

7.2 Trigonometric Integrals

Idea: In trig integrals, your goal is usually to *create a useful derivative factor* and then use identities to rewrite whatever is left.

- $\sin^m x \cos^n x$: If *one power is odd*, save one factor of that function and use

$$\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x \quad \text{or} \quad \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

to convert the remaining even power. Then use a u -sub:

$$\text{save } \cos x \Rightarrow u = \sin x, \quad \text{save } \sin x \Rightarrow u = \cos x.$$

If *both powers are even*, use half-angle identities (often repeatedly) to rewrite everything in terms of $\cos(2x)$ and constants.

- $\tan^m x \sec^n x$: Try to save a factor of $\sec^2 x$ (so $u = \tan x$), or save a factor of $\sec x \tan x$ (so $u = \sec x$). Then rewrite what remains using

$$\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x.$$

In practice: if n is even, save $\sec^2 x$; if m is odd, save $\sec x \tan x$.

Notes

1. $\int \sin^5(x) \cos^2(x) dx$
2. $\int \sin^4(x) dx$
3. $\int \tan^6(x) \sec^4(x) dx$
4. $\int \tan^5(\theta) \sec^7(\theta) d\theta$
5. $\int \tan^3(x) dx$
6. $\int \sec^3(x) dx$

WebAssign

1. $\int 2 \sin^2(x) \cos^3(x) dx$
2. $\int_0^{\pi/4} \sin^5(x) dx$
3. $\int_0^{\pi/2} 3 \cos^2(\theta) d\theta$
4. $\int_0^{\pi/2} 5 \sin^2(x) \cos^2(x) dx$
5. $\int 4 \tan^3(x) \sec(x) dx$
6. $\int 13 \tan^4(x) \sec^6(x) dx$

Practice

1. $\int \sin^3 x dx$
2. $\int \sin^6 x dx$
3. $\int \cos^5 x dx$
4. $\int \cos^4 x dx$
5. $\int \sin^2 x \cos x dx$
6. $\int \sin x \cos^2 x dx$
7. $\int \sin^4 x \cos^3 x dx$
8. $\int \sin^3 x \cos^4 x dx$
9. $\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x dx$
10. $\int \tan^2 x dx$
11. $\int \sec^4 x dx$
12. $\int \tan^4 x \sec^2 x dx$
13. $\int \tan^3 x \sec^3 x dx$
14. $\int \tan^2 x \sec^3 x dx$