

18.01A Topic 8: Integration: substitution, trigonometric integrals, completing the square.

Read: TB: 10.2, 10.3, 10.4.

Integration techniques Only practice will make perfect. These techniques are important, but *not* the intellectual heart of the class.

1. Inspection: $\int x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} + C$.
2. Guess/memorize: $\int \sec \theta d\theta = \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$. **Memorize this!**
3. Direct substitution: $u = g(x) \Rightarrow du = g'(x) dx$.

Examples:

a. Compute $\int \sin^4 x \cos x dx$.

answer: Let $u = \sin x \Rightarrow du = \cos x dx$.

Substitute for all pieces in integral: $\Rightarrow \int u^4 du = u^5/5 + C$.

Back substitution: integral = $\frac{\sin^5 x}{5} + C$.

b. Compute $\int \sin^5 x dx$.

answer: $\int \sin^5 x dx = \int \sin^4 x \sin x dx = \int (1 - \cos^2 x)^2 \sin x dx$.

Let $u = \cos x \Rightarrow du = -\sin x dx$.

Substitute: integral = $-\int (1 - u^2)^2 du$ (Easy to compute and back substitute)

Trig formulas you have to know:

1. $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$.
2. Double angle: $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$ $\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$.
3. Half angle: $\cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x)$ $\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x)$.
4. $1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$ $\sec^2 x - 1 = \tan^2 x$.
5. $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$ $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$.
 $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$ $\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$.

Examples:

1. Compute $\int \sin^4 x dx$.

answer: $\sin^4 x = \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{4} \cos^2 2x = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{8}(1 + \cos 4x)$.

This last expression is easy to integrate.

2. Compute $\int \tan^2 x \sec^2 x dx$.

answer: Notice $\sec^2 x$ is the derivative of $\tan x$.

\Rightarrow substitute $u = \tan x$, $du = \sec^2 x dx$.

\Rightarrow integral = $\int u^2 du = u^3/3 + C$.

Back substitute: integral = $\tan^3 x/3 + C$.

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3. Compute $\int \tan^2 x \sec^4 x dx$.

answer: Notice $\sec^4 x = (1 + \tan^2 x) \sec^2 x = (1 + \tan^2 x) d \tan x$.

Substitute $u = \tan x$

\Rightarrow integral = $\int u^2(1 + u^2) du$. (Easy to integrate and back substitute.)

Inverse trig substitution Examples:

1. Compute $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$.

answer: Substitute $x = \sin \theta \Rightarrow dx = \cos \theta d\theta \Rightarrow$ integral = $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 \theta}} \cos \theta d\theta$.

(Notice how easy the substitution is.)

Trig identities \Rightarrow integral = $\int \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \cos \theta d\theta = \int d\theta = \theta + C$.

Back substitution (Use $\theta = \sin^{-1} x$) \Rightarrow integral = $\sin^{-1} x + C$.

Check answer by differentiation.

2. Compute $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}}$.

answer: Substitute $x = a \sin \theta \Rightarrow dx = a \cos \theta d\theta$.

Now similar to example 1.

3. Compute $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+x^2}}$.

answer: Substitute $x = a \tan \theta \Rightarrow dx = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$

\Rightarrow integral = $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+a^2 \tan^2 \theta}} a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$.

Algebra + trig identities \Rightarrow

integral = $\int \frac{1}{\sec \theta} \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \int \sec \theta d\theta = \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$

Back substitution (Use $\sec \theta = \sqrt{1 + (x/a)^2}$) \Rightarrow

integral = $\ln |\sqrt{1 + (x/a)^2} + x/a| + C = \ln |\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + x| - \ln a + C$

$= \ln |\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + x| + C$.

(In the last equality we replaced the constant $\ln a + C$ by C .)

Check answer by differentiation.

Example: Moment of inertia of uniform disk of radius a around a diameter.

Moment of inertia of point mass about an axis is $I = md^2$,

where m is the mass and d is the distance from the axis.

Choose the diameter to be along the y -axis.

Let total mass of disk = M

(so uniform density $\delta = M/(\pi a^2)$).

Usual slice and sum technique:

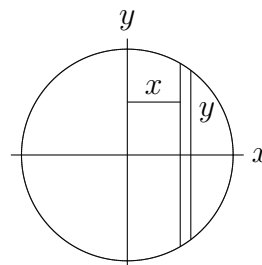
Vertical strip is (approximately) a distance x from axis.

Area of strip = $dA = 2y dx$.

Mass of strip = $dm = \delta dA = \delta 2y dx$.

Moment of inertia of strip = $dI = x^2 dm = x^2 \delta 2y dx$.

Total moment of inertia = $I = \int 2\delta x^2 y dx$.



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Always use symmetry –it suffices to compute for half disk (and multiply by 2).

Adding limits and $y = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$: $I = 2 \int_0^a 2\delta x^2 \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx$.

Substitute $x = a \sin \theta$, $dx = a \cos \theta d\theta$.

$\Rightarrow x = 0 \leftrightarrow \theta = 0$, $x = a \leftrightarrow \theta = \pi/2$.

$\Rightarrow I = 4\delta \int_0^{\pi/2} a^2 \sin^2 \theta \sqrt{a^2 - a^2 \sin^2 \theta} a \cos \theta d\theta = 4\delta \int_0^{\pi/2} a^4 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta d\theta$.

Trig identities: $\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta = \frac{1}{8}(1 - \cos 4\theta)$

$\Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2} a^4 \delta \int_0^{\pi/2} 1 - \cos 4\theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} a^4 \delta (\theta - \sin(4\theta)/4) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = a^4 \delta \pi/4 = Ma^2/4$.

Completing the square:

(This is how you derive the quadratic formula)

Example: Compute $\int \frac{1}{x^2+2x+5} dx$.

Complete the square: $x^2 + 2x + 5 = x^2 + 2x + 1 + 5 - 1 = (x + 1)^2 + 4$.

$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x^2+2x+5} dx = \int \frac{1}{(x+1)^2+4} dx$

Substitute $x + 1 = 2 \tan u$, $dx = 2 \sec^2 u du$

$\Rightarrow \text{integral} = \int \frac{2 \sec^2 u}{4 \sec^2 u} du = \frac{1}{2} u + C = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(\frac{x+1}{2}) + C$

Example: 5D-11. Compute $\int x \sqrt{-8 + 6x - x^2} dx$.

answer: Complete the square inside the square root:

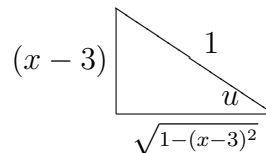
$$-(x^2 - 6x + 8) = -(x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9 + 8) = -(x - 3)^2 + 1.$$

$\Rightarrow \text{integral} = \int x \sqrt{1 - (x - 3)^2} dx$ (Substitute $\sin u = x - 3$, $\cos u du = dx$.)
 $= \int (\sin u + 3) \cos^2 u du$.

Two pieces:

i) $\int \sin u \cos^2 u du = -\frac{1}{3} \cos^3 u$.

ii) $\int 3 \cos^2 u du = \frac{3}{2} \int 1 + \cos 2u du = \frac{3}{2}(u + \sin(2u)/2)$.



$\Rightarrow \text{integral} = -\frac{1}{3} \cos^3 u - \frac{3}{4} \sin 2u - \frac{3}{2} u + C$
 $= -\frac{1}{3}(-8 + 6x - x^2)^{3/2} + \frac{3}{2}(x + 3)(-8 + 6x - x^2)^{1/2} + \frac{3}{2} \sin^{-1}(x - 3) + C$.