
Integration Techniques Review

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1 Basic Integration Formulas

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| 1. $\int du = u + C$ | 13. $\int \cot u du = \ln \sin u + C$ |
| 2. $\int k du = ku + C$ | 14. $\int e^u du = e^u + C$ |
| 3. $(du + dv) = \int du + \int dv$ | 15. $\int a^u du = \frac{a^u}{\ln a} + C$ |
| 4. $\int u^n du = \frac{u^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (u \neq -1)$ | 16. $\int \sinh u du = \cosh u + C$ |
| 5. $\int \frac{du}{u} = \ln u + C$ | 17. $\int \cosh u du = \sinh u + C$ |
| 6. $\int \sin u du = -\cos u + C$ | 18. $\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{a^2 - u^2}} = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{a} \right) + C$ |
| 7. $\int \cos u du = \sin u + C$ | 19. $\int \frac{du}{a^2 + u^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{a} \right) + C$ |
| 8. $\int \sec^2 u du = \tan u + C$ | 20. $\int \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2 - a^2}} = \frac{1}{a} \sec^{-1} \left \frac{u}{a} \right + C$ |
| 9. $\int \csc^2 u du = -\cot u + C$ | 21. $\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{a^2 + u^2}} = \sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{a} \right) + C \quad (a > 0)$ |
| 10. $\int \sec u \tan u du = \sec u + C$ | 22. $\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{u^2 - a^2}} = \cosh^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{a} \right) + C (u > a > 0)$ |
| 11. $\int \csc u \cot u du = -\csc u + C$ | |
| 12. $\int \tan u du = -\ln \cos u + C$ | |

1.1 Making a Simplifying Substitution

Evaluate

$$\int \frac{2x-9}{\sqrt{x^2-9x+1}} dx.$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2x-9}{\sqrt{x^2-9x+1}} dx &= \int \frac{du}{\sqrt{u}} \\ &= \int u^{-1/2} du \\ &= \frac{u^{(-1/2)+1}}{(-1/2)+1} + C \\ &= 2u^{1/2} + C \\ &= 2\sqrt{x^2-9x+1} + C \end{aligned}$$

1.2 Completing the Square

Evaluate

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{8x - x^2}}.$$

Solution We complete the square to write the radicand as

$$\begin{aligned} 8x - x^2 &= -(x^2 - 8x) = -(x^2 - 8x + 16 - 16) \\ &= -(x^2 - 8x + 16) + 16 = 16 - (x - 4)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{8x - x^2}} &= \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{16 - (x - 4)^2}} \\ &= \int \frac{du}{a^2 - u^2} \\ &= \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{a} \right) + C \\ &= \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x - 4}{4} \right) + C. \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Expanding a Power and Using a Trigonometric Identity

Evaluate

$$\int (\sec x + \tan x)^2 dx$$

Solution We expand the integrand and get

$$(\sec x + \tan x)^2 = \sec^2 x + 2 \sec x \tan x + \tan^2 x.$$

We replace $\tan^2 x$ by $\sec^2 x - 1$ and get

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\sec x + \tan x)^2 dx &= \int (\sec^2 x + 2 \sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x - 1) dx \\ &= 2 \int \sec^2 x dx + 2 \int \sec x \tan x dx - \int 1 dx \\ &= 2 \tan x + 2 \sec x - x + C. \end{aligned}$$

1.4 Eliminating a Square Root

Evaluate

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{1 + \cos 4x} dx.$$

Solution We use the identity

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}, \quad \text{or} \quad 1 + \cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta.$$

With $\theta = 2x$, this identity becomes

$$1 + \cos 4x = 2 \cos^2 2x.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{1 + \cos 4x} dx &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\cos^2 2x} dx \\ &= \sqrt{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} |\cos 2x| dx \\ &= \sqrt{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} \cos 2x dx \\ &= \sqrt{2} \left[\frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right]_0^{\pi/4} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

1.5 Reducing an Improper Fraction

Evaluate

$$\int \frac{3x^2 - 7x}{3x + 2} dx.$$

Solution The integrand is an improper fraction (degree of numerator greater than or equal to degree of denominator). To integrate it, we divide first, getting a quotient plus a remainder that is a proper fraction:

$$\frac{3x^2 - 7x}{3x + 2} = x - 3 + \frac{6}{3x + 2}.$$

Therefore

$$\int \frac{3x^2 - 7x}{3x + 2} dx = \int \left(x - 3 + \frac{6}{3x + 2} \right) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} - 3x + 2 \ln |3x + 2| + C.$$

