

4.4 TRIGONOMETRIC SUBSTITUTIONS

(I) Products of powers of sines and cosines

Evaluating $\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx$

Case (i) If n is odd ($n = 2k + 1$), then

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

Here, substitute $u = \sin x$

Case (ii) If m is odd ($m = 2k + 1$), then

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

Here, substitute $u = \cos x$

Note: If both m and n are odd apply case (i) or case (ii)

Case(iii) If both m and n are even, use half-angle identities

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 x &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x), \quad \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x) \\ \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m x \cos^n x dx &= \frac{m-1}{m+n} \frac{m-3}{m+n-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3+n} \frac{1}{1+n} \\ &\quad (\text{if m is odd, n may be even or odd}) \\ &= \frac{m-1}{m+n} \frac{m-3}{m+n-2} \cdots \frac{1}{2+n} \frac{n-1}{n} \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1 \\ &\quad (\text{if m is even, n is odd}) \\ &= \frac{m-1}{m+n} \frac{m-3}{m+n-2} \cdots \frac{1}{2+n} \frac{n-1}{n} \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\quad (\text{if m is even, n is even})\end{aligned}$$

(II) Products of powers of $\sec x$ and $\tan x$

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

Case (i) If m is odd ($m = 2k + 1$), then

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

Here, substitute $u = \sec x$

Case (ii) If n is even ($n = 2k$), then

$$\int \tan^m x \sec^{2k} x dx = \int \tan^m x (\sec^2 x)^{k-1} \sec^2 x dx$$

$$= \int \tan^m x (1 + \tan^2 x)^{k-1} \sec^2 x dx$$

Here, substitute $u = \tan x$

(III) Products of sines and cosines of multiples of x

Evaluating $\int \sin mx \sin nx dx$, $\int \sin mx \cos nx dx$ and $\int \cos mx \cos nx dx$

Use the following identities

$$\sin mx \sin nx = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(m-n)x - \cos(m+n)x]$$

$$\sin mx \cos nx = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(m-n)x + \sin(m+n)x]$$

$$\cos mx \cos nx = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(m-n)x + \cos(m+n)x]$$

Example:

(i) Evaluate $\int \sin^6 x \cos^3 x dx$

Solution:

Given $\int \sin^6 x \cos^3 x dx$ Here $m = 6$, $n = 3$ (odd)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \sin^6 x \cos^2 x \cos x dx \\ &= \int \sin^6 x (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x dx \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

Put $u = \sin x$; $du = \cos x dx$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \Rightarrow \int u^6 (1 - u^2) du &= \int (u^6 - u^8) du \\ &= \frac{u^7}{7} - \frac{u^9}{9} + C \\ &= \frac{\sin^7 x}{7} - \frac{\sin^9 x}{9} + C \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Evaluate $\int \sin^2(\pi x) \cos^5(\pi x) dx$

Solution:

Given $\int \sin^2(\pi x) \cos^5(\pi x) dx$ (Here $m = 2$, $n = 5$ (odd))

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

Put $u = \sin \pi x$; $du = \pi \cos \pi x dx$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \Rightarrow \int u^2 (1 - u^2)^2 \frac{du}{\pi} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int u^2 (1 - 2u^2 + u^4) du \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int (u^2 - 2u^4 + u^6) du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{u^3}{3} - \frac{2u^5}{5} + \frac{u^7}{7} \right] + C \\
 &= \frac{1}{3\pi} \sin^3(\pi x) - \frac{2}{5\pi} \sin^5(\pi x) + \frac{1}{7\pi} \sin^7(\pi x) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:**Evaluate $\int \sin^5 x \cos^2 x dx$** **Solution:**Given $\int \sin^5 x \cos^2 x dx$ (Here m = 5 (odd), n = 2)

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

$$\text{Put } u = \cos x; \quad du = -\sin x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \Rightarrow \int (1 - u^2)^2 u^2 (-du) &= - \int (1 - 2u^2 + u^4) u^2 du \\
 &= - \int (u^2 - 2u^4 + u^6) du \\
 &= - \left[\frac{u^3}{3} - \frac{2u^5}{5} + \frac{u^7}{7} \right] + C \\
 &= - \frac{1}{3} \cos^3(x) + \frac{2}{5} \cos^5(x) - \frac{1}{7} \cos^7(x) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:**Evaluate $\int \cos^2 x \sin 2x dx$** **Solution:**Given $\int \cos^2 x \sin 2x dx$

$$= \int 2 \sin x \cos x \cos^2 x dx$$

$$= \int 2 \sin x \cos^3 x dx \quad (\text{Here, m = 1, n = 3})$$

$$= 2 \int \sin x \cos^3 x dx \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Put } u = \cos x; \quad du = -\sin x dx$$

