

§ 8.2 Trigonometric Integrals

In this section, we look at integrals of the form $\int \sin^3 x dx$, $\int \cos^n x dx$, $\int \sin^3 x \cos^7 x dx$, ...

Recall: $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$, $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$

Example 1: (or use integral by parts).

$$\begin{aligned}\int \cos^5 x dx &= \int \cos^4 x \cos x dx \\ &= \int (\cos^2 x)^2 \cos x dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x)^2 \cos x dx\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } u = \sin x \rightarrow du = \cos x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \cos^5 x dx &= \int (1 - u^2)^2 du = \int 1 - 2u^2 + u^4 du = u - \frac{2}{3}u^3 + \frac{u^5}{5} + C \\ &= \sin x - \frac{2}{3} \sin^3 x + \frac{1}{5} \sin^5 x + C.\end{aligned}$$

Example 2:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^4 x dx &= \int (\sin^2 x)^2 dx = \int \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \right)^2 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int (1 - \cos 2x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{4} \int 1 - 2\cos 2x + \cos^2 2x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(x - \sin 2x + \int \cos^2 2x dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(x - \sin 2x + \int \frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2} dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(x - \sin 2x + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{8} \sin 4x \right) + C\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1: $\int \sin^3 x dx$

Example 3: $\int \sin^3 x \cos^{-2} x dx = \int \sin^2 x \cos^{-2} x \cdot \sin x dx$

$$= \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \cos^{-2} x \cdot \sin x dx$$

put $u = \cos x \rightarrow du = -\sin x dx$

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

$$= \cos^{-1} x - \cos x + C$$

Example 4:

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x dx = \int \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int 1 - \cos^2 2x dx = \frac{1}{4} \int 1 - \frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(x - \frac{1}{2} \left(x + \frac{1}{4} \sin 4x \right) \right) = \frac{1}{8} x - \frac{1}{32} \sin 4x$$

Rule

$\int \sin^n x \cos^m x dx$ $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{if } n \text{ or } m \text{ odd, split that one} \\ \rightarrow \text{if } n \text{ \& } m \text{ even, use double-angle formula} \end{cases}$

Use integration by parts for $\int \sin^n x dx$, $\int \cos^n x dx$, $\int \tan^n x dx$.

Example 5: $\int \tan^3 x \sec^4 x dx$

$$= \int \tan^2 x \sec^2 x \cdot \tan x \sec x dx = \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \sec^2 x \cdot \tan x \sec x dx$$

put $u = \sec x \rightarrow du = \sec x \tan x dx$

$$= \int (u^2 - 1) u^2 du = \int u^4 - u^2 du = \frac{u^5}{5} - \frac{u^3}{3} + C$$

$$= \frac{\sec^5 x}{5} - \frac{\sec^3 x}{3} + C$$

Example 6: $\int \tan^3 x \sec^4 x dx = \int \tan^3 x \sec^2 x \cdot \sec^2 x dx$

put $u = \tan x \rightarrow du = \sec^2 x dx$

$$= \int u^3 (1 + u^2) du = \int u^3 + u^5 du = \frac{u^4}{4} + \frac{u^6}{6} + C$$

$$= \frac{\tan^4 x}{4} + \frac{\tan^6 x}{6} + C$$

Strategy

$$\int \tan^m x \sec^n x dx$$

n even \rightarrow split $\sec^2 x$

m odd \rightarrow split $\sec x \tan x$

Exercise 20 $\int \tan^9 x \sec^4 x dx$