

1. Solve  $\int \frac{6}{(x-1)(x+5)} dx$

*Answer.* Use partial fractions to break up the integrand.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{6}{(x-1)(x+5)} &= \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+5} \\ (x-1)(x+5) \left( \frac{6}{(x-1)(x+5)} \right) &= (x-1)(x+5) \left( \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+5} \right) \\ 6 &= (x+5)A + (x-1)B.\end{aligned}$$

Now just plug in  $-5$  and  $1$  to find that  $B = -1$  and  $A = 1$ . So we've reduced the original problem to

$$\int \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+5} dx = \ln(x-1) - \ln(x+5) = \ln\left(\frac{x-1}{x+5}\right).$$

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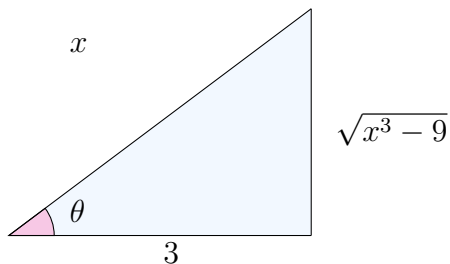
**Answer:**  $\ln\left(\frac{x-1}{x+5}\right)$

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

*Answer.* Use the substitution  $x = 3 \sec \theta$ ,  $dx = 3 \tan \theta \sec \theta d\theta$ . This gives

$$\int \frac{3 \tan \theta \sec \theta}{\sqrt{(9)(\sec^2 \theta - 1)}} d\theta = \int \sec \theta d\theta = \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta|.$$

To substitute back for  $x$ , draw a triangle, and use the identity  $\sec \theta = \frac{x}{3}$ .



Then  $\ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| = \ln \left| \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 9}}{3} \right|$ . □

**Answer:**  $\ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| = \ln \left| \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 9}}{3} \right|$