

Trigonometric Substitutions

Expression	Substitute	Domain
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ <small>fixed $x < a$</small>	$x = a \sin \theta$	$ \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$ <small>$x \in \mathbb{R}$</small>	$x = a \tan \theta$	$ \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$ <small>$x \geq a$</small>	$x = a \sec \theta$	$\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup [\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2})$

$\tan \theta > 0$
"sec θ bijective"

bijection
 $x \leftrightarrow \theta$

- ① Domain allows θ to take on (hopefully) all "permitted" values of x . $\sqrt{\dots}$ defined.
- ② In the domain, \nexists a, b st. when $\theta = a$ & $\theta = b$, we get the same x .

③ $\sqrt{\dots} > 0 \dots$
Ex $\sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{1-\sin^2 \theta} = |\cos \theta|$.
 $x = \sin \theta$

$x = a \sin \theta$:
Range of x : $[-a, a]$
 $\cos \theta > 0$.
 $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

should have same sign on interval. (preferably +ve)