

Math 2300-007: §5.7 - Trig Integrals

(Thanks to Faan Tone Liu)

Key points:

- To integrate powers of $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$ when at least one power is odd...

If at least one power is odd, pull out one of these to play the role of du . (The other will be u). Convert the even power that remains into u using the Pythagorean Identity. See e.g. #1

- To integrate powers of $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$ when at both powers are even...

In this case, use the power reduction formulas $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2}$ and $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2}$. Sometimes you have to repeat this process. See e.g. #2, #3

- To integrate powers of $\sec(x)$ and $\tan(x)$...

- Try to find $du = \sec^2 x dx \Rightarrow u = \tan x$
OR

$du = \sec x \tan x dx \Rightarrow u = \sec x$

- Use Pythagorean Identities as needed.

Guidelines/Tips:

- If power on $\sec x$ even: $u = \tan x$
- If power on $\tan x$ odd: $u = \sec x$
- If power on $\tan x$ even: turn $\tan^2 x$ into $\sec^2 x$
- If power on $\sec x$ odd: good luck ;)

- Helpful Trig Identities:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1 \\ \tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x \\ 1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x \end{array} \right]$$

↳ Pythagorean Identities

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2} \\ \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

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Power Reduction Formulas

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \int \sin^3 x \cos^4 x dx &= \int \sin^2 x \cos^4 x \cdot \sin x dx && \leftarrow \text{Left over to be } du \\ &= \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \cos^4 x \cdot \sin x dx && \text{"} du \text{"} = \pm \sin x \text{ looks good, so I'll pick} \\ &= -\int (1 - u^2) u \cdot du && \left. \begin{array}{l} u = \cos x \\ du = -\sin x dx \\ -du = \sin x dx \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \int u^3 - u du \\ &= \frac{1}{4} u^4 - \frac{1}{2} u^2 + C \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \cos^4 x - \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 x + C \end{aligned}$$

2. $\int_0^{\pi/4} \sin^2 \theta d\theta$

Δ Uh oh. Even powers of $\sin x, \cos x$. No "left over" $\sin x / \cos x$ for "du". Use $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2}$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} 1 - \cos(2\theta) d\theta = \left[\frac{1}{2} \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin(2\theta) \right]_0^{\pi/4}$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right] - \left[\frac{1}{2}(0) - \frac{1}{4} \sin(0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{4} - 0$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{4}$$

3. $\int \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta d\theta$

$$= \int \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2} \cdot \frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int 1 - \cos^2(2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int \sin^2(2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1 - \cos(4\theta)}{2} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int 1 - \cos(4\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin(4\theta) \right] + C$$

Thanks to Kevin!
use $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2}$ again but with "2 θ " in for " θ "

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

For this one, "left over" $\sec^2 x dx$ makes a good "du", so $u = \tan x$ is a good move:

$$= \int u^4 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} u^5 + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \tan^5 x + C$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \tan x \\ du = \sec^2 x dx \end{array} \right\}$

5. $\int \tan^2 x \sec^4 x dx = \int \tan^2 x \sec^2 x \cdot \overbrace{\sec^2 x dx}^{\text{can make "left-over" } \sec^2 x dx \text{ into } du, \text{ even amount of } \sec^2 x \text{ so } u = \tan x \text{ is a good move. Even amount of } \sec x \text{'s remain which can turn into } \tan x \text{'s via } \sec^2 x = \tan^2 x + 1}$

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

$$= \int u^2 (1 + u^2) du \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \tan x \\ du = \sec^2 x dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \int u^2 + u^4 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} u^3 + \frac{1}{5} u^5 + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x + \frac{1}{5} \tan^5 x + C$$

6. $\int \tan^3 x \sec^5 x dx = \int \tan^2 x \sec^4 x \cdot \overbrace{\tan x \sec x dx}^{\text{left-over for } du. u = \sec x \text{ looks good.}}$

$$= \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \sec^4 x \cdot \tan x \sec x dx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \sec x \\ du = \sec x \tan x dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \int (u^2 - 1) u^4 du$$

$$= \int u^6 - u^4 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} u^7 - \frac{1}{5} u^5 + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \sec^7 x - \frac{1}{5} \sec^5 x + C$$

7. $\int \tan^3 x dx = \int \tan x \cdot \tan^2 x dx = \int \tan x (\sec^2 x - 1) dx$

$$= \int \tan x \sec^2 x dx - \int \tan x dx$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \tan x \\ du = \sec^2 x dx \end{array} \right. = \int u du - \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} u^2 - \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \tan^2 x + \int \frac{1}{u} du \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \cos x \\ du = -\sin x dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \tan^2 x + \ln |u| + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \tan^2 x + \ln |\cos x| + C$$

These two are tricky!

need some sec's in there, so try to get some first

$$8. \int \tan^4 x dx = \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \tan^2 x dx = \underbrace{\int \tan^2 x \sec^2 x dx}_{\substack{\text{can do} \\ \text{u-sub}}} - \int \tan^2 x dx$$

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write as
 $\sec^2 x - 1$

$$\int \tan^2 x \sec^2 x dx = \int u^2 du \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \tan x \\ du = \sec^2 x dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} u^3 + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x + C$$

Now, we have ...

$$\int \tan^4 x dx = \frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x - \tan x + x + C$$

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

$$= \tan x - x + C$$

Odd powers of sec x are hard. The boomerang is helpful!

$$\int \sec^5 x dx = \int \sec^3 x - \sec^2 x dx = \sec^3 x \tan x - \int 3 \sec^3 x \tan^2 x dx$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u = \sec^3 x \\ du = 3 \sec^2 x \cdot \sec x \tan x dx \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} dv = \sec^2 x dx \\ v = \tan x \end{array}$$

$$= \sec^3 x \tan x - 3 \int \sec^3 x (\sec^2 x - 1) dx$$

$$= \sec^3 x \tan x - 3 \int \sec^5 x dx + 3 \int \sec^3 x dx$$

Int. By parts

We have by "boomerang" ...

$$4 \int \sec^5 x dx = \sec^3 x \tan x + 3 \int \sec^3 x dx$$

$$\int \sec^5 x dx = \frac{1}{4} \sec^3 x \tan x + \frac{3}{4} \int \sec^3 x dx$$

[did on Int. By parts WS #10]

$$\int \sec^5 x dx = \frac{1}{4} \sec^3 x \tan x + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (\sec x \tan x + \ln |\sec x + \tan x|) + C$$

$$\int \sec^5 x dx = \frac{1}{4} \sec^3 x \tan x + \frac{3}{8} \sec x \tan x + \frac{3}{8} \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C$$