

Vector Calculus

6.2 Trigonometric Integrals and Substitutions

Fact: Consider

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx$$

for m, n nonnegative integers.

If m is odd, save one power of sine and use $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$

\Rightarrow Apply the substitution $u = \cos(x)$

If n is odd, save one power of cosine and use

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

\Rightarrow Apply the substitution $u = \sin(x)$

If m, n are both even, use the half-angle identities

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

Sometimes you can save time by using the double-angle formula

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

Ex: Compute the most general antiderivative of the given f over the largest possible open subset I of \mathbb{R} , and give I .

1. $f(x) = \sin^3 x \cos^2 x$

Sol: We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^3 x \cos^2 x \, dx &= \int \sin x \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx \\ &= \int \sin x (1 - \cos^2 x) \cos^2 x \, dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{u = \cos x} \quad \int (1-u^2)u^2 (-1) du \Big|_{u=\cos x} \\ & du = -\sin x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int -u^2 + u^4 du \Big|_{u=\cos x}$$

$$= -\frac{u^3}{3} + \frac{u^5}{5} + C \Big|_{u=\cos x}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{\cos^3 x}{3} + \frac{\cos^5 x}{5} + C}$$

over $I = (-\infty, \infty)$

$$2. f(x) = 4\sin^2 x \cos^2 x$$

Sol: Using the double-angle formula,

$$\int 4\sin^2 x \cos^2 x dx = \int (2\sin x \cos x)^2 dx$$

$$= \int (\sin 2x)^2 dx$$

$$= \int \sin^2 2x dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos(2 \cdot 2x)) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 4x) dx \\
 &\stackrel{u=4x}{=} \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{\sin 4x}{4} \right) + C} \\
 &\quad \text{over } I = (-\infty, \infty)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we compute

$$3. f(x) = \sin^2 x$$

$$4. f(x) = \cos^2 x$$

Fact: Consider

$$\int \tan^m x \sec^n x dx$$

for m, n nonnegative integers...refer to the notes.

Ex: Compute the most general antiderivative of $f(x) = \tan^3 x \sec(x)$ over the largest possible open subset I of \mathbb{R} , and give I .

Sol: We compute

$$\int \tan^3 x \sec x dx = \int \tan^2 x \underbrace{\tan x \sec x}_{du} dx$$

We will use the Pythagorean Thm in the following form

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1 &\implies \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \\ &\implies 1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x\end{aligned}$$

We compute

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^3 x \sec x \, dx &= \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \tan x \sec x \, dx \\ &\stackrel{u = \sec x}{=} \int (u^2 - 1) \, du \Big|_{u = \sec x} \\ du &= \sec x \tan x \, dx\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{u^3}{3} - u + C \Big|_{u = \sec x}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\sec^3 x}{3} - \sec x + C \text{ over } I = \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}$$

$$f(x) = \tan^3 x \sec x$$

Since $\tan(x)$ is defined and continuous over $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ and $\sec(x)$ is defined and continuous over $(-\pi/2, \pi/2) \cup (\pi/2, 3\pi/2)$. So, f is defined and continuous over $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$. Look at the Week 1 Lecture notes.

Fact: Evaluating some trigonometric integrals using angle addition formulas...refer to the notes.

Ex: Compute the most general antiderivative of $f(x)=\sin(4x)\cos(5x)$ over the largest possible open subset I of \mathbb{R} , and give I .

Sol: We use the angle addition formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \sin 4x \cos 5x \, dx &= \int \frac{1}{2} (\sin((4-5)x) + \sin((4+5)x)) \, dx \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{2} (\sin(-x) + \sin(9x)) \, dx \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{2} (-\sin x + \sin 9x) \, dx \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \left(\cos x - \frac{\cos 9x}{9} \right) + C} \\
 &\quad \text{over } I = (-\infty, \infty)
 \end{aligned}$$

Fact: To compute an integrals involving the expression

$$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}, \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}, \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$$

use the following trigonometric substitutions and identities.

Expression	Substitution	Identity
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \sin \theta \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$1 - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a \tan \theta \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$	$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \sec \theta \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \pi \leq \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$

Ex: Compute the following integrals.