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

Example:**Evaluate $\int \sin^2 x \cos^4 x dx$** **Solution:**Given $\int \sin^2 x \cos^4 x dx$ (Here, m = 2, n = 4)

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

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

$$\int \cos^3 2x dx = \int \cos^2 2x \cos 2x dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 2x) \cos 2x dx$$

Put $u = \sin 2x$; $du = 2\cos 2x dx$

$$\therefore \int \cos^3 2x dx = \int (1 - u^2) \frac{du}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[u - \frac{u^3}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin 2x - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 2x \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(1) &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{8} \left[x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x - \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{8} \sin 4x - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{6} \sin^3 2x \right] + C \\
&= \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{8} \sin 4x + \frac{1}{6} \sin^3 2x \right] + C \\
&= \frac{1}{16} \left[x - \frac{1}{4} \sin 4x + \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 2x \right] + C
\end{aligned}$$

Example:(i) Evaluate $\int \tan x \sec^3 x dx$ **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Given } \int \tan x \sec^3 x dx &\quad (\text{Here } m=1 \text{ (odd)}) \\
&= \int \sec^2 x (\sec x \tan x) dx \\
\text{Put } u = \sec x; \quad du = \sec x \tan x dx \\
&= \int u^2 du = \frac{u^3}{3} + C = \frac{\sec^3 x}{3} + C
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/3} \tan^5 x \sec^4 x dx$ **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Given } \int_0^{\pi/3} \tan^5 x \sec^4 x dx &\quad (\text{Here } m=5 \text{ (odd)}) \\
&= \int_0^{\pi/3} \tan^4 x \sec^3 x (\sec x \tan x) dx \\
&= \int_0^{\pi/3} (\sec^2 x - 1)^2 \sec^3 x (\sec x \tan x) dx \dots (1)
\end{aligned}$$

Put $u = \sec x$ when $x = 0 \Rightarrow u = 1$

$$du = \sec x \tan x dx \quad x = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow u = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (1) \Rightarrow \int_1^2 (u^2 - 1)^2 u^3 du &= \int_1^2 (u^4 - 2u^2 + 1)u^3 du \\
 &= \int_1^2 (u^3 - 2u^5 + u^7) du \\
 &= \left[\frac{u^4}{4} - \frac{2u^6}{6} + \frac{u^8}{8} \right]_1^2 \\
 &= \left(4 - \frac{64}{3} + 32 \right) - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{8} \right) = \frac{117}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

(i) Evaluate $\int \tan^2 x \sec^4 x dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } \int \tan^2 x \sec^4 x dx$$

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

$$\text{Put } u = \tan x ; \quad du = \sec^2 x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \Rightarrow \int u^2 (1 + u^2) du &= \int (u^2 + u^4) du \\
 &= \left[\frac{u^3}{3} + \frac{u^5}{5} \right] + C \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \tan^3(x) + \frac{1}{5} \tan^5(x) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

$$\text{Given } \int \tan x \sec^2 x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Put } u = \tan x ; \quad du = \sec^2 x dx \\
 &= \int u du \\
 &= \left[\frac{u^2}{2} \right] + C = \frac{1}{2} \tan^2(x) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

(i) Evaluate $\int \sec^3 x dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } I = \int \sec^3 x dx = \int \sec^2 x \sec x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Put } u = \sec x &\quad dv = \sec^2 x dx \\
 du = \sec x \tan x dx &\quad v = \int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int u \, dv$$

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

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

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

Solution:

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

Using example (3.53(i))

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sec x \tan x - \frac{1}{2} \log(\sec x + \tan x) + C$$

Example:

