

4.3 Techniques of integration

Integration by parts

If the integrand is either a product or quotient of polynomial and a transcendental function such as trigonometric, exponential or logarithmic function then have to develop different methods to evaluate them.

$$\int f(x)g'(x)dx = f(x)g(x) - \int g(x)f'(x)dx$$

The above formula is called the integration by parts.

Let if we take $u = f(x)$ and $v = g(x)$

Then the above formula becomes $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

To choose u , we should follow the following order

- I – Inverse function
- L – Logarithmic function
- A – Algebraic function
- T – Trigonometric function
- E – Exponential function

Note:

The generalized integration by parts formula is known as Bernoulli's formula

Bernoulli's formula states that

$$\int u dv = uv - u'v_1 + u''v_2 - u'''v_3 + \dots$$

Where v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots are functions obtained by integrating v successively with respect to x and u', u'', \dots are functions obtained by differentiating u successively with respect to x .

Example:

$$\text{Evaluate } \int xe^{-x} dx$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } u = x \quad dv = e^{-x} dx$$

$$du = dx \quad v = -e^{-x}$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int xe^{-x} dx &= x(-e^{-x}) - \int -e^{-x} dx \\ &= -xe^{-x} + \int e^{-x} dx \\ &= -xe^{-x} + (-e^{-x}) + C = -(xe^{-x} + e^{-x} + C) \end{aligned}$$

$$= -e^{-x}(x + 1) + C$$

Example :

Evaluate $\int x^4 \log x dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } u = \log x \quad dv = x^4 dx$$

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad dv = \int x^4 dx = \frac{x^5}{5}$$

$$\int udv = uv - \int vdu$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^4 \log x dx &= (\log x) \left(\frac{x^5}{5} \right) - \int \frac{x^5}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= \frac{x^5}{5} \log x - \frac{1}{5} \int x^4 dx \\ &= \frac{x^5}{5} \log x - \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{x^5}{5} + C \\ &= \frac{x^5}{5} \log x - \frac{x^5}{25} + C\end{aligned}$$

Example :

Evaluate $\int (\log x)^2 dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } u = (\log x)^2 \quad dv = dx$$

$$du = 2 \log x \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) dx \quad v = \int dx = x$$

$$\int udv = uv - \int vdu$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int (\log x)^2 dx &= (\log x)^2 x - \int x \cdot 2 \log x \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) dx \\ &= x(\log x)^2 - 2 \int \log x dx \dots (1)\end{aligned}$$

Take $\int \log x dx$

$$\text{Let } u = \log x \quad dv = dx$$

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad v = \int dx = x$$

$$\int udv = uv - \int vdu$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \log x dx &= (\log x)(x) - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= x \log x - \int dx = x \log x - x\end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \int (\log x)^2 dx = x(\log x)^2 - 2[x \log x - x] + C$$

Example :

Evaluate $\int x \sec^2 2x dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } u = x \quad dv = \sec^2 2x dx$$

$$du = dx \quad v = \int \sec^2 2x dx = \frac{\tan 2x}{2}$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \sec^2 2x dx &= (x) \left(\frac{\tan 2x}{2} \right) - \int \frac{\tan 2x}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \tan 2x - \frac{1}{2} \int \tan 2x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \tan 2x - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\log(\sec 2x)}{2} \right] + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \tan 2x - \frac{1}{4} \log(\sec 2x) + C \end{aligned}$$

Example :

Evaluate $\int x \sin^2 x dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } u = x \quad dv = \sin^2 x dx$$

$$du = dx \quad v = \frac{1}{2} \int (1 - \cos 2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right)$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

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

Example :

Evaluate $\int \frac{x}{1+\cos x} dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x}{1+\cos x} dx &= \int \frac{x}{2\cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} dx \quad \left[\because 1 + \cos x = 2\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int x \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} dx \dots (1)\end{aligned}$$

