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INTEGRATION OF TRIGONOMETRIC INTEGRALS

Recall the definitions of the trigonometric functions.

- $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$
- $\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$
- $\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = \frac{1}{\tan x}$
- $\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$

The following indefinite integrals involve all of these well-known trigonometric functions. Some of the following trigonometry identities may be needed.

- A.) $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$
- B.) $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$
- C.) $\cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$ so that $\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$
- D.) $\cos 2x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$ so that $\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$
- E.) $\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$
- F.) $1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$ so that $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$
- G.) $1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x$ so that $\cot^2 x = \csc^2 x - 1$

It is assumed that you are familiar with the following rules of differentiation.

- $D(\sin x) = \cos x$
- $D(\cos x) = -\sin x$
- $D(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$
- $D(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$
- $D(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$
- $D(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$

These lead directly to the following indefinite integrals.

- 1.) $\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C$
- 2.) $\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C$
- 3.) $\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + C$
- 4.) $\int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + C$
- 5.) $\int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + C$
- 6.) $\int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + C$

The next four indefinite integrals result from trig identities and u-substitution.

- 7.) $\int \tan x \, dx = \ln |\sec x| + C$
- 8.) $\int \cot x \, dx = \ln |\sin x| + C$
- 9.) $\int \sec x \, dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C$
- 10.) $\int \csc x \, dx = \ln |\csc x - \cot x| + C$

We will assume knowledge of the following well-known, basic indefinite integral formulas :

- $\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$, where n is a constant ($n \neq -1$)
- $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln |x| + C$
- $\int e^x dx = e^x + C$
- $\int k f(x) dx = k \int f(x) dx$, where k is a constant
- $\int (f(x) \pm g(x)) dx = \int f(x) dx \pm \int g(x) dx$

Most of the following problems are average. A few are challenging. Many use the method of u-substitution. Make careful and precise use of the differential notation dx and du and be careful when arithmetically and algebraically simplifying expressions.

- *PROBLEM 1* : Integrate $\int \sin 3x dx$.

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- *PROBLEM 2* : Integrate $\int \tan 5x dx$.

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- *PROBLEM 3* : Integrate $\int 5 \sec 4x \tan 4x dx$.

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