1. $\int_0^2 x^3 \sqrt{4-x^2} dx$

Sol: We compute

$$\int_0^2 x^3 \sqrt{4-x^2} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} \underline{\underline{x = 2 \sin \theta}} \\ dx = 2 \cos \theta d\theta \end{array} \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cancel{(2 \sin \theta)^3} \sqrt{4 - (2 \sin \theta)^2} d\theta$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow 2 \sin \theta = 0 \\ \text{with } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \star$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 0$$

$$x=2 \Rightarrow 2 \sin \theta = 2 \\ \Rightarrow \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (2 \sin \theta)^3 \sqrt{4 - (2 \sin \theta)^2} (2 \cos \theta) d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 2^4 \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta \sqrt{\underbrace{4 - 4 \sin^2 \theta}_{4(1 - \sin^2 \theta)}} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 2^4 \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \theta} d\theta$$

$$= 2^5 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \\ &\text{for } \cos \theta \geq 0 \\ &\text{for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned} \quad 2^5 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^3 \theta \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta$$

$$= 2^5 \left(-\frac{\cos^3 \theta}{3} + \frac{\cos^5 \theta}{5} \right) \bigg|_{\theta=0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \boxed{2^5 \left(0 + 0 - \left(-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \right) \right)}$$

$$2. \int_0^{2\sqrt{3}} \frac{x^3}{(2x^2+8)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \, dx$$

Sol: We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\sqrt{3}} \frac{x^3}{(2x^2+8)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \, dx &= \int_0^{2\sqrt{3}} \frac{x^2}{\left(2(x^2+4)\right)^{3/2}} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} \int_0^{2\sqrt{3}} \frac{x^2}{(x^2+4)^{3/2}} \, dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 2 \tan \theta}}$$

$$dx = 2 \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow 2 \tan \theta = 0$$

with $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 0$$

$$x=2\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 2 \tan \theta = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2^{3/2}} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{(2 \tan \theta)^3}{\left((2 \tan \theta)^2 + 4\right)^{3/2}} 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2^4}{2^{3/2}} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^3 \theta \sec^2 \theta}{(4 \tan^2 \theta + 4)^{3/2}} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2^{5/2}}{\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^3 \theta \sec^2 \theta}{(4 \sec^2 \theta)^{3/2}} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2^{5/2}}{4^{3/2}} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^3 \theta \sec^2 \theta}{(\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta})^3} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2^{5/2}}{4^{3/2}} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^3 \theta \sec^2 \theta}{(\sec \theta)^3} d\theta$$

$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} > 0$
for $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{3}]$

$$= \underset{\text{close enough}}{2^{-1/2}} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^3 \theta}{\sec \theta} d\theta$$

How do we do this integral? We must use a trigonometric substitution, but first, we compute

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{\tan^3 \theta}{\sec \theta} d\theta &= \int \frac{\left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}\right)^3}{\frac{1}{\cos \theta}} d\theta \\&= \int \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta \\&= \int \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \sin \theta d\theta \\&= \int \left(\frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \right) \sin \theta d\theta \\&= \dots \\u &= \cos \theta \quad \dots\end{aligned}$$

6.3 Partial Fractions

Def: A rational fraction is a function of the form $f(x)=P(x)/Q(x)$ where P, Q are polynomials.

Ex: Compute the most general antiderivative of the given f over the largest possible open subset I of \mathbb{R} , and give I .

$$1. f(x)=1/(x+1)$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} P(x)=1 & \text{constant polynomial} \\ Q(x)=x+1 & \text{linear polynomial} \end{array}$$

Sol: We compute

$$\int \frac{1}{x+1} dx \underset{\substack{u=x+1 \\ du=dx}}{=} \int \frac{1}{u} du \Big|_{u=x+1}$$

$$= \ln|u| + "C" \Big|_{u=x+1}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{u} dx = \begin{cases} \ln|u| + c_1 & \text{for } u > 0 \\ \ln|u| + c_2 & \text{for } u < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \ln|x+1| + c_1 & \text{for } x > -1 \\ \ln|x+1| + c_2 & \text{for } x < -1 \end{cases}$$

