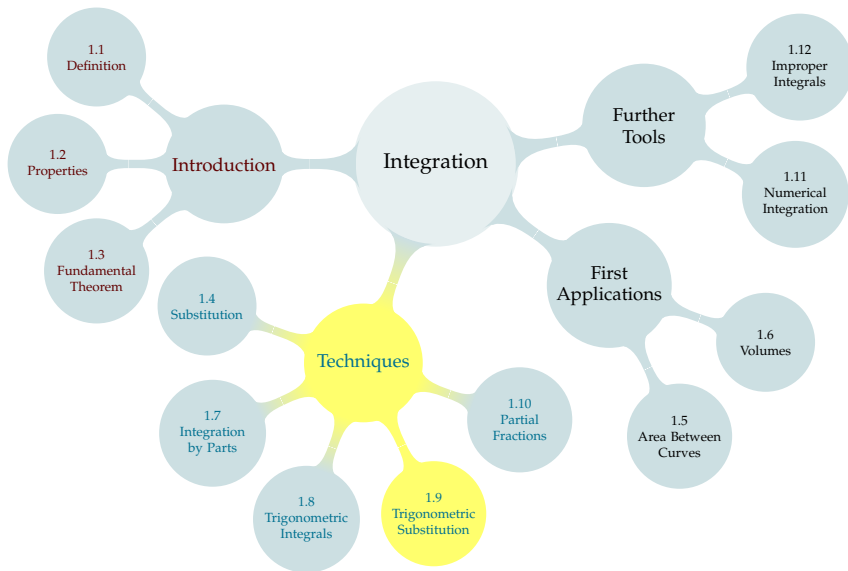


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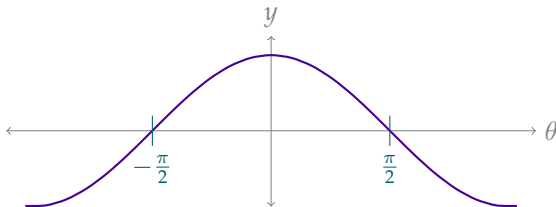
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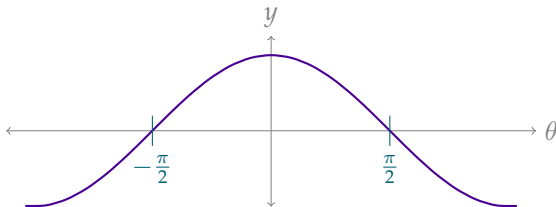


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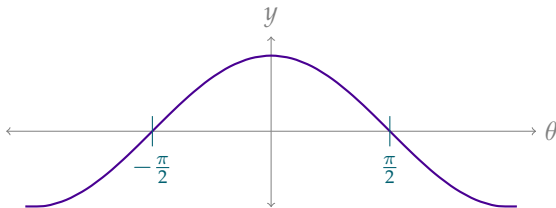
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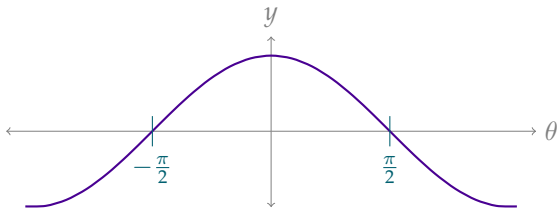


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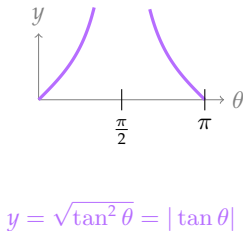
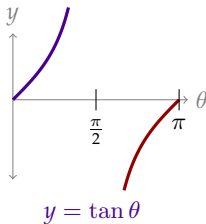
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Finally, consider the substitution  $x = a \sec \theta$  for  $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$ , where  $a$  is a positive constant.

- $\sec \theta = \frac{x}{a}$ , so  $\cos \theta = \frac{a}{x}$ , so  $\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)$ . Then  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$
- $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = \sqrt{a^2 \sec^2 \theta - a^2} = \sqrt{a^2 \tan^2 \theta} = a|\tan \theta|$
- Now this case gets slightly more complicated than the others:
  - For  $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$  to be defined, we need  $x^2 \geq a^2$ . I.e.  $x \geq a$  or  $x \leq -a$ .
  - When  $x \geq a$ , we have  $0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\tan \theta \geq 0$ , so  $|\tan \theta| = \tan \theta$ .
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# ABSOLUTE VALUES

From now on, we will assume:

- ▶ With the substitution  $x = a \sin \theta$  for  $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ ,  $|\cos \theta| = \cos \theta$
- ▶ With the substitution  $x = a \tan \theta$  for  $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$ ,  $|\sec \theta| = \sec \theta$

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Let  $x = \tan \theta$ ,  $dx = \sec^2 \theta d\theta$ . When  $x = 0$ , then  $\theta = \arctan 0 = 0$ ;  
when  $x = 1$ , then  $\theta = \arctan 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 (1+x^2)^{-3/2} dx &= \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\tan^2\theta}^3} \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sec^2 \theta}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta}^3} d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sec^2 \theta}{|\sec \theta|^3} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{|\sec \theta|} d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/4} |\cos \theta| d\theta\end{aligned}$$

Given our previous investigation,

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_0^{\pi/4} \cos \theta d\theta = [\sin \theta]_0^{\pi/4} \\ &= \sin \frac{\pi}{4} - \sin 0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$

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Under the square root, we have “one minus a term with a variable,” which matches the identity  $1 - \sin^2 \theta$ . So, we want  $4x^2$  to become  $\sin^2 \theta$ . That is,  $x = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta$ . Then  $dx = \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \, d\theta$ .

