

MATH 155 - Chapter 8.3 - Trigonometric Integrals

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1. Evaluating $\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx$:

Case 1. n=odd: Save one cosine factor and use $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$. Let $u = \sin x$.

Case 2. m=odd: Save one sine factor and use $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$. Let $u = \cos x$.

Case 3. n=even, m=even: Use half-angle identities, and other identities.

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x), \quad \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x), \quad \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x = \sin x \cos x$$

Case 4. n=odd and m=odd: Cannot use these formulas given above. Try something else!

2. Evaluating $\int \tan^m x \sec^n x dx$:

Case 1. n=even: Save one factor of $\sec^2 x$ and use $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$. Let $u = \tan x$.

Case 2. m=odd: Save one factor of $\sec x \tan x$ and use $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$. Let $u = \sec x$.

Case 3. Other than case 1 and 2: Cannot apply the formulas given above. Try something else.

3. Useful Formulas:

$$1. \int \tan x dx = \ln |\sec x| + c$$

$$2. \int \sec x dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + c$$

$$3. \int \csc x dx = \ln |\csc x - \cot x| + c$$

$$4. \sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$5. \sin(x - y) = \sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y$$

$$6. \cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

$$7. \cos(x - y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$$