(i) Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \cos^5 x dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \cos^5 x dx \quad (\text{Here } m = 7, n = 5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m x \cos^n x dx &= \frac{m-1}{m+n} \frac{m-3}{m+n-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3+n} \frac{1}{1+n} \quad (\text{m is odd, n even or odd}) \\
&= \frac{7-1}{7+5} \frac{7-3}{7+5-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3+5} \frac{1}{1+5} \\
&= \left(\frac{6}{12} \right) \left(\frac{4}{10} \right) \left(\frac{2}{8} \right) \left(\frac{1}{6} \right) = \frac{1}{120}
\end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

Given $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x dx$ (Here m = 7 (odd), n = 0)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m x \cos^n x dx &= \frac{m-1}{m+n} \frac{m-3}{m+n-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3+n} \frac{1}{1+n} \quad (\text{m is odd, n even or odd}) \\ &= \frac{7-1}{7+0} \frac{7-3}{7+0-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3+0} \frac{1}{1+0} = \left(\frac{6}{7}\right) \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) (1) = \frac{16}{35}\end{aligned}$$

Example:

i) Evaluate $\int \sin 4x \cos 5x dx$

Solution:

Given $\int \sin 4x \cos 5x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{We know that, } \sin A x \cos B x &= \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A - B)x + \sin(A + B)x] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int [\sin(-x) + \sin 9x] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int (-\sin x + \sin 9x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos x - \frac{1}{9} \cos 9x \right] + C\end{aligned}$$

ii) Evaluate $\int \cos 3x \cos 4x dx$

Solution:

Given $\int \cos 3x \cos 4x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{We know that } \cos A x \cos B x &= \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A - B)x + \cos(A + B)x] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int (\cos x + \cos 7x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin x + \frac{1}{7} \sin 7x \right] + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin x + \frac{1}{14} \sin 7x + C\end{aligned}$$

iii) Evaluate $\int \sin 5x \sin x dx$

Solution:

Given $\int \sin 5x \sin x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{We know that } \sin A x \sin B x &= \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A - B)x - \cos(A + B)x] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int (\cos 4x - \cos 6x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin 4x - \frac{1}{6} \sin 6x \right] + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin 4x - \frac{1}{12} \sin 6x + C\end{aligned}$$

Trigonometric Substitutions

Expression	Substitution	Identity Used
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a\sin\theta$	$\cos^2\theta = 1 - \sin^2\theta$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a\tan\theta$	$\sec^2\theta = 1 + \tan^2\theta$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a\sec\theta$	$\tan^2\theta = \sec^2\theta - 1$

Example:

Evaluate $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Put } x = 3\sin\theta, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}; \quad dx = 3\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{9\sin^2\theta}{\sqrt{9-9\sin^2\theta}} 3\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{9\sin^2\theta}{3\cos\theta} 3\cos\theta d\theta \quad [\because \sqrt{1-\sin^2\theta} = \sqrt{\cos^2\theta} = \cos\theta] \\
 &= 9 \int \sin^2\theta d\theta \\
 &= 9 \int \frac{1-\cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \left[\theta - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \right] + C \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \theta - \frac{9}{4} \sin 2\theta + C \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \theta - \frac{9}{4} (2\sin\theta\cos\theta) + C \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \theta - \frac{9}{2} \sin\theta\cos\theta + C \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - \frac{9}{2} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{3}\right) + C \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{9-x^2} + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} dx$ by using trigonometric substitution.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Put } x &= a\sin\theta, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}; \quad dx = a\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - a^2\sin^2\theta}} a\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{a\cos\theta} a\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int d\theta \\
 &= \theta + C \\
 &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{3-2x-x^2}} dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } 3 - 2x - x^2 &= -(x^2 + 2x) + 3 \\
 &= -[(x+1)^2 - 1] + 3 \\
 &= -(x+1)^2 + 4
 \end{aligned}$$

