80}{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Trig Identities

In this section, we have two goals: integrating powers of Sin/Cos, and Sec/Tan. When these are multiplied together, they don't reduce into simpler trig functions like most other combinations.

How to Integrate Powers of Sin/Cos

e.g. $\int \sin^m(x) \cos^n(x) \, dx$

Case 1: m and n are both even.

- Use trig formulas to reduce to lower powers.
- Then use these trig identities:
 - $\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2x))$
 - $\cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2x))$

Case 2: m or n is odd.

Then substitute u = the base of the even power.

Case 3: Both are odd.

Let u = the base of the higher power.

Case 4: m or n isn't an integer.

Let u be the base of the ugliest power.