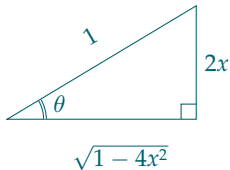
$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{1 - 4x^2} \, dx &= \int \sqrt{1 - 4 \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta \right)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta} \cdot \cos \theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta} \cdot \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int |\cos \theta| \cdot \cos \theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \left( \frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2} \right) d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \int (1 + \cos(2\theta)) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \right] + C = \frac{1}{4} [\theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta] + C \end{aligned}$$

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The substitution  $x = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta$  tells us  $\sin \theta = 2x$ . This in turn gives us  $\theta = \arcsin(2x)$ . We should still convert  $\cos \theta$  back into terms of  $x$ . You might notice in the calculation we did that  $\sqrt{1 - 4x^2}$  turned into  $\cos \theta$ , so  $\cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - 4x^2}$ .

Alternately, to find  $\cos \theta$  in terms of  $x$ , we can use a triangle. From  $\sin \theta = 2x$ , and the understanding that  $\sin \theta$  is the ratio  $\frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$  for a right triangle with angle  $\theta$ , we can set up a triangle whose opposite side has length  $2x$ , and hypotenuse has length 1.



The Pythagorean theorem tells us the side adjacent to  $\theta$  has length

$$\sqrt{1 - 4x^2}. \text{ So}$$
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \sqrt{1 - 4x^2}.$$

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We use the substitution  $x = \sec \theta$ ,  $dx = \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$ .

To make the substitution work, we're actually taking  $\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ , and so  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ .

Note that the integrand exists on the intervals  $x < -1$  and  $x > 1$ .

- ▶ When  $x > 1$ , then  $0 < \frac{1}{x} < 1$ , so  $0 < \arccos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .  
That is,  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , so  $|\tan \theta| = \tan \theta$ .
- ▶ When  $x < -1$ , then  $-1 < \frac{1}{x} < 0$ , so  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \arccos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) < \pi$ .  
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$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1}} \cdot \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta = \int \frac{\sec \theta \tan \theta}{\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta}} d\theta \\&= \int \sec \theta \left( \frac{\tan \theta}{|\tan \theta|} \right) d\theta = \begin{cases} \int \sec \theta d\theta & 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -\int \sec \theta d\theta & \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi \end{cases} \\&= \begin{cases} \log |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C & 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -\log |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C & \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

Our substitution tells us  $\sec \theta = x$ . We saw from the denominator of our integrand that  $\sqrt{x^2 - 1} = |\tan \theta|$ .

- ▶ When  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\tan \theta = |\tan \theta| = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$
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$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} dx = \begin{cases} \log |x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}| + C & x > 1 \\ -\log |x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}| + C & x < -1 \end{cases}$$

Although the two branches look different, they are actually equivalent. Remember  $-\log(A) = \log(A^{-1}) = \log\left(\frac{1}{A}\right)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -\log |x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}| &= \log \left| \frac{1}{x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \right| = \log \left| \frac{1}{x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \cdot \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \right| \\ &= \log \left| \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x^2 - x^2 + 1} \right| = \log |x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}| \end{aligned}$$

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$$0 = c - b^2 = c - 9 \implies c = 9$$

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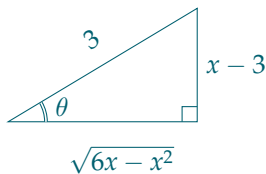


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We want  $(x-3)^2 = 9 \sin^2 \theta$ , so take  $(x-3) = 3 \sin \theta$ ,  $dx = 3 \cos \theta d\theta.$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{(x-3)^2}{\sqrt{9 - (x-3)^2}} dx &= \int \frac{9 \sin^2 \theta}{\sqrt{9 - 9 \sin^2 \theta}} 3 \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{9 \sin^2 \theta}{\sqrt{9 \cos^2 \theta}} 3 \cos \theta d\theta = \int 9 \sin^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \int (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta = \frac{9}{2} \left( \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right) + C \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{9}{2} (\theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta) + C \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \left( \arcsin \left( \frac{x-3}{3} \right) - \frac{x-3}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{6x - x^2}}{3} \right) + C \end{aligned}$$

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## Included Work

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