Let $u = x \quad dv = \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} dx$

$$du = dx \quad v = \int \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} dx = \frac{\tan(\frac{x}{2})}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \tan \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\begin{aligned}(1) \Rightarrow \int \frac{x}{1+\cos x} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \left[x \left(2 \tan \frac{x}{2} \right) - \int 2 \tan \frac{x}{2} dx \right] \\ &= x \tan \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\log[\sec(\frac{x}{2})]}{\frac{1}{2}} + C \\ &= x \tan \frac{x}{2} - 2 \log \left[\sec \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) \right] + C\end{aligned}$$

Example :

Evaluate $\int \frac{x}{1+\sin x} dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x}{1+\sin x} dx &= \int \frac{x(1-\sin x)}{(1+\sin x)(1-\sin x)} dx \\ &= \int \frac{x(1-\sin x)}{1-\sin^2 x} dx = \int \frac{x(1-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x} dx \\ &= \int (x \sec^2 x - x \sec x \tan x) dx \\ &= \int x \sec^2 x dx - \int x \sec x \tan x dx \dots (1)\end{aligned}$$

Take $\int x \sec^2 x dx$

Let $u = x \quad dv = \sec^2 x dx$

$$du = dx \quad v = \int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int x \sec^2 x dx &= (x)(\tan x) - \int \tan x dx \\ &= x \tan x - \log(\sec x) \dots (2)\end{aligned}$$

Take $\int x \sec x \tan x dx$

Let $u = x \quad dv = \sec x \tan x dx$

$$du = dx \quad v = \int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int u dv &= uv - \int v du = \int x \sec x \tan x dx = (x)(\sec x) - \int \sec x dx \\ &= x \sec x - \log(\sec x + \tan x) \dots (3)\end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \int \frac{x}{1+\sin x} dx = x \tan x - \log(\sec x) - x \sec x + \log(\sec x + \tan x) + C$$

[\because by(2)and(3)]

Example :

Evaluate $\int (x^2 e^{2x}) dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } u = x^2, \quad u' = 2x, \quad u'' = 2,$$

$$dv = e^{2x} dx, \quad v = \frac{e^{2x}}{2}, \quad v_1 = \frac{e^{2x}}{4}, \quad v_2 = \frac{e^{2x}}{8}$$

$$\int u dv = uv - u'v_1 + u''v_2 - \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int (x^2 e^{2x}) dx &= (x^2) \frac{e^{2x}}{2} - (2x) \frac{e^{2x}}{4} + (2) \frac{e^{2x}}{8} + C \\ &= (x^2) \frac{e^{2x}}{2} - (x) \frac{e^{2x}}{2} + \frac{e^{2x}}{4} + C\end{aligned}$$

Example :

Evaluate $\int e^x \cos x dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } u = e^x \quad dv = \cos x dx$$

$$du = e^x dx \quad v = \int \cos x dx = \sin x$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$I = \int e^x \cos x dx = e^x \sin x - \int \sin x e^x dx \dots (1)$$

Take $\int e^x \sin x dx$

$$\text{Let } u = e^x \quad dv = \sin x dx$$

$$du = e^x dx \quad v = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\int e^x \sin x dx = (e^x)(-\cos x) - \int (-\cos x)(e^x) dx$$

$$= -e^x \cos x + \int e^x \cos x dx = -e^x \cos x + I$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow I = e^x \sin x - [-e^x \cos x + I] + C$$

$$I = e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x - I + C$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2I &= e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x + C \\
 I &= \frac{1}{2} [e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x] + C \\
 \therefore \int e^x \cos x dx &= \frac{e^x}{2} [\sin x + \cos x] + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Example :

Evaluate $\int e^{2x} \sin x dx$

Solution:

$$I = \int e^{2x} \sin x dx \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Let } u = \sin x \quad dv = e^{2x} dx$$

$$du = \cos x dx \quad v = \frac{e^{2x}}{2}$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \sin x \frac{e^{2x}}{2} - \int \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \cos x dx \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \sin x - \frac{1}{2} I_1 \dots (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Take } I_1 = \int e^{2x} \cos x dx$$

$$\text{Let } u = \cos x \quad dv = e^{2x} dx$$

$$du = -\sin x dx \quad v = \frac{e^{2x}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &= \cos x \frac{e^{2x}}{2} - \int \frac{e^{2x}}{2} (-\sin x) dx \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2} \int e^{2x} \sin x dx \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2} I
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow I = \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \sin x - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{2x}}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2} I \right]$$

$$I = \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \sin x - \frac{e^{2x}}{4} \cos x - \frac{1}{4} I$$

$$I + \frac{1}{4} I = \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \sin x - \frac{e^{2x}}{4} \cos x$$

$$\frac{5}{4} I = \frac{e^{2x}}{4} (2 \sin x - \cos x)$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{e^{2x}}{5} (2 \sin x - \cos x) + C$$

