

## VECTOR CALCULUS, Week 4

### 6.2 Trigonometric Integrals and Substitutions; 6.3 Partial Fractions; 6.4 Integration with Tables and Computer Algebra Systems; 9.1 Parametric Curves

#### 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**

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

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  $\mathbf{R}$ , and give  $I$ .

1.  $f(x) = \sin^3 x \cos^2 x$
2.  $f(x) = 4 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x$ , use the double-angle formula.
3.  $f(x) = \sin^2 x$
4.  $f(x) = \cos^2 x$

**Fact:** Consider  $\int \tan^m x \sec^n x \, dx$  for  $m, n$  non-negative integers.

- If  $m$  is odd and  $n \geq 1$ , save a factor of  $\sec x \tan x$  and use  $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  Apply the substitution  $u = \sec x$ .
- If  $n \geq 4$  is even, save a factor of  $\sec^2 x$  and use  $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  Apply the substitution  $u = \tan x$ .
- In other cases  
 $m$  odd and  $n = 0$   
 $m$  even and  $n = 0, 2$   
 $m$  even and  $n$  odd

there is no general strategy.

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

**Fact:** Evaluating some trigonometric integrals using angle addition formulas.

- To evaluate  $\int \sin mx \cos nx \, dx$ , use

$$\sin mx \cos nx = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sin((m-n)x) + \sin((m+n)x) \right).$$

- To evaluate  $\int \sin mx \sin nx \, dx$ , use

$$\sin mx \sin nx = \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos((m-n)x) - \cos((m+n)x) \right).$$

- To evaluate  $\int \cos mx \cos nx \, dx$ , use

$$\cos mx \cos nx = \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos((m-n)x) + \cos((m+n)x) \right).$$

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

**Fact:** To compute an integral involving the expression  $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ ,  $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$ , and  $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$ , use the following trigonometric substitutions and identities.

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

**Ex:** Compute the following integrals.

1.  $\int_0^2 x^3 \sqrt{4 - x^2} \, dx$
2.  $\int_0^{2\sqrt{3}} \frac{x^3}{(2x^2 + 8)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \, dx$

### 6.3 Partial Fractions

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

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

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

**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

$$Q(x) = (a_1x + b_1) \cdots (a_kx + b_k),$$

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

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

**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  $\mathbf{R}$ , and give  $I$ .

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

## 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.

## 9.1 Parametric Curves

**Def:** A **parametric plane curve** is a function  $C : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ , written

$$C(t) = (x(t), y(t)) \text{ for } t \in [a, b]$$

where  $x = x(t), y = y(t)$  are functions  $x, y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . This means that for each  $t \in [a, b]$ , the function  $C(t)$  gives you a point  $(x(t), y(t))$  in the plane.

We say the set

$$C = \{(x(t), y(t)) : t \in [a, b]\}$$

is the **image** of  $C$ . We call the variable  $t$  the **parameter**, and the equations

$$x = x(t) \text{ and } y = y(t) \text{ for } t \in [a, b]$$

we call **parametric equations** for  $C$ . We say  $(x(a), y(a))$  is the **initial point**, while  $(x(b), y(b))$  is the **terminal point**.

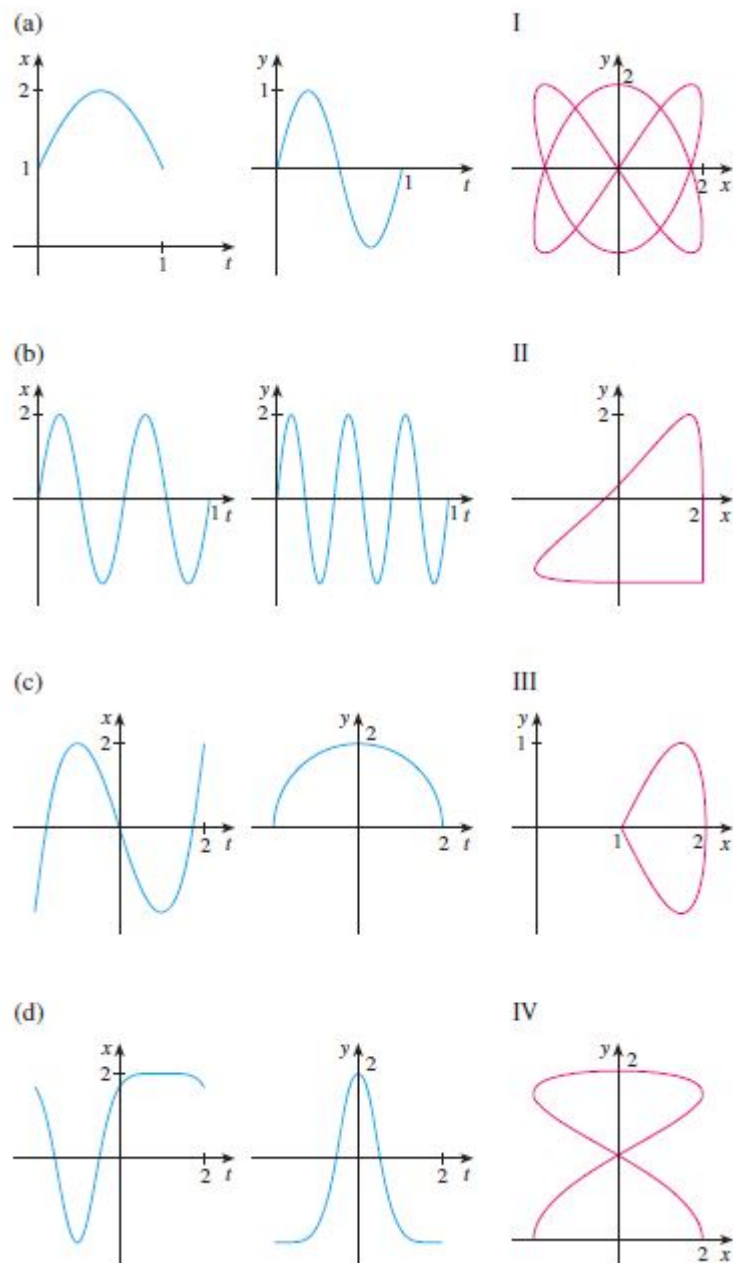
**Ex:**

1. The image of the curve  $C(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$  for  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$  is the unit circle.
2. The image of the curve  $C(t) = (t, f(t))$  for  $t \in [a, b]$  is the graph of the function  $y = f(x)$  over  $[a, b]$ .

**Ex:** For each given parametric plane curve  $C$ , do the following.

- (a) Eliminate the parameter to find a Cartesian equation for  $C$ .
  - (b) Roughly sketch the image of  $C$ . Indicate with an arrow the direction in which the image is traced as  $t$  increases.
1.  $C(t) = (t^2, \ln t^2)$  for  $t \in (0, \infty)$
  2.  $C(t) = (2 \sin t, 3 \cos t)$  for  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$
  3.  $C(t) = (\sqrt{t}, 1 - t)$  for  $t \in [0, \infty)$

**Ex:** Match the graphs of the parametric equations  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$  with the images of the parametric curves in red.



**Ex:** Use the graphs of  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$  to sketch the image of the parametric plane curve. Indicate with arrows the direction in which the curve is traced as  $t$  increases.