Put $u = x+1 \Rightarrow x = u-1 \Rightarrow du = dx$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{3-2x-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{u-1}{\sqrt{4-u^2}} du$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Put } u &= 2\sin\theta; \quad du = 2\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{2\sin\theta-1}{\sqrt{4-4\sin^2\theta}} 2\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{2\sin\theta-1}{2\cos\theta} 2\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int (2\sin\theta - 1) d\theta \\
 &= 2(-\cos\theta) - \theta + C \\
 &= -2\cos\theta - \theta + C \\
 &= -2 \frac{\sqrt{4-u^2}}{2} - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{u}{2}\right) + C \\
 &= -\sqrt{4-(x+1)^2} - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + C \\
 &= -\sqrt{3-2x-x^2} - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4+x^2}}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Put } x = 2\tan\theta, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}; \quad dx = 2\sec^2\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+4\tan^2\theta}} 2\sec^2\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{2\sec\theta} 2\sec^2\theta d\theta \quad [\because 1 + \tan^2\theta = \sec^2\theta] \\
 &= \int \sec\theta d\theta \\
 &= \log(\sec\theta + \tan\theta) + C \\
 &= \log\left[\frac{\sqrt{4+x^2}}{2} + \frac{x}{2}\right] + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int \frac{x^2}{(a^2-x^2)^{3/2}} dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } \int \frac{x^2}{(a^2-x^2)^{3/2}} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Put } x = a\sin\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) \Rightarrow dx = a\cos\theta d\theta \\
 \int \frac{x^2}{(a^2-x^2)^{3/2}} dx = \int \frac{a^2\sin^2\theta}{(a^2-a^2\sin^2\theta)^{3/2}} a\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{a^2\sin^2\theta}{(a^2\cos^2\theta)^{3/2}} a\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{a^2\sin^2\theta}{(a^3\cos^3\theta)} a\cos\theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{1-\cos^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} d\theta = \int (\sec^2\theta - 1) d\theta \\
 &= \int \sec^2\theta d\theta - \int d\theta \\
 &= \tan\theta - \theta + C \\
 &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int \frac{1}{x^2\sqrt{x^2+2^2}} dx$

Solution:

$$\text{Put } x = 2\tan\theta, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}; \quad dx = 2\sec^2\theta d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{1}{x^2\sqrt{x^2+2^2}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{4\tan^2\theta\sqrt{4\tan^2\theta+4}} 2\sec^2\theta d\theta \\
&= \int \frac{1}{4\tan^2\theta 2\sec\theta} 2\sec^2\theta d\theta \\
&= \int \frac{1}{4\tan^2\theta} \sec\theta d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin^2\theta} d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int \cosec\theta \cot\theta d\theta \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} \cosec\theta + C \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{x} + C \\
&= -\frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{4x} + C
\end{aligned}$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int_0^{3\sqrt{3}/2} \frac{x^3}{(4x^2+9)^{3/2}} dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Given } \int_0^{3\sqrt{3}/2} \frac{x^3}{(4x^2+9)^{3/2}} dx \\
&= \int_0^{3\sqrt{3}/2} \frac{x^3}{8(x^2+\frac{9}{4})^{3/2}} dx
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{3}{2}\tan\theta; \quad x = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
dx &= \frac{3}{2}\sec^2\theta d\theta; \quad x = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \\
&= \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{1}{8} \frac{\frac{27}{8}\tan^3\theta}{\left(\frac{9}{4}\tan^2\theta+\frac{9}{4}\right)^{3/2}} \frac{3}{2}\sec^2\theta d\theta \\
&= \int_0^{\pi/3} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \left(\frac{27}{8}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{\tan^3\theta \sec^2\theta}{\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^{3/2} (1+\tan^2\theta)^{3/2}} d\theta \\
&= \int_0^{\pi/3} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \left(\frac{27}{8}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^{3/2} \frac{\tan^3\theta \sec^2\theta}{(\sec^2\theta)^{3/2}} d\theta \\
&= \int_0^{\pi/3} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \left(\frac{27}{8}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \frac{\tan^3\theta}{\sec\theta} d\theta \\
&= \int_0^{\pi/3} \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{\tan^3\theta}{\sec\theta} d\theta \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^2\theta}{\sec\theta} \tan\theta d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} \left(\frac{\sec^2 \theta - 1}{\sec \theta} \right) \tan \theta d\theta \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} (\sec \theta - \cos \theta) \tan \theta d\theta \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} (\sec \theta \tan \theta - \sin \theta) d\theta \\
&= \frac{3}{16} [(\sec \theta + \cos \theta)]_0^{\pi/3} \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \left[\left(2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) - (1 + 1) \right] = \frac{3}{32} \\
&= \sin \theta + C \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{x} + C
\end{aligned}$$