Example :

Evaluate $\int \tan^{-1} x dx$. Also find $\int_0^1 \tan^{-1} x dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } u = \tan^{-1} x \quad dv = dx$$

$$du = \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \quad dv = dx$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^{-1} x dx &= x \tan^{-1} x - \int x \left(\frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) dx \\ &= x \tan^{-1} x - \int \left(\frac{x}{1+x^2} \right) dx \dots (1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Take } \int \left(\frac{x}{1+x^2} \right) dx$$

$$\text{Put } t = 1 + x^2, \quad dt = 2x dx$$

$$\int \left(\frac{x}{1+x^2} \right) dx = \int \frac{1}{t^2} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{t} dt = \frac{1}{2} \log t = \frac{1}{2} \log(1+x^2)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \int \tan^{-1} x dx = x \tan^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2} \log(1+x^2) + C \dots (2)$$

To find $\int_0^1 \tan^{-1} x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}(2) \Rightarrow \int_0^1 \tan^{-1} x dx &= [x \tan^{-1} x]_0^1 - \left[\frac{1}{2} \log(1+x^2) \right]_0^1 \\ &= \tan^{-1} 1 - 0 - \left[\frac{1}{2} \log 2 - \frac{1}{2} \log 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \log 2 \quad [\because \log 1 = 0]\end{aligned}$$

Reduction Formula

(I) Find the reduction formula for $\int \sin^n x dx$; $n \geq 2$ is an integer

Solution:

$$\text{Consider } I_n = \int \sin^n x dx = \int \sin^{n-1} x \sin x dx$$

We know by the method of integration by part

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\text{Let } u = \sin^{n-1} x \quad dv = \sin x dx;$$

$$du = (n-1) \sin^{n-2} x \cos x dx \quad v = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\cos x \sin^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \cos^2 x \sin^{n-2} x \, dx \\
&= -\cos x \sin^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \sin^{n-2} x \, dx \\
&= -\cos x \sin^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx - (n-1) I_n
\end{aligned}$$

$$1) \int \sin^n x \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\cos x \sin^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx - (n-1) I_n \\
I_n + (n-1) I_n &= -\cos x \sin^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx \\
n I_n &= -\cos x \sin^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx \\
I_n &= -\frac{\cos x \sin^{n-1} x}{n} + \frac{(n-1)}{n} \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx
\end{aligned}$$

The ultimate integral is I_0 or I_1

n even: $I_0 = \int dx = x + C$ [Put n = 0 in (1)]

n odd: $I_1 = \int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C$ [Put n = 1 in (1)]

(II) Find the reduction formula for $\int \cos^n x \, dx$; n ≥ 2 is an integer

Solution:

$$\text{Consider } I_n = \int \cos^n x \, dx = \int \cos^{n-1} x \cos x \, dx$$

We know by the method of integration by part

$$\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$$

$$\text{Let } u = \cos^{n-1} x \quad dv = \cos x \, dx$$

$$du = (n-1) \cos^{n-2} x (-\sin x) dx \quad v = \int \cos x \, dx = \sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_n &= \sin x \cos^{n-1} x - \int (\sin x) [-(n-1) \cos^{n-2} x \sin x] \, dx \\
&= \sin x \cos^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \sin^2 x \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \\
&= \sin x \cos^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \\
&= \sin x \cos^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx - (n-1) \int \cos^n x \, dx \\
&= \sin x \cos^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx - (n-1) I_n
\end{aligned}$$

$$I_n + (n-1) I_n = \sin x \cos^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx$$

$$n I_n = \sin x \cos^{n-1} x + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx$$

$$I_n = \frac{\sin x \cos^{n-1} x}{n} + \frac{(n-1)}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx$$

