

Trigonometric Substitutions

Expression	Substitute	Domain
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \sin \theta$	$ \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$	$x = a \tan \theta$	$ \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \sec \theta$	$\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}]$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$x = \tan \theta$$

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

$$u = \sin \theta$$

$$= \sin(\tan^{-1} x)$$

