

Trigonometric Integrals + Substitution

- Goal: Compute $\int \sin^n x \cos^m x dx$ $n=0,1,2,\dots$ $m=0,1,2,\dots$

Method A

Suppose that either m or n is odd

Ex $\int \sin^3 x \cos^2 x dx$

Strategy: Use identity $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$

to rewrite the integral as $\int f(\cos x) \sin x dx$.

Then make the substitution $u = \cos x$ $du = -\sin x dx$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \sin^3 x \cos^2 x dx &= \int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \sin x dx = \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \cos^2 x \sin x dx \\
 &= \int (1 - u^2) u^2 \cdot (-du) = \int -u^2 + u^4 du \\
 &= -\frac{1}{3} u^3 + \frac{1}{5} u^5 + C \\
 &= -\frac{1}{3} \cos^3 x + \frac{1}{5} \cos^5 x + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex: $\int \cos^3 x dx = \int \cos^2 x \cdot \cos x dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x dx$

This time, let $u = \sin x$, $du = \cos x dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x dx &= \int (1 - u^2) du = u - \frac{u^3}{3} + C \\ &= \sin x - \frac{\sin^3 x}{3} + C. \end{aligned}$$

Method B

- Requires both m and n to be even
- Requires a double angle formula such as

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

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{2}$$

Ex: $\int \cos^2 x \, dx = \int \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \, dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2x}{4} + C$

Ex $\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx = \int \frac{(1 - \cos 2x)(1 + \cos 2x)}{2 \cdot 2} \, dx$

$$= \int \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \cos^2 2x \, dx = \int \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} (1 + \cos 4x) \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} x - \frac{\sin 4x}{32} + C$$

• A shortcut for this example: $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx = \int \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right)^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1 - \cos 4x}{2} \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} x - \frac{\sin 4x}{32} + C \quad (\text{as above})$$

- Next family of integrals
(won't finish today):

$$\int \sec^n x \tan^m x \, dx \quad m=0,1,2, \dots \quad n=0,1,2, \dots$$

Recall identity: $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$

$$\text{let's check it: } \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \stackrel{?}{=} 1 + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\overbrace{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}^1}{\cos^2 x}$$

- Basic integrals:

$$\int \sec^2 x = \tan x + C \quad (\text{because } \frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x)$$

$$\int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + C \quad (\text{because } \frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x)$$

$$\bullet \int \tan x \, dx = \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx$$

$$(u = \cos x \quad du = -\sin x \, dx)$$

$$= \int \frac{-du}{u} = -\ln|u| + C = -\ln|\cos x| + C$$

• How to handle even powers of Secant:

$$\int \sec^4 x \, dx = \int \sec^2 x \cdot \overbrace{\sec^2 x}^{\text{save a copy of } \sec^2 x} \, dx = \int (1 + \tan^2 x) \sec^2 x \, dx$$

$$\bullet u = \tan x \quad \bullet du = \sec^2 x \, dx$$

$$\int (1 + \tan^2 x) \sec^2 x \, dx = \int (1 + u^2) \, du = u + \frac{u^3}{3} + C$$

$$= \tan x + \frac{\tan^3 x}{3} + C$$

• How to handle an odd power of tangent?

• $\int \tan^3 x \sec x dx = \int \tan^2 x \cdot \overbrace{\sec x \tan x}^{\text{save a copy of } \sec x \tan x = \frac{d}{dx} \sec x} dx$

• $u = \sec x$

• $du = \sec x \tan x$

• $\int \tan^2 x \sec x \tan x dx = \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \overbrace{\sec x \tan x}^{du} dx$

$= \int (u^2 - 1) du = \frac{u^3}{3} - u + C = \frac{\sec^3 x}{3} - \sec x + C$

Ex (tricky) $\int \sec x dx = \int \sec x \cdot \frac{(\sec x + \tan x)}{\sec x + \tan x} dx$

• $u = \sec x + \tan x$

$du = (\sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x) dx$
 $= (\sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x) dx$

$\int \sec x dx = \int \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| + C = \ln|\sec x + \tan x| + C$

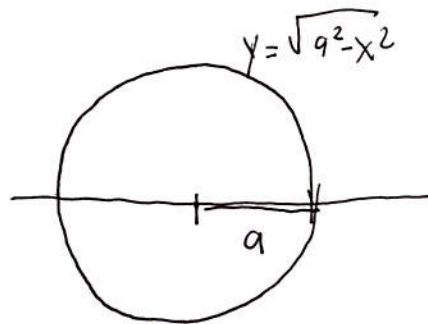
• $\int \sec^{\text{odd}} x \cdot \tan^{\text{even}} x dx$ is in general complicated.

We will discuss these integrals later...

• Trigonometric Substitution

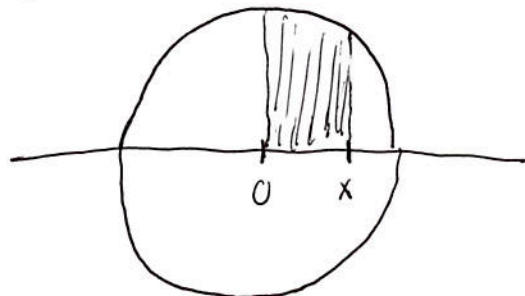
Big idea: Trig integrals are useful for evaluating some integrals involving square roots.

Ex:



We already know that the top half of the circle has area $\int_{-a}^a \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{\pi a^2}{2}$

What about ?



- We need to evaluate the integral

$$\int_{t=0}^{t=x} \sqrt{a^2 - t^2} dt$$

- Set $t = a \sin u$ $dt = a \cos u du$

changed integration endpoints $\rightarrow u = \sin^{-1}(x/a)$

$$\int_0^x \sqrt{a^2 - t^2} dt = \int_{u=0}^{u=\sin^{-1}(x/a)} (a \cos u) a \cos u du = a^2 \int_{u=0}^{u=\sin^{-1}(x/a)} \cos^2 u du$$

$(t = a \sin u \Rightarrow u = \sin^{-1}(t/a))$

$$a^2 \int_{u=0}^{u=\sin^{-1}(x/a)} \cos^2 u du = a^2 \left(\frac{u}{2} + \frac{\sin 2u}{4} \right) \Big|_{u=0}^{u=\sin^{-1}(x/a)}$$

$$= a^2 \left(\frac{u}{2} + \frac{\sin u \cos u}{2} \right) \Big|_{u=0}^{u=\sin^{-1}(x/a)}$$

$$= \frac{a^2 \sin^{-1}(x/a)}{2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \sin(\sin^{-1}(x/a)) \cdot \cos(\sin^{-1}(x/a))$$