1.6 Separating a Fraction

Evaluate

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

Solution We first separate the integrand to get

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

In the first of these new integrals, we substitute

$$u = 1 - x^2, \quad du = -2x dx, \quad \text{and} \quad x dx = -\frac{1}{2} du.$$

$$3 \int \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} = 3 \int \frac{(-1/2) du}{\sqrt{u}} = -\frac{3}{2} \int u^{-1/2} du = -3 \sqrt{1 - x^2} + C.$$

1.7 Multiplying by a Form of 1

Evaluate

$$\int \sec x dx.$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sec x dx &= \int (\sec x)(1) dx = \int \sec x \cdot \frac{\sec x + \tan x}{\sec x + \tan x} dx \\ &= \int \sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x \sec x + \tan x dx \\ &= \int \frac{du}{u} \\ &= \ln |u| + C = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C.\end{aligned}$$

With cosecants and cotangents in place of secants and tangents, the method above lead to a companion formula for the integral of the cosecant.

$$\int \csc u du = -\ln |\csc u + \cot u| + C.$$

2 Integration by Parts

Integration by Part Formula

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

2.1 Using Integration by Parts

Evaluate

$$\int x \cos x dx.$$

Solution We use the formula

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

with

$$u = x, \quad dv = \cos x dx.$$

Then

$$\int x \cos x dx = x \sin x - \int \sin x dx = x \sin x + \cos x + C.$$

2.2 Finding area

Find the area of the region bounded by the curve $y = xe^{-x}$ and the x-axis from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$.

Solution The region's area is

$$\int_0^4 xe^{-x} dx.$$

We use the formula $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ with

$$u = x, \quad dv = e^{-x} dx, \quad du = dx, \quad v = e^{-x}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int xe^{-x} dx &= -xe^{-x} - \int (-e^{-x}) dx \\ &= -xe^{-x} + \int e^{-x} dx \\ &= -xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + C.\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^4 xe^{-x} dx &= [-xe^{-x} - e^{-x}]_0^4 \\ &= 1 - 5e^{-4} \approx 0.91.\end{aligned}$$

2.3 Integral of the Natural Logarithm

Find

$$\int \ln x dx.$$

Solution Since $\int \ln x$ can be written as $\int \ln x \cdot 1 dx$, we use the formula $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ with

$$u = \ln x \quad v = x.$$

Then

$$\int \ln x dx = x \ln x - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = x \ln x - \int dx = x \ln x - x + C$$

2.4 Repeated Use of Integration by Parts

Evaluate

$$\int x^2 e^x dx.$$

Solution With $u = x^2$ and $v = e^x$, we have

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - 2 \int x e^x dx.$$

Then

$$\int x e^x dx = x e^x - \int e^x dx = x e^x - e^x + C.$$

with $u = x, v = e^x$.

Hence,

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - 2x e^x + 2e^x + C.$$

2.5 Solving for the Unknown Integral

Evaluate

$$\int e^x \cos x dx.$$

Solution Let $u = e^x$ and $dv = \cos x dx$ then

$$\int e^x \cos x dx = e^x \sin x - \int e^x \sin x dx.$$

The second integral is like the first except that it has $\sin x$ in place of $\cos x$. To evaluate it, we use integration by parts with

$$u = e^x, \quad dv = \sin x dx.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^x \cos x dx &= e^x \sin x - \left(-e^x \cos x - \int (-\cos x)(e^x dx) \right) \\ &= e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x - \int e^x \cos x dx. \end{aligned}$$

The unknown integral now appears on both sides of the equation. Adding the integral to both sides gives

$$2 \int e^x \cos x dx = e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x + C.$$

Dividing by 2 and renaming the constant of integration gives

$$\int e^x \cos x dx = \frac{e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x}{2} + C.$$

2.6 Using Tabular Integration

Evaluate

$$\int x^2 e^x dx.$$

Solution

quad with $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = e^x$, we list:

$f(x)$ and its derivatives		$g(x)$ and its integrals
x^2	(+)	e^x
$2x$	(-)	e^x
2	(+)	e^x
0		e^x

We combine the products of the functions connected by the arrows according to the operation signs above the arrows to obtain

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - 2x e^x + 2e^x + C.$$

2.7 Using Tabular Integration

Evaluate

$$\int x^3 \sin x dx.$$

Solution With $f(x) = x^3$ and $g(x) = \sin x$, we list:

$f(x)$ and its derivatives		$g(x)$ and its integrals
x^3	(+)	$\sin x$
$3x^2$	(-)	$-\cos x$
$6x$	(+)	$-\sin x$
6	(-)	$\cos x$
0		$\sin x$

