

Products of powers of sine and cosines

Find the integral

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

Using Pythagorean identity $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$
1. m is odd

 Use the identity $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$
Example

 Find the integral $\int \sin^5(2x) \cos^3(2x) dx$

 We first use a u -substitution $u = 2x$, $du = 2dx$, to obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \sin^5 u \cos^3 u du$$

To solve the integral

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

 One more u -substitution, with $v = \cos u$ and $dv = -\sin u du$, gives

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2} \int (v^3 - 2v^5 + v^7) dv &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{v^4}{4} - 2\frac{v^6}{6} + \frac{v^8}{8} \right) + C = \frac{v^6}{6} - \frac{v^4}{8} - \frac{v^8}{16} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cos^6 u - \frac{1}{8} \cos^4 u - \frac{1}{16} \cos^8 u + C \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cos^6(2x) - \frac{1}{8} \cos^4(2x) - \frac{1}{16} \cos^8(2x) + C \end{aligned}$$

2. m is even and n is odd

 Use the identity $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$ and follow the same procedure as the previous case.

Using double angle identities

 When both m and n are even, we use the following identities

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

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Example

Find the integral

$$\int 8 \sin^4 y \cos^2 y \, dy$$

Substitution gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int 8 (\sin^2 y)^2 \cos^2 y \, dy &= \int 8 \left(\frac{1 - \cos(2y)}{2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1 + \cos(2y)}{2} \right) \, dy \\ &= \int 8 \left(\frac{1 - 2\cos(2y) + \cos^2(2y)}{4} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \cos(2y)}{2} \right) \, dy \\ &= \int (1 + \cos(2y) - 2\cos(2y) - 2\cos^2(2y) + \cos^2(2y) + \cos^3(2y)) \, dy \\ &= \int (1 - \cos(2y) - \cos^2(2y) + \cos^3(2y)) \, dy \\ &= \int dy - \int \cos(2y) \, dy - \int \frac{1 + \cos(4y)}{2} \, dy + \int (1 - \sin^2(2y)) \cos(2y) \, dy \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2} \, dy - \int \cos(2y) \, dy - \int \frac{1}{2} \cos(4y) \, dy + \int \frac{1}{2} (1 - u^2) \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2y) - \frac{1}{8} \sin(4y) + \frac{1}{2}u - \frac{1}{6}u^3 + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2y) - \frac{1}{8} \sin(4y) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2y) - \frac{1}{6} \sin^3(2y) + C \end{aligned}$$

Eliminating square roots

We can use the Pythagorean and double angle identities to simplify square roots, as in the two examples below.

Example 1

Find the integral

$$\int \theta \sqrt{1 - \cos(2\theta)} \, d\theta$$

Using the double angle identity we obtain

$$\int \theta \sqrt{1 - \cos(2\theta)} \, d\theta = \int \theta \sqrt{2 \sin^2 \theta} \, d\theta = \sqrt{2} \int \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta,$$

Integration by parts gives

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \theta, & du &= d\theta \\ dv &= \sin \theta \, d\theta, & v &= -\cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2} \int \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta &= -\theta \cos \theta + \int \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= -\theta \cos \theta + \sin \theta + C \end{aligned}$$



Eliminating square roots, cont.

Example 2

Find the integral $\int (1 - \cos^2 t)^{3/2} dt$

Using the Pythagorean identity we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int (1 - \cos^2 t)^{3/2} dt &= \int (\sin^2 t)^{3/2} dt = \int \sin^3 t dt \\ &= \int (1 - \cos^2 t) \sin t dt \\ &= \int (u^2 - 1) du \\ &= \frac{1}{3}u^3 - u + C = \frac{1}{3}\cos^3 t - \cos t + C. \end{aligned}$$

Integrals of sines and cosines

Use integration by parts.

Example

Find the integral $\int \sin(2x) \cos(3x) dx$.

- We use integration by parts with

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin(2x), & du &= 2 \cos(2x) dx \\ dv &= \cos(3x) dx, & v &= \frac{1}{3} \sin(3x) \end{aligned}$$

giving

$$\int \sin(2x) \cos(3x) dx = \frac{1}{3} \sin(2x) \sin(3x) - \frac{2}{3} \int \cos(2x) \sin(3x) dx.$$

- We integrate the last integral by parts with,

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \cos(2x), & du &= -2 \sin(2x) dx \\ dv &= \sin(3x) dx, & v &= -\frac{1}{3} \cos(3x) \end{aligned}$$

to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin(2x) \cos(3x) dx &= \frac{1}{3} \sin(2x) \sin(3x) - \frac{2}{3} \left[-\frac{1}{3} \cos(2x) \cos(3x) - \frac{2}{3} \int \sin(2x) \cos(3x) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sin(2x) \sin(3x) + \frac{2}{9} \cos(2x) \cos(3x) + \frac{4}{9} \int \sin(2x) \cos(3x) dx \end{aligned}$$

- We subtract $\frac{4}{9} \int \sin(2x) \cos(3x) dx$ on both sides, to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5}{9} \int \sin(2x) \cos(3x) dx &= \frac{1}{3} \sin(2x) \sin(3x) + \frac{2}{9} \cos(2x) \cos(3x) + C \\ \int \sin(2x) \cos(3x) dx &= \frac{3}{5} \sin(2x) \sin(3x) + \frac{2}{5} \cos(2x) \cos(3x) + C \end{aligned}$$

Integrals of powers of $\tan x$ and $\sec x$

We use the identity $1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$.

Example

Find the integral $\int \sec^4 x \tan^2 x \, dx$.

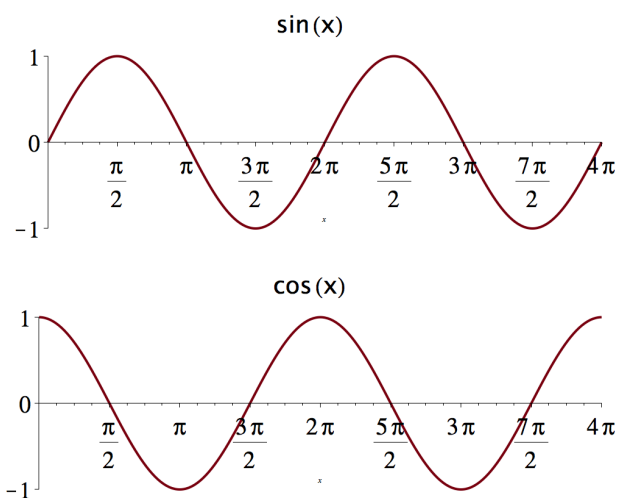
$$\int \sec^4 x \tan^2 x \, dx = \int \sec^2 x (1 + \tan^2 x) \tan^2 x \, dx = \int \sec^2 x (\tan^2 x + \tan^4 x) \, dx,$$

using the substitution $u = \tan x$, $du = \sec^2 x \, dx$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec^4 x \tan^2 x \, dx &= \int (u^2 + u^4) \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{3}u^3 + \frac{1}{5}u^5 + C \\ &= \frac{1}{3}\tan^3 x + \frac{1}{5}\tan^5 x + C \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating definite integrals

To evaluate sines and cosines, it is always useful to remember the plots for sine and cosine,



And the 1-1-2 and 1-2-3 triangles

