

Trigonometric Integrals

Trigonometric Identities:

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1;$$

$$\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$$

$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

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

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos 2x$$

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

Example 1: Find the indefinite integral $\int \cos^3 x \sin^4 x dx$.

Note: Power of the cosine is *odd*.

$$\int \cos^3 x \sin^4 x dx = \int \cos^2 x \cdot \cos x \sin^4 x dx = \int \cos^2 x \cdot \sin^4 x \cdot \cos x dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cdot \sin^4 x \cdot \cos x dx$$

Now let $u = \sin x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \cos x \Rightarrow du = \cos x dx$

$$\int \cos^3 x \sin^4 x dx = \int \cos^2 x \cdot \cos x \sin^4 x dx$$

$$= \int \cos^2 x \cdot \sin^4 x \cdot \cos x dx$$

$$= \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cdot \sin^4 x \cdot \cos x dx$$

$$= \int (1 - u^2) \cdot u^4 \cdot du$$

$$= \int (u^4 - u^6) \cdot du = \frac{u^5}{5} - \frac{u^7}{7} + C$$

$$= \frac{(\sin x)^5}{5} - \frac{(\sin x)^7}{7} + C$$

Example 2: Find the indefinite integral $\int \sin^3 3x dx$.

Note: Power of the sine is *odd*.

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

$$\text{Now let } u = \cos 3x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = -\sin 3x \cdot (3) = -3 \cdot \sin 3x$$

$$\Rightarrow du = -3 \sin 3x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{3} du = \sin 3x dx$$

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

$$= \int (1 - u^2) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{3} du\right) = -\frac{1}{3} \int (1 - u^2) \cdot du$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \left(u - \frac{u^3}{3} \right) + C$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \left(\cos 3x - \frac{(\cos 3x)^3}{3} \right) + C$$

Example 3: Find the indefinite integral $\int \cos^3 \frac{x}{3} dx$. *Note* : Power of the cosine is *odd*.

$$\int \cos^3 \frac{x}{3} dx = \int \cos^2 \frac{x}{3} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{3} dx = \int \left(1 - \sin^2 \frac{x}{3}\right) \cdot \cos \frac{x}{3} dx$$

$$\text{Now let } u = \sin \frac{x}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \cos \frac{x}{3} \cdot D_x \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) = \cos \frac{x}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow du = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \cos \frac{x}{3} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow 3du = \cos \frac{x}{3} dx$$

$$\int \cos^3 \frac{x}{3} dx = \int \cos^2 \frac{x}{3} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{3} dx = \int \left(1 - \sin^2 \frac{x}{3}\right) \cdot \cos \frac{x}{3} dx$$

$$= \int (1 - u^2) \cdot (3du) = 3 \int (1 - u^2) \cdot du = 3 \left(u - \frac{u^3}{3} \right) + C$$

$$= 3 \left(\sin \frac{x}{3} - \frac{\left(\sin \frac{x}{3}\right)^3}{3} \right) + C$$

Example 4: Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{\cos^5 x}{\sqrt{\sin x}} dx$.

Note : Power of the cosine is *odd*.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{\cos^5 x}{\sqrt{\sin x}} dx &= \int \cos^5 x \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin x}} dx = \int \cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 x \cdot \cos x \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin x}} dx \\ &= \int (1 - \sin^2 x)(1 - \sin^2 x) \cdot \cos x \frac{1}{(\sin x)^{1/2}} dx \\ &= \int (1 - \sin^2 x)(1 - \sin^2 x)(\sin x)^{-1/2} \cdot \cos x dx\end{aligned}$$

Now let $u = \sin x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \cos x \Rightarrow du = \cos x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{\cos^5 x}{\sqrt{\sin x}} dx &= \int (1 - \sin^2 x)(1 - \sin^2 x)(\sin x)^{-1/2} \cdot \cos x dx \\ &= \int (1 - u^2)(1 - u^2)(u)^{-1/2} \cdot (du) \\ &= \int (1 - 2u^2 + u^4)(u)^{-1/2} \cdot (du) = \int (u^{-1/2} - 2u^{3/2} + u^{7/2}) \cdot (du) \\ &= u^{1/2} (2) - 2u^{5/2} (2/5) + u^{9/2} (2/9) + C = 2u^{1/2} - \frac{4}{5}u^{5/2} + \frac{2}{9}u^{9/2} + C \\ &= 2(\sin x)^{1/2} - \frac{4}{5}(\sin x)^{5/2} + \frac{2}{9}(\sin x)^{9/2} + C\end{aligned}$$