The ultimate integral is I_0 or I_1

n even: $I_0 = \int dx = x + C$ [Put n = 0 in (1)]

n odd: $I_1 = \int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$ [Put n = 1 in (1)]

(III) Find the reduction formula for $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx$

Solution:

Consider $I_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx$

$$\text{We know that } \int \sin^n x dx = -\frac{\cos x \sin^{n-1} x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \sin^{n-2} x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx &= \left[-\frac{\cos x \sin^{n-1} x}{n} \right]_0^{\pi/2} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{n-2} x dx \\ &= 0 + \frac{n-1}{n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{n-2} x dx \\ &= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{n-4} x dx \\ &= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{n-6} x dx \\ &= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdot \frac{n-7}{n-6} \cdots I\end{aligned}$$

If n is even then,

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} dx = (x)_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

If n is odd then,

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin x dx = (-\cos x)_0^{\pi/2} = -\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$$

Thus,

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdot \frac{n-7}{n-6} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdot \frac{n-7}{n-6} \cdots \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

(IV) Find the reduction formula for $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx$

Solution:

Consider $I_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx$

$$\text{We know that } \int \cos^n x dx = \frac{\sin x \cos^{n-1} x}{n} + \frac{(n-1)}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x dx$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx = \left[\frac{\sin x \cos^{n-1} x}{n} \right]_0^{\pi/2} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{n-2} x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 0 + \frac{n-1}{n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \\
&= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{n-4} x \, dx \\
&= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{n-6} x \, dx \\
&= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdot \frac{n-7}{n-6} \cdots I
\end{aligned}$$

If n is even then,

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} dx = (x)_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

If n is odd then,

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x \, dx = (\sin x)_0^{\pi/2} = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0 = 1 - 0 = 1$$

Thus,

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdot \frac{n-7}{n-6} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdot \frac{n-7}{n-6} \cdots \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

(V) Find the reduction formula for $\int \sec^n x \, dx$, $n \geq 2$ is an integer.

Solution:

$$\text{Consider } I_n = \int \sec^n x \, dx = \int \sec^{n-2} x \sec^2 x \, dx \dots (1)$$

We know by the method of integration by part

$$\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$$

$$\text{Let } u = \sec^{n-2} x \quad dv = \sec^2 x \, dx$$

$$du = (n-2) \cos^{n-3} x (\sec x \tan x) \, dx \quad v = \int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_n &= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - \int (\tan x) [(n-2) \sec^{n-3} x \sec x \tan x] \, dx \\
&= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \tan^2 x \sec^{n-2} x \, dx \\
&= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \sec^{n-2} x \, dx \\
&= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2) \int \sec^n x \, dx + (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x \, dx \\
&= \sec^{n-2} x \tan x - (n-2)I_n + (n-2)I_{n-2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$I_n + (n-2)I_n = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x + (n-2)I_{n-2}$$

$$(n-1)I_n = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x + (n-2)I_{n-2}$$

$$I_n = \frac{1}{n-1} \sec^{n-2} x \tan x + \frac{n-2}{n-1} I_{n-2}$$

The ultimate integral is I_0 or I_1

$$n \text{ even} : I_0 = \int dx = x + C \quad [\text{Put } n = 0 \text{ in (1)}]$$

$$n \text{ odd} : I_1 = \int \sec x dx = \log(\sec x + \tan x) + C \quad [\text{Put } n = 1 \text{ in (1)}]$$

(VI) Find the reduction formula for $\int \cosec^n x dx$, $n \geq 2$ is an integer.

