

Trigonometric integrals

1. Simplest example:

$$\int \sin^2(x) \cos^3(x) dx$$

(a) Rewrite $\cos^3(x)$ as $\cos^2(x) \cos(x) = (1 - \sin^2(x)) \cos(x)$

(b) Rewrite the integral with the above.

(c) Make is simple u-substitution $u = \sin(x)$ so $du =$ _____

(d) Compute the integral after the substitution.

(e) Replace u by $\sin(x)$

- 2.

$$\int \tan^3(x) dx$$

Hint: rewrite $\tan^2(x) = \sec^2(x) - 1$ then make the substitution $u = \tan(x)$

There are three “double angle” formula for $\cos(2x)$

$$\cos(2x) = 2 \cos^2(x) - 1$$

$$\cos(2x) = 1 - 2 \sin^2(x)$$

and a third we don't need.

3.

$$\int \cos^2(x) dx$$

(a) Solve $\cos(2x) = 2 \cos^2(x) - 1$ for $\cos^2(x)$ gives $\cos^2(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\cos(2x)}{2}$

(b) The mental u-sub $u = 2x, dx = \frac{1}{2} du$ gives

$$\int \cos^2(x) dx = \int \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\cos(2x)}{2} dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin(2x)}{4} + C = \frac{1}{2} (x + \cos(x) \sin(x)) + C$$

4. Repeat the above to find

$$\int \sin^2(x) dx$$

Two well known but hard to prove integrals are

$$\int \sec(x) dx = \ln(|\sec(x) \tan(x)|) + C$$

and

$$\int \sec^3(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} (\sec(x) \tan(x) + \ln(|\sec(x) + \tan(x)|)) + C$$

5. Use the above to compute

$$\int \tan^2(x) \sec(x) dx$$

6. Use the result from question 4, and integration by parts to compute

$$\int x \sin^2(x) dx$$