

Trigonometric & Hyperbolic Substitutions in Integrands

In each case it is supposed that a is a positive number. The forms involving $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$ can be done using different secant substitutions depending upon the definition of \sec^{-1} that is used.

Trigonometric Substitutions

Form	Substitution	New Expression
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \cdot \sin \theta$ $\theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$	$dx = a \cdot \cos \theta \, d\theta$ $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} = a \cdot \cos \theta$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a \cdot \tan \theta$ $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$	$dx = a \cdot \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta$ $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} = a \cdot \sec \theta$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \cdot \sec \theta$ $\theta = \sec^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$ If $\sec^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{a}{x} \right)$	$dx = a \cdot \sec \theta \tan \theta \, d\theta$ $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = a \cdot \operatorname{sgn}(x) \cdot \tan \theta$

Hyperbolic Substitutions

Form	Substitution	New Expression
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \cdot \tanh \theta$ $\theta = \tanh^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$	$dx = a \cdot \operatorname{sech}^2 \theta \, d\theta$ $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} = a \cdot \operatorname{sech} \theta$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a \cdot \sinh \theta$ $\theta = \sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$	$dx = a \cdot \cosh \theta \, d\theta$ $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} = a \cdot \cosh \theta$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \cdot \coth \theta$ $\theta = \coth^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)$	$dx = -a \cdot \operatorname{csch}^2 \theta \, d\theta$ $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = a \cdot \operatorname{sgn}(x) \cdot \operatorname{csch} \theta$