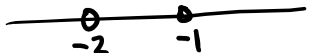
$$= \boxed{\begin{cases} \ln(x+1) + c_1 & \text{for } x > -1 \\ \ln(-(x+1)) + c_2 & \text{for } x < -1 \end{cases} \text{ over } I = (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)}$$

$$2. f(x) = (2x+3)/(x^2+3x+2)$$

$$P(x) = 2x+3 \quad \text{linear}$$

$$Q(x) = x^2+3x+2 \quad \text{quadratic}$$

Sol: To compute this integral, we must first write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x+3}{x^2+3x+2} &= \frac{2x+3}{(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{(x+1) + (x+2)}{(x+1)(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{x+1}{(x+1)(x+2)} + \frac{x+2}{(x+1)(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x+1} \quad \text{for } x \neq -2, -1 \end{aligned}$$


This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2x+3}{x^2+3x+2} dx &= \int \frac{1}{x+2} dx + \int \frac{1}{x+1} dx \\ &= \ln|x+2| + \ln|x+1| + "C" \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \ln|x+2| + \ln|x+1| + C_1 & \text{for } x < -2 \\ \ln|x+2| + \ln|x+1| + C_2 & \text{for } -2 < x < -1 \\ \ln|x+2| + \ln|x+1| + C_3 & \text{for } x > -1 \end{cases}$$

over $I = (-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$

Easy Partial Fractions: Suppose P, Q are polynomials, and suppose the degree of P is strictly less than the degree of Q . If we can factor Q into distinct linear factors

$$Q(x) = (a_1x + b_1) \cdot \dots \cdot (a_kx + b_k)$$

then we can decompose $P(x)/Q(x)$ into partial fractions: there are constants A_1, \dots, A_k so that

$$\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{A_1}{a_1x + b_1} + \dots + \frac{A_k}{a_kx + b_k}$$

Ex: Compute the most general antiderivative of $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 2}{x^2 - 1}$ over the largest possible open subset I of \mathbb{R} , and give I .

Sol: First, we must use long division!

$$x^2 - 1 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x + 2 \\ -x^2 \\ \hline 2x + 3 \end{array}} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2 + 2x + 2}{x^2 - 1} = 1 + \underbrace{\frac{2x + 3}{x^2 - 1}}_{\text{easy partial fractions}}$$

Easy Partial Fractions says that there are constants A, B so that

$$\frac{2x + 3}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{2x + 3}{(x + 1)(x - 1)} = \frac{A}{x + 1} + \frac{B}{x - 1}$$

To solve for A, B , we combine the right-hand side again,

$$\frac{2x+3}{x^2-1} = \frac{A(x-1) + B(x+1)}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{(A+B)x + (B-A)}{x^2-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+3 = (A+B)x + (B-A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} A+B &= 2 \\ -A+B &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Fact: If P, Q are polynomials and $P(x)=Q(x)$ for all x , then the coefficients of P, Q are equal.

Using linear algebra

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2-3 \\ 2+3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 5/2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$\frac{2x+3}{x^2-1} = \frac{-1/2}{x+1} + \frac{5/2}{x-1} \quad \text{for } x \neq -1, 1$$

Thus

$$\int \frac{x^2+2x+2}{x^2-1} dx = \int 1 + \frac{2x+3}{x^2-1} dx$$

$$\stackrel{=}{\text{EPF}} \int 1 + \frac{-1/2}{x+1} + \frac{5/2}{x-1} dx$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + \frac{5}{2} \ln|x-1| + "C"$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + \frac{5}{2} \ln|x-1| + C_1 & \text{for } x < -1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + \frac{5}{2} \ln|x-1| + C_2 & \text{for } -1 < x < 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + \frac{5}{2} \ln|x-1| + C_2 & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

over $I = (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

6.4 Integration with Tables and Computer Algebra Systems

Fact: You can use the Table of Integrals on Reference Page 6-10 in the back of the book for the Homework. But for the MIDTERM and FINAL, you only need to memorize the Basic Table of Integrals (from Week 1).