

M16600 Lecture Notes

Section 7.5: Strategy for Integration

■ **Section 7.5** exercises, page 547: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, 20, 2, 4, 6, 12, 16, 18, 37, 38, 8, 14, 17, 26, .

As we have seen, integration is more challenging than differentiation. No hard and fast rules can be given as to which integration method applies in a given situation, but you can think about these steps as a guideline.

- Do we need to use algebra or trigonometric identities to **rewrite** the integrand so that we can apply basic integration formulas?
- What about an obvious ***u*-substitution**?
- If the integrand is a **rational function** but the above two steps couldn't solve the integral, think about **integration by partial fractions** (section 7.4).
- If the integrand is a *product* of a polynomial with a transcendental function (such as a trigonometric function, exponential, or logarithmic function), then you can try **integration by parts**.
- If the integrand involves radicals couldn't be solved by an obvious *u*-sub, you can think about using **trigonometric substitution** (section 7.3).
- Try again.

Obviously, the first step of integration is to remember basic integral formulas. See next page for the **Table of Integration Formulas**.

Table of Integration Formulas

$$\int x^n dx = \left(\frac{1}{n+1} \right) x^{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$$

$$\int \sin(x) dx = -\cos(x) + C$$

$$\int \cos(x) dx = \sin(x) + C$$

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

$$\int \csc^2(x) dx = -\cot(x) + C$$

$$\int \sec(x) \tan(x) dx = \sec(x) + C$$

$$\int \csc(x) \cot(x) dx = -\csc(x) + C$$

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

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

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$

$$\int \sec(x) dx = \ln|\sec x + \tan x| + C$$

$$\int \tan(x) dx = \ln|\sec x| + C$$

$$\int \sinh x dx = \cosh x + C$$

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$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}(x) + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{5-x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{5}}\right) + C$$

$a^2 = 5 \Rightarrow a = \sqrt{5}$

Example

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx$$

$$\begin{array}{c} a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a+b) \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ x^2 \quad 1^2 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2-1} = \frac{1}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{a}{x-1} + \frac{b}{x+1} \quad \left] \times (x-1)(x+1) \right.$$

$$1 = a(x+1) + b(x-1)$$

$$x=1 \Rightarrow 1 = a(1+1) \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x=-1 \Rightarrow 1 = b(-1-1) \Rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2-1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{x-1} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{x+1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln|x-1| - \ln|x+1| \right] + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|x-1|}{|x+1|} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right| + C$$

$$\underline{\underline{Q}} \quad \int \frac{1}{x^2-4} dx = \frac{1}{2(2)} \ln \left| \frac{x-2}{x+2} \right| + C$$

110 $\int \frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} dx = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left| \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right| + C$

$$\frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} = \frac{1}{2a} \left[\frac{1}{x-a} - \frac{1}{x+a} \right]$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - 7} dx = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{7}} \ln \left| \frac{x-\sqrt{7}}{x+\sqrt{7}} \right| + C$$

110 $\int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{x}{2} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C$

Done

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$$x = a \sin \theta$$

110 $\int \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{x}{2} \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \frac{a^2}{2} \ln |x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}| + C$

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$$x = a \tan \theta$$

HW

110 $\int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx = \frac{x}{2} \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - \frac{a^2}{2} \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}| + C$

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$$x = a \sec \theta$$

110 $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} dx = \ln |x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}| + C$

110 $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx = \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}| + C$

HW.

Use Trigo.

Substitution