

Inverse Trig Functions

In our derivative section we found:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

so we define

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \sin^{-1} x + C$$

we typically don't
use $-\cos^{-1} x$

Similarly

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

so

$$\int \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \tan^{-1} x + C$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1} x = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

so

$$\int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} = \sec^{-1} |x| + C$$

EX 1 $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$?

Kinda looks like $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \sin^{-1} x + C$

but there's a 4 in our problem?

I'm going to try a sub. to make it look like

let $x = au$

so $4-x^2 = 4-a^2u^2$ can I choose a so

that $4-a^2u^2 = 4-4u^2$?

why - so when I factor $4-4u^2 = 4(1-u^2)$

Well, if $a=2$

so $x=2u$ $dx=2du$

$\int \frac{2du}{\sqrt{4-4u^2}} = \int \frac{2du}{\sqrt{4(1-u^2)}} = \int \frac{2du}{2\sqrt{1-u^2}}$

$= \sin^{-1} u + C = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$

ex 2 looks like $\int \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \tan^{-1}x + C$

$$\int \frac{dx}{9+16x^2}$$

Again let $x = au$ so $dx = a du$

$$\int \frac{a du}{9+16a^2u^2} \leftarrow \text{I'd like the bottom to look like } 1+u^2$$

if I pick (Good!)

$$16a^2 = 9 \text{ so } 9+16a^2u^2 = 9+9u^2 = 9(1+u^2)$$

$$\text{so } a = \frac{3}{4} \text{ so } x = \frac{3}{4}u$$

$$\text{My } \int \frac{\frac{3}{4} du}{9+16\left(\frac{9}{16}\right)u^2} = \int \frac{\frac{3}{4} du}{9(1+u^2)} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} \tan^{-1}u + C$$

$$\text{so } = \frac{1}{12} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}u\right) + C$$

$$\text{ex 3 } \int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^4-1}}$$

Which looks like $\int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} = \ln^{-1}|x| + C$

Compare, let $u = x^2$

Since $u^2 - 1 = x^4 - 1$

Now $du = 2x dx$ so $dx = \frac{du}{2x}$

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

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2-1}} = \frac{1}{2} \ln^{-1}|u| + C$$

so Ans $\frac{1}{2} \ln^{-1}(x^2) + C$

exp $\int \frac{dx}{x^2+2x+2}$ the 2x is giving us a prob! 355

completing the square

$$\begin{aligned}x^2+2x+2 &= (x^2+2x)+2 \\&= (x^2+2x+1-1)+2 \\&= (x^2+2x+1)-1+2 \\&= (x+1)^2+1\end{aligned}$$

so $\int \frac{dx}{(x+1)^2+1}$ let $u = x+1$
 $du = dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{du}{u^2+1} &= \tan^{-1} u + c \\&= \tan^{-1}(x+1) + c\end{aligned}$$

A comparison

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$$\textcircled{1} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \int \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$(1) \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \sin^{-1} x + C$$

$$(2) \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = -\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{let } u = 1-x^2 \\ du = -2x dx \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\int \frac{-\frac{1}{2} du}{u^{1/2}} = -\sqrt{u}$$

(3) we need more
techniques
(Calc 2)

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$$\int_{\sqrt{3}}^3 \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{4x^2-9}}$$

let $x = \frac{3}{2}u$ so $4x^2 - 9 = 4 \cdot \frac{9}{4}u^2 - 9 = 9(u^2 - 1)$

$$dx = \frac{3}{2} du$$

$$\int \frac{\frac{3}{2} du}{\frac{3}{2} u \sqrt{9(u^2-1)}} = \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2-1}}$$

Now the limits $u = \frac{2}{3}x$ $x = \sqrt{3}$ $u = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

$x = 3$ $u = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 3 = 2$

$$\int_{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}}^2 \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2-1}} = \sec^{-1} u \Big|_{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}}^2 = \sec^{-1} 2 - \sec^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$\sec^{-1} 2 = \theta$ $\sec^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \theta$

$\sec \theta = 2$

$\sec \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$

$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$

(a little harder than some of the other probs)