

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:

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

$$\sqrt{4-x^2} \rightarrow x = 2 \sin \theta$$

$$\sqrt{3+x^2} \rightarrow x = \sqrt{3} \tan \theta$$

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

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 $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} \, dx$

Step 1

$$x = 3 \sin \theta \Rightarrow dx = 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta$$

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

$$= \int \frac{9 \sin^2 \theta}{\sqrt{9-9 \sin^2 \theta}} \cdot 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta = \int \frac{9 \sin^2 \theta}{\sqrt{9(1-\sin^2 \theta)}} \cdot 3 \cos \theta \, d\theta$$

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

$$= \int 9 \sin^2 \theta \, d\theta = 9 \int \sin^2 \theta \, d\theta$$

Step 2

$$= \frac{9}{2} \int (1 - \cos 2\theta) \, d\theta = \frac{9}{2} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right] + C$$

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

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

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \right] + C$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left[\theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta \right] + C$$

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

Step 3

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

$$\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{x^2}{9} = \frac{9-x^2}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{3}$$

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

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

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

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

$$= \int \frac{1}{\cancel{\tan \theta}} \cdot \sec \theta \cancel{\tan \theta} \, d\theta = \int \sec \theta \, d\theta = \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \int_2^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} \, dx = \ln |3 + \sqrt{9-1}| - \ln |2 + \sqrt{2^2-1}| = \ln \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{8}}{2+\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

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

$$x = 2 \tan \theta$$

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

Step 1

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

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

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

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

Step 2

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

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

$$u = \sin \theta$$

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

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

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

Step 3

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

$x = 2 \tan \theta \rightsquigarrow$ want to find $\sin \theta$

$$\sin \theta = \tan \theta \cos \theta = \frac{x}{2} \cos \theta$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow \sec^2 \theta = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2^2} = 1 + \frac{x^2}{4} = \frac{4+x^2}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2+4}}$$

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

$$I = \frac{-1}{4 \sin \theta} + C = \frac{-1}{4 \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+4}} \right)} + C = \frac{-\sqrt{x^2+4}}{4x} + C$$