Solution:

$$\text{Consider } I_n = \int \cosec^n x dx = \int \cosec^{n-2} x \cosec^2 x dx \dots (1)$$

We know by the method of integration by part

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\text{Let } u = \cosec^{n-2} x \quad dv = \cosec^2 x dx$$

$$du = (n-2)\sec^{n-3} x (-\cosec x \cot x) dx$$

$$v = \int \cosec^2 x dx = -\cot x$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \cosec^{n-2} x (-\cot x) - \int (-\cot x)[(n-2)\cosec^{n-3} x (-\cosec x \cot x)] dx \\ &= -\cosec^{n-2} x \cot x - (n-2) \int \cot^2 x \cosec^{n-2} x dx \\ &= -\cosec^{n-2} x \cot x - (n-2) \int (\cosec^2 x - 1) \cosec^{n-2} x dx \\ &= -\cosec^{n-2} x \cot x - (n-2) \int \cosec^n x dx + (n-2) \int \cosec^{n-2} x dx \\ &= -\cosec^{n-2} x \cot x - (n-2)I_n + (n-2)I_{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_n + (n-2)I_n = -\cosec^{n-2} x \cot x + (n-2)I_{n-2}$$

$$(n-1)I_n = -\cosec^{n-2} x \cot x + (n-2)I_{n-2}$$

$$I_n = -\frac{1}{n-1} \cosec^{n-2} x \cot x + \frac{n-2}{n-1} I_{n-2}$$

The ultimate integral is I_0 or I_1

$$n \text{ even} : I_0 = \int dx = x + C \quad [\text{Put } n = 0 \text{ in (1)}]$$

$$n \text{ odd} : I_1 = \int \cosec x dx = \log(\cosec x - \cot x) + C \quad [\text{Put } n = 1 \text{ in (1)}]$$

(VII) Find the reduction formula for $\int \cot^n x dx$, $n \neq 1$

Solution:

$$\text{Consider } I_n = \int \cot^n x dx = \int \cot^{n-2} x \cot^2 x dx \dots (1)$$

$$= \int \cot^{n-2} x (\cosec^2 x - 1) dx$$

$$= - \int \cot^{n-2} x (\cosec^2 x) dx - \int \cot^{n-2} x dx$$

$$= - \int \cot^{n-2} x d(\cot x) - I_{n-2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n-1} \cot^{n-1} x - I_{n-2}$$

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(VIII) Find the reduction formula for $\int \tan^n x dx$, $n \neq 1$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } I_n &= \int \tan^n x dx \dots (1) \\ &= \int \tan^{n-2} x \tan^2 x dx \\ &= \int \tan^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) dx \\ &= \int \tan^{n-2} x \sec^2 x dx - \int \tan^{n-2} x dx \\ &= \int \tan^{n-2} x d(\tan x) - I_{n-2} \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \tan^{n-1} x - I_{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

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Example:

i) Evaluate $\int \sin^7 x dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } \int \sin^7 x dx$$

$$\text{We know that } I_n = -\frac{\cos x \sin^{n-1} x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \sin^{n-2} x dx \dots (1)$$

Put $n = 7$ in equation (1)

$$\int \sin^7 x dx = -\frac{\cos x \sin^{7-1} x}{7} + \frac{7-1}{7} \int \sin^{7-2} x dx$$

$$\int \sin^7 x dx = -\frac{\cos x \sin^6 x}{7} + \frac{6}{7} \int \sin^5 x dx \dots (2)$$

Put $n = 5$ in equation (1)

$$\int \sin^5 x dx = -\frac{\cos x \sin^4 x}{5} + \frac{4}{5} \int \sin^3 x dx \dots (3)$$

Put $n = 3$ in equation (1)

$$\int \sin^5 x dx = -\frac{\cos x \sin^2 x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \int \sin x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{\cos x \sin^2 x}{3} + \frac{2}{3}(-\cos x) \\
\therefore (3) \text{ gives } \int \sin^5 x \, dx &= -\frac{\cos x \sin^4 x}{5} + \frac{4}{5} \left[\frac{-\sin^2 x \cos x}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \cos x \right] \\
&= -\frac{\cos x \sin^4 x}{5} - \frac{4}{15} \sin^2 x \cos x - \frac{8}{15} \cos x
\end{aligned}$$

and (2) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \sin^7 x \, dx &= -\frac{\cos x \sin^6 x}{7} + \frac{6}{7} \left[\frac{-\sin^4 x \cos x}{5} - \frac{4}{15} \sin^2 x \cos x - \frac{8}{15} \cos x \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{7} \cos x \sin^6 x - \frac{6}{35} \sin^4 x \cos x - \frac{8}{35} \sin^2 x \cos x - \frac{16}{35} \cos x
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Evaluate $\int \cos^4 x \, dx$