Example 5: Find the indefinite integral $\int \sin^4 x dx$.

$$\text{Recall: } \sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\cos 2x$$

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

$$\text{Note: } \int (\cos 2x)^2 dx = \int (\cos^2 2x) dx$$

$$\text{Let } u = 2x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 2 \Rightarrow du = 2dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} du = dx$$

$$\int (\cos 2x)^2 dx = \int (\cos^2 2x) dx = \int \cos^2 u \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} du \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \cos^2 u \cdot du = \frac{1}{2} \int \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2u \right) \cdot du = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} u + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2u \right) \right]$$

$$\text{Note: } \int \cos b u du = \frac{1}{b} [\sin 2u]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} u + \frac{1}{8} \sin 2u$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (2x) + \frac{1}{8} \sin(4x) = \frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{8} \sin(4x) + C$$

For $\int (\cos 2x) dx$:

$$\text{Let } u = 2x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 2 \Rightarrow du = 2dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} du = dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\cos 2x) dx &= \int (\cos u) \left(\frac{1}{2} du \right) = \frac{1}{2} \int (\cos u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\sin u] = \frac{1}{2} [\sin 2x] \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

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

Example 6: Find the indefinite integral $I = \int x^2 \sin^2 x dx$.

$$\text{Recall: } \sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x)$$

$$I = \int x^2 \sin^2 x dx = \int x^2 \left[\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x) \right] dx = \frac{1}{2} \int (x^2 - x^2 \cos 2x) dx = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int (x^2) dx}_{I_2} - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\int (x^2 \cos 2x) dx}_{I_3}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{2} \int (x^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{6} x^3$$

To find $I_3 = \int (x^2 \cos 2x) dx$, we can use Integration by Parts.

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

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2x \quad \int dv = \int \cos 2x dx$$

$$du = 2x dx \quad v = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x$$

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

$$I_3 = \int (x^2 \cos 2x) dx = (x^2) \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right) - \int \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x (2x) dx$$

$$I_3 = \int (x^2 \cos 2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} (x^2) (\sin 2x) - \int x \sin 2x dx$$

For $\int x \sin 2x dx$ we can use Integration by Parts.

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

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 1 \qquad \int dv = \int \sin 2x dx$$

$$du = dx \qquad v = -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x$$

$$\text{Hence, } \int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

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

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

$$\int (x \sin 2x) dx = -\frac{1}{2} x (\cos 2x) - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2x$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{2} (x^2) (\sin 2x) - \left[-\frac{1}{2} x (\cos 2x) - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2x \right]$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{2} (x^2) (\sin 2x) + \frac{1}{2} x (\cos 2x) + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2x$$

Therefore, $I = \int x^2 \sin^2 x dx = I_2 - \frac{1}{2}I_3$

$$I = \int x^2 \sin^2 x dx = \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}(x^2)(\sin 2x) + \frac{1}{2}x(\cos 2x) + \frac{1}{4}\sin 2x \right] + C$$

Example 7: $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^9 x dx$ Note: $n = 9$

Using Wallis's Formula:

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^9 x dx = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)\left(\frac{8}{9}\right) = \frac{384}{945}$$

Example 8:

$$\int \sec^4 2x dx \quad \text{Note: power of the secant is even}$$

Trigonometric Identity: $1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec^4 2x dx &= \int (\sec^2 2x)(\sec^2 2x) dx \\ &= \int (1 + \tan^2 2x)(\sec^2 2x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now Let } u = \tan 2x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \sec^2 2x \cdot D_x(2x) = \sec^2 2x \cdot (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow du = 2\sec^2 2x dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} du = \sec^2 2x dx$$

$$\int \sec^4 2x dx = \int (1 + \tan^2 2x)(\sec^2 2x) dx$$

$$= \int (1 + u^2) \left(\frac{1}{2} du \right) = \frac{1}{2} \int (1 + u^2) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[u + \frac{u^3}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\tan 2x + \frac{(\tan 2x)^3}{3} \right] + C$$