Again we combine the products of the functions connected by the arrows according to the operation signs above the arrows to obtain

$$\int x^3 \sin x dx = -x^3 \cos x + 3x^2 \sin x + 6x \cos x - 6 \sin x + C.$$

3 partial Fractions

Method of Partial Fractions ($f(x)/g(x)$) Proper

Step 1: Let $x - r$ be a linear factor of $g(x)$. Suppose that $(x - r)^m$ is the highest power of $x - r$ that divides $g(x)$. Then, to this factor, assign the sum of the m partial fractions:

$$\frac{A_1}{x - r} + \frac{A_2}{(x - r)^2} + \cdots + \frac{A_m}{(x - r)^m}.$$

Do this for each distinct linear factor of $g(x)$.

Step 2: Let $x^2 + px + q$ be a quadratic factor of $g(x)$. Suppose that $(x^2 + px + q)^n$ is the highest power of this factor that divides $g(x)$. Then, to this factor, assign the sum of the n partial fractions:

$$\frac{B_1 x + C_1}{x^2 + px + q} + \frac{B_2 x + C_2}{(x^2 + px + q)^2} + \cdots + \frac{B_n x + C_n}{(x^2 + px + q)^n}.$$

Do this for each distinct quadratic factor of $g(x)$ that cannot be factored into linear factors with real coefficients.

Step 3: Set the original fraction $f(x)/g(x)$ equal to the sum of all these partial fractions. Clear the resulting equation of fractions and arrange the terms in decreasing powers of x .

Step 4: Equate the coefficients of corresponding powers of x and solve the resulting equations for the undetermined coefficients.

3.1 Using a Repeated Linear Factor

Express as a sum of partial fractions:

$$\frac{6x+7}{(x+2)^2}.$$

Solution According to the description above, we must express the fraction as a sum of partial fractions with undetermined coefficients.

$$\frac{6x+7}{(x+2)^2} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6x+7 &= A(x+2) + B \\ &= Ax + (2A+B) \end{aligned}$$

Equating coefficients of corresponding powers of x gives

$$A = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad 2A + B = 7 \quad \text{or} \quad A = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad B = -5.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{6x+7}{(x+2)^2} = \frac{6}{x+2} - \frac{5}{(x+2)^2}.$$

3.2 Integrating with an Irreducible Quadratic Factor in the Denominator

Evaluate

$$\int \frac{-2x+4}{(x^2+1)(x-1)}$$

using partial fractions.

Solution The denominator has an irreducible quadratic factor as well as a repeated linear factor, so we write

$$\frac{-2x+4}{(x^2+1)(x-1)} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{C}{x-1} + \frac{D}{(x-1)^2}.$$

Clearing the equation of fractions gives

$$A = 2, \quad B = 1, \quad C = -1, \quad D = 1.$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{-2x+4}{(x^2+1)(x-1)} &= \int \left(\frac{2x+1}{x^2+1} - \frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} \right) dx \\ &= \ln(x^2+1) + \tan^{-1} x - 2\ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{x-1} + C. \end{aligned}$$

4 Trigonometric Substitutions

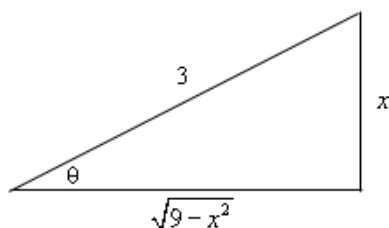
Trigonometric substitutions enable us to replace the binomials $a^2 + x^2$, $a^2 - x^2$, and $x^2 - a^2$ by single squared terms and thereby transform a number of integrals containing square roots into integrals we can evaluate directly.

4.1 Using the Substitution $x = a \sin \theta$

Evaluate

$$\int \frac{x^3 dx}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}, \quad -3 < x < 3$$

Solution We set



$$x = 3 \sin \theta, \quad dx = 3 \cos \theta d\theta, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$9 - x^2 = 9 - 9 \sin^2 \theta = 9 \cos^2 \theta.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^3 dx}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} &= \int \frac{27 \sin^3 \theta \cdot 3 \cos \theta d\theta}{|3 \cos \theta|} \\ &= 27 \int \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta d\theta \quad \cos \theta > 0 \text{ for } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= -9\sqrt{9-x^2} + \frac{(9-x^2)^{3/2}}{3} + C. \end{aligned}$$

5 L'Hôpital's Rule

Theorem 1 L'Hôpital's Rule

Suppose that $f(a) = g(a) = 0$, that $f'(a)$ and $g'(a)$ exist, and $g'(a) \neq 0$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)}.$$