Solution:

Given $\int \cos^4 x \, dx$

$$\text{We know that } I_n = \frac{\sin x \cos^{n-1} x}{n} + \frac{(n-1)}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \dots (1)$$

Put n = 4 in equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \cos^4 x \, dx &= \frac{\sin x \cos^3 x}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \int \cos^2 x \, dx \\
&= \frac{\sin x \cos^3 x}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \int \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \right) dx \\
&= \frac{\sin x \cos^3 x}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \left(x + \frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \, dx$

Solution:

Given $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \, dx$

$$\text{We know that } \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx = \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdot \frac{n-7}{n-6} \cdots \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1, \text{ when } n \text{ is odd} \dots (1)$$

Put n = 7 in equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \, dx &= \left(\frac{7-1}{7} \right) \left(\frac{7-3}{7-2} \right) \left(\frac{7-5}{7-4} \right) (1) \\
&= \left(\frac{6}{7} \right) \left(\frac{4}{5} \right) \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) (1)
\end{aligned}$$

(iv) Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{10} x \, dx$

Solution:

Given $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{10} x \, dx$

We know that $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx = \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdot \frac{n-7}{n-6} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$, when n is even ...

(1)

Put n = 10 in equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx &= \left(\frac{10-1}{10}\right) \left(\frac{10-3}{10-2}\right) \left(\frac{10-5}{10-4}\right) \left(\frac{10-7}{10-6}\right) \left(\frac{10-9}{10}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{9}{10}\right) \left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{63}{512} \pi\end{aligned}$$

(v) Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi} \sin^2 x dx$

Solution:

Given $\int_0^{\pi} \sin^2 x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi} \sin^2 x dx &= \int_0^{\pi} \left(\frac{1-\cos 2x}{2}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{\sin 2x}{2}\right)_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\pi - \frac{\sin 2\pi}{2}\right) - \left(0 - \frac{\sin 0}{0}\right)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\pi - 0 - 0 + 0) = \frac{\pi}{2}\end{aligned}$$

(vi) Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{2n+1} x dx$

Solution:

Given $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{2n+1} x dx$

We know that $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx = \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdot \frac{n-7}{n-6} \cdots \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1$, when n is odd ... (1)

Put n = 2 n + 1 in equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx &= \frac{(2n+1)-1}{2n+1} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)-3}{(2n+1)-2} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)-5}{(2n+1)-4} \cdots 1 \\ &= \frac{2n}{2n+1} \cdot \frac{2n-2}{2n-1} \cdot \frac{2n-4}{2n-3} \cdots \frac{6}{7} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1\end{aligned}$$

(vii) Evaluate $\int \tan^2 x dx$

Solution:

Given $\int \tan^2 x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^2 x dx &= \int (\sec^2 x - 1) dx \\ &= \int \sec^2 x dx - \int dx\end{aligned}$$

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

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

Solution:

Given $\int \tan^3 x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^3 x dx &= \int \tan^2 x \tan x dx \\&= \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \tan x dx \\&= \int \sec^2 x \tan x dx - \int \tan x dx \\&= \int \tan x d(\tan x) - \int \tan x dx \\&= \frac{\tan^2 x}{2} - \log \sec x + C\end{aligned}$$

(ix) Evaluate $\int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} \cot^2 x dx$

Solution:

Given $\int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} \cot^2 x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} \cot^2 x dx &= \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} (\operatorname{cosec}^2 x - 1) dx \\&= \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} \operatorname{cosec}^2 x dx - \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} dx \\&= [-\cot x]_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} - [x]_{\pi/6}^{\pi/2} \\&= (-0) - (-\sqrt{3}) - \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{3}\pi\end{aligned}$$