Example 9:

$$\int \tan^6 3x dx \quad \text{Note: power of the tangent is even}$$

Trigonometric Identity: $1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x \Rightarrow \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^6 3x dx &= \int (\tan^4 3x)(\tan^2 3x) dx = \int (\tan^4 3x)(\sec^2 3x - 1) dx \\ &= \int (\tan^4 3x \sec^2 3x - \tan^4 3x) dx = \int (\tan^4 3x \sec^2 3x) dx - \int (\tan^4 3x) dx \end{aligned}$$

For $\int (\tan^4 3x \sec^2 3x) dx$:

$$\text{Let } u = \tan 3x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = (\sec^2 3x) D_x(3x) = (\sec^2 3x) \cdot 3 \Rightarrow du = 3(\sec^2 3x) dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} du = (\sec^2 3x) dx$$

$$\int (\tan^4 3x \sec^2 3x) dx = \int (\tan^4 3x)(\sec^2 3x) dx$$

$$= \int u^4 \left(\frac{1}{3} du \right) = \frac{1}{3} \int u^4 du = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{u^5}{5} \right] = \frac{1}{15} [u^5] = \frac{1}{15} [(\tan 3x)^5]$$

For $\int \tan^4 3x dx$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^4 3x dx &= \int (\tan^2 3x)(\tan^2 3x) dx = \int (\sec^2 3x - 1)(\tan^2 3x) dx = \int (\sec^2 3x \cdot \tan^2 3x - \tan^2 3x) dx \\ &= \underbrace{\int (\sec^2 3x \cdot \tan^2 3x) dx}_{I_3} - \underbrace{\int (\tan^2 3x) dx}_{I_4}\end{aligned}$$

$$I_3 = \int (\sec^2 3x \cdot \tan^2 3x) dx, \quad \text{let } u = \tan x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \sec^2 3x \cdot 3$$

$$\Rightarrow du = 3 \sec^2 3x dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} du = \sec^2 3x dx$$

$$I_3 = \int (\sec^2 3x \cdot \tan^2 3x) dx = \int (\tan^2 3x \cdot \sec^2 3x) dx = \int u^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} du = \frac{1}{3} u^3 \cdot 3 = u^3 = (\tan x)^3$$

$$I_4 = \int (\tan^2 3x) dx = \int (\sec^2 3x - 1) dx = \frac{1}{3} \tan 3x - x \quad \text{Note: } \int (\sec^2 bx) dx = \frac{1}{b} \tan bx$$

$$\text{So } \int \tan^4 3x dx = I_3 - I_4 = (\tan x)^3 - \left[\frac{1}{3} \tan 3x - x \right] = (\tan x)^3 - \frac{1}{3} \tan 3x + x$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^6 3x dx &= \int (\tan^4 3x \sec^2 3x) dx - \int (\tan^4 3x) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{15} [(\tan 3x)^5] \right] - \left[\frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{\tan^3 3x}{3} - [-3x + \tan 3x] \right] \right] + C\end{aligned}$$

Example 10:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^3 3x dx &= \int (\tan^2 3x)(\tan 3x) dx = \int (\sec^2 3x - 1)(\tan 3x) dx = \int (\sec^2 3x \cdot \tan 3x - \tan 3x) dx \\ &= \underbrace{\int (\sec^2 3x \cdot \tan 3x) dx}_{I_3} - \underbrace{\int (\tan 3x) dx}_{I_4}\end{aligned}$$

$$I_3 = \int (\sec^2 3x \cdot \tan 3x) dx, \text{ let } u = \tan x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \sec^2 3x \cdot 3 \Rightarrow du = 3 \sec^2 3x dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} du = \sec^2 3x dx$$

$$I_3 = \int (\sec^2 3x \cdot \tan 3x) dx = \int (\tan 3x \cdot \sec^2 3x) dx = \int u \cdot \frac{1}{3} du = \frac{1}{3} u^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6} u^3 = \frac{1}{6} (\tan x)^2$$

$$I_4 = \int (\tan 3x) dx = -\frac{1}{3} \ln |\cos 3x|$$

$$\text{Note: } \int (\tan bx) dx = -\frac{1}{b} \ln |\cos bx|$$

$$\text{So } \int \tan^3 3x dx = I_3 - I_4 = \frac{1}{6} (\tan x)^2 - \left[-\frac{1}{3} \ln |\cos 3x| \right] = \frac{1}{6} (\tan x)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \ln |\cos 3x| + C$$