

# 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:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{a^2 - a^2 \sin^2 \theta} \\&= \sqrt{a^2 (1 - \sin^2 \theta)} \\&= \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 \theta} \\&= a \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \sin \theta$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a \tan \theta$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \sec \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{a^2 + a^2 \tan^2 \theta} \\&= \sqrt{a^2 (1 + \tan^2 \theta)} \\&= \sqrt{a^2 \sec^2 \theta} \\&= a \sec \theta\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{a^2 \sec^2 \theta - a^2} \\&= a \tan \theta\end{aligned}$$

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  $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{9 - x^2}} \, dx \Rightarrow x = 3 \sin \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{x}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow dx = 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta \quad \leftarrow \text{diff.}$$

$$I = \int \frac{(3 \sin \theta)^2}{\sqrt{9 - 9 \sin^2 \theta}} 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta = \int \frac{(9 \sin^2 \theta)(3 \cos \theta)}{\sqrt{9 \cos^2 \theta}} \, d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{(9 \sin^2 \theta)(\cancel{3 \cos \theta})}{\cancel{3 \cos \theta}} \, d\theta = \int 9 \sin^2 \theta \, d\theta$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{q}{2} \theta - \frac{q}{2} \int \cos(2\theta) d\theta = \frac{q}{2} \theta - \frac{q}{2} \frac{\sin(2\theta)}{2}$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

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

$$\sin \theta = \frac{x}{3}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$$

$$\cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{3}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \int \frac{\sec \theta \tan \theta}{\tan \theta} d\theta = \int \sec \theta d\theta$$

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

$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1} = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \int \frac{du}{u} = \ln |u|$$

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

$$= \ln \frac{3+\sqrt{8}}{2+\sqrt{3}}$$

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

$\uparrow a^2$

$$a^2 = 4 \Rightarrow a = 2$$

$$x = 2 \tan \theta$$

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

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

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

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

$$= \int \frac{1/\cos \theta}{4 \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}} d\theta = \int \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \quad u = \sin \theta \Rightarrow du = \cos \theta d\theta$$

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

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

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

$$P = x, B = 2$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \underline{I} = \frac{-1}{4 \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+4}}} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{I} = -\frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{4x} + C$$

Example 4 :  $\int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx$        $x = a \sin \theta$   
 $dx = a \cos \theta d\theta$

$$I = \int \sqrt{a^2 - a^2 \sin^2 \theta} \cdot a \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \sqrt{a^2 \underbrace{(1 - \sin^2 \theta)}_{\cos^2 \theta}} \cdot a \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int a \cos \theta \cdot a \cos \theta d\theta = a^2 \int \cos^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= a^2 \int \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta = \frac{a^2}{2} \int (1 + \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \int 1 d\theta + \frac{a^2}{2} \int \cos 2\theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \theta + \frac{a^2}{2} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} + C$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \theta + \frac{a^2}{2} \frac{\cancel{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\cancel{2}} + C$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \theta + \frac{a^2}{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta + C$$

$$x = a \sin \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{x}{a} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{a^2}{2} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) + \frac{\cancel{a^2}}{2} \cdot \frac{x}{\cancel{a}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{\cancel{a}}$$

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

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{a^2 - x^2}{a^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{a}$$

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

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} dx &= ?? \\ \int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx &= ?? \end{aligned} \right\} \text{HW.}$$

$$\rightarrow x = a \tan \theta \Rightarrow dx = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} dx &= \int \sqrt{a^2 + a^2 \tan^2 \theta} a \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= \int (a \sec \theta) a \sec^2 \theta d\theta = a^2 \int \sec^3 \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \sec^3 \theta d\theta = \int \frac{1}{\cos^3 \theta} d\theta = \int \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos^4 \theta} d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{du}{[\cos^2 \theta]^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin \theta \\ \Rightarrow du &= \cos \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int \frac{du}{[1 - \sin^2 \theta]^2} = \int \frac{du}{(1 - u^2)^2}$$

$$= \int \frac{du}{(u^2 - 1)^2} = \int \frac{du}{(u-1)^2 (u+1)^2}$$