Other Trigonometric Integrals

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Announcements

- Exam corrections due Tuesday.
- Homework in MyOpenMath (One due Wednesday, one due next Monday)

Tangent and secant

Instead of showing you all of the cases that we can encounter involving tan(x) and sec(x), let's jump to the general strategy, because the process is largely the same as before:

PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGY

Problem-Solving Strategy: Integrating $\int \tan^k x \sec^j x \ dx$

To integrate $\int \tan^k x \sec^j x \, dx$, use the following strategies:

- 1. If j is even and $j \ge 2$, rewrite $\sec^j x = \sec^{j-2} x \sec^2 x$ and use $\sec^2 x = \tan^2 x + 1$ to rewrite $\sec^{j-2} x$ in terms of $\tan x$. Let $u = \tan x$ and $du = \sec^2 x \, dx$.
- 2. If k is odd and $j \ge 1$, rewrite $\tan^k x \sec^j x = \tan^{k-1} x \sec^{j-1} x \sec^{j-1} x \sec x \tan x$ and use $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x 1$ to rewrite $\tan^{k-1} x$ in terms of $\sec x$. Let $u = \sec x$ and $du = \sec x \tan x \, dx$. (Note: If j is even and k is odd, then either strategy 1 or strategy 2 may be used.)
- 3. If k is odd where $k \ge 3$ and j = 0, rewrite $\tan^k x = \tan^{k-2} x \tan^2 x = \tan^{k-2} x (\sec^2 x 1) = \tan^{k-2} x \sec^2 x \tan^{k-2} x$. It may be necessary to repeat this process on the $\tan^{k-2} x$ term.
- 4. If k is even and j is odd, then use $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x 1$ to express $\tan^k x$ in terms of $\sec x$. Use integration by parts to integrate odd powers of $\sec x$.

A few special cases

Here are a few special cases that don't quite follow those rules:

$$\int \sec^4(x)\tan(x)\,dx$$

$$\int \tan^5(x) \sec(x) \, dx$$

$$\int \tan^3(x) \, dx$$

Power Reduction Formula

Let's develop a power reduction formula for $\int \sec^n(x) dx$ if $n \ge 3$ is odd. (This will really help us with the next example).

$$I_n = \int \sec^n(x) \, dx$$

$$\int \tan^4(x) \sec(x) \, dx$$