

3.2 Trigonometric Integrals

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Objectives:

1. Products and powers of $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$ integrals.

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Integrals of the form:

$$\int \cos^j(x) \sin^k(x) dx.$$

Strategies:

1. If k is an odd number, rewrite $\sin^k(x) = \sin^{k-1}(x) \sin(x)$ and use the identity $\sin^2(x) = 1 - \cos^2(x)$ to rewrite $\sin^{k-1}(x)$ in terms of $\cos(x)$.
Integrate using u -substitution $u = \cos(x)$
 $du = -\sin(x) dx$.
2. If j is an odd number, rewrite $\cos^j(x) = \cos^{j-1}(x) \cos(x)$ and use the identity $\cos^2(x) = 1 - \sin^2(x)$ to rewrite $\cos^{j-1}(x)$ in terms of $\sin(x)$.
Integrate using u -substitution $u = \sin(x)$
 $du = \cos(x) dx$.
3. If both j and k are odd numbers, then use 1 or 2.
d. $\int \tan^5(x) \sec(x) dx$
4. If both j and k are even numbers, use $\sin^2(x) = (1/2) - (1/2)\cos(2x)$ and $\cos^2(x) = (1/2) + (1/2)\cos(2x)$.
After simplifying, use 1 or 2.

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \cos^2(x) \sin^3(x) dx &= \int \cos^2(x) \sin^2(x) \sin(x) dx && \rightarrow j \text{ even} \quad \rightarrow k \text{ odd} \\ &= \int \cos^2(x) (1 - \cos^2(x)) \sin(x) dx && \rightarrow k-1 \\ &= \int \cos^2(x) (1 - \cos^2(x)) \sin(x) dx && \text{use identity } \sin^2(x) = 1 - \cos^2(x) \\ &= \int \cos^2(x) (1 - \cos^2(x)) \sin(x) dx && \text{use } u\text{-substitution} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int \cos(x) (1 - \cos(x)) \sin(x) dx \\
&\quad \downarrow \text{use } u\text{-substitution} \\
&\quad \text{let } u = \cos(x) \text{ and } du = -\sin(x) dx \\
&= -\int u^2 (1 - u^2) du \\
&= \int (u^4 - u^2) du \\
&= \frac{u^5}{5} - \frac{u^3}{3} + C \quad \rightarrow \text{put back } u = \cos(x) \\
&= \frac{\cos^5(x)}{5} - \frac{\cos^3(x)}{3} + C
\end{aligned}$$

• $\int \sin^4(x) dx = \int (\sin^2(x))^2 dx$ ← even

use identity $\sin^2(x) = (\frac{1}{2}) - (\frac{1}{2})\cos(2x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) \right)^2 dx \\
&= \int \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) + \frac{1}{4} \cos^2(2x) \right) dx \quad \rightarrow \text{even} \\
&\quad \leftarrow \text{doubled coeff} \\
&\text{use identity } \cos^2(2x) = (\frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{1}{2})\cos(4x) \\
&= \int \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(4x) \right) \right) dx \\
&= \int \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \cos(4x) \right) dx \\
&= \int \left(\frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) + \frac{1}{8} \cos(4x) \right) dx \\
&= \frac{3}{8}x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{32} \sin(4x) + C
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating products of sines and cosines of different angles.

Trigonometric Transformations

- $\sin(ax) \sin(bx) = \frac{1}{2} \cos((a-b)x) - \frac{1}{2} \cos((a+b)x)$
- $\sin(ax) \cos(bx) = \frac{1}{2} \sin((a-b)x) + \frac{1}{2} \sin((a+b)x)$

$$\bullet \cos(ax) \cos(bx) = \frac{1}{2} \cos((a-b)x) + \frac{1}{2} \cos((a+b)x)$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \int \sin(5x) \cos(3x) dx &= \int \frac{1}{2} \sin((5-3)x) + \frac{1}{2} \sin((5+3)x) dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(8x) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \cos(2x) - \frac{1}{16} \cos(8x) + C \end{aligned}$$

Mini-Activities

Evaluate the following integrals.

a. $\int \cos^3(x) \sin^2(x) dx$

b. $\int \cos^3(x) dx$

c. $\int \cos(6x) \cos(5x) dx$