

M16600 Lecture Notes

Section 7.3: Trigonometric Substitution

■ **Section 7.3** exercises, page 531: #1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 14, 9, 22, 17, 11.

Trigonometric Substitution is a new method which oftentimes are useful in solving integrals that involves the following radicals. We will also give the appropriate trig substitution for each type of radical:

$\left. \begin{aligned} \bullet \sqrt{4-x^2} &= \sqrt{2^2-x^2} \\ &\Rightarrow x = 2 \sin \theta \\ \bullet \sqrt{5-x^2} &\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{5} \sin \theta \end{aligned} \right\}$	$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \sin \theta$	$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \bullet \sqrt{9+x^2} &\Rightarrow x = 3 \tan \theta \\ \bullet \sqrt{7+x^2} &\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{7} \tan \theta \end{aligned} \right.$
	$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a \tan \theta$	
	$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \sec \theta$	$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \bullet \sqrt{x^2-1} &\Rightarrow x = \sec \theta \\ \bullet \sqrt{x^2-3} &\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3} \sec \theta \end{aligned} \right.$

We might need these two formulas for integrals in this section:

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

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

Example 1: Evaluate $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} \, dx$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 3 \sin \theta \Rightarrow dx = 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta & \sin \theta &= \frac{x}{3} \\ \Rightarrow I &= \int \frac{(3 \sin \theta)^2}{\sqrt{9-9 \sin^2 \theta}} \cdot 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta & \frac{dx}{d\theta} &= 3 \cos \theta \\ &= \int \frac{9 \sin^2 \theta}{\sqrt{9(1-\sin^2 \theta)}} \cdot 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta = \int \frac{9 \sin^2 \theta}{\sqrt{9 \cos^2 \theta}} \cdot 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{9 \sin^2 \theta}{\cancel{3 \cos \theta}} \, d\theta = \int 9 \sin^2 \theta \, d\theta \\ &= 9 \int \sin^2 \theta \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$= 9 \int \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta = \frac{9}{2} \int (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \int 1 d\theta - \frac{9}{2} \int \cos 2\theta d\theta$$

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

Example 2: Compute $\int_2^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx$

$$x = \sec \theta$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\sqrt{x^2-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \sec \theta \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow dx = \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1}} \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta}} \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta = \int \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \sec \theta d\theta = \int \frac{\sec \theta (\sec \theta + \tan \theta)}{(\sec \theta + \tan \theta)} d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{(\sec^2 \theta + \sec \theta \tan \theta)}{\sec \theta + \tan \theta} d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln |u| + C$$

$$= \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \theta - \frac{9}{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta + C$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - \frac{9}{2} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{3} + C$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{9-x^2} + C$$

$$\sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$$

$$u = \sec \theta + \tan \theta$$

$$\frac{du}{d\theta} = \sec \theta \tan \theta + \sec^2 \theta$$

$$du = (\sec \theta \tan \theta + \sec^2 \theta) d\theta$$

$$\sec\theta = \frac{x}{1} = \frac{H}{B} \Rightarrow H=x, B=1$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \sqrt{H^2 - B^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - 1^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{P}{B} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{1} = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

$$I = \ln|\sec\theta + \tan\theta| + C$$

$$= \ln|x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}| + C$$

$$\int_2^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} dx = \ln|x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}| \Big|_2^3$$

$$= \ln|3 + \sqrt{3^2 - 1}| - \ln|2 + \sqrt{2^2 - 1}|$$

$$= \ln|3 + \sqrt{8}| - \ln|2 + \sqrt{3}|$$

$$= \ln(3 + \sqrt{8}) - \ln(2 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$= \ln\left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{8}}{2 + \sqrt{3}}\right)$$

Example 3: Find $\int \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2 + 4}} dx$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 2^2} \Rightarrow x = 2 \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow dx = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \int \frac{1}{(2 \tan \theta)^2 \sqrt{(2 \tan \theta)^2 + 4}} 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{4 \tan^2 \theta \sqrt{4 \tan^2 \theta + 4}} 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{4 \tan^2 \theta \sqrt{4(\tan^2 \theta + 1)}} 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{4 \tan^2 \theta \sqrt{4 \sec^2 \theta}} 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{4 \tan^2 \theta (\cancel{2 \sec \theta})} \cancel{2 \sec^2 \theta} d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{\sec \theta}{4 \tan^2 \theta} d\theta = \int \frac{\frac{1}{\cos \theta}}{4 \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}} d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} \right) \frac{\cancel{\cos^2 \theta}}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta = \int \frac{\cos \theta}{4 \sin^2 \theta} d\theta$$

$$u = \sin \theta \Rightarrow du = \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{du}{4u^2} = \frac{1}{4} \int u^{-2} du = \frac{1}{4} \frac{u^{-2+1}}{-2+1} + C$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4} u^{-1} + C = \frac{-1}{4u} + C$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4 \sin \theta} + C$$

$$x = 2 \tan \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{x}{2} = \frac{P}{B}$$

$$P = x, B = 2 \Rightarrow H = \sqrt{x^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + 4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{P}{H} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2 + 4}} dx = \frac{-1}{4 \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}} + C = \frac{-\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{4x} + C$$