

Integration by Method of Substitution

Study Material - Some integrands which are not in standard form can be reduced to one or other of the standard form by suitably changing the independent variable.

Method of Integration

Form I - $\int f(g(x)) g'(x) dx$

for put $g(x) = z$
 $g'(x) dx = dz$

$\Rightarrow \int f(z) dz$

Form II - $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$ put $f(x) = z$
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) dx = dz$

Form III - $\int \frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{f(x)}} dx$ put $f(x) = z$
 $f'(x) dx = dz$

Form IV $\rightarrow \int \sin(f(x)) f'(x) dx$
put $f(x) = z$
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) dx = dz$

Form V - $\int |f(x)|^n f'(x) dx$
put $f(x) = z \Rightarrow |f(x)|^n = z^n$
 $f'(x) dx = dz$

Form $\rightarrow \int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx$

Case I If $m+n = -ve$ Even No.
put $\tan x = z$

$$\begin{array}{c} \sqrt{1+z^2} \\ \backslash \\ 1 \end{array} \quad z \Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{z}{(1+z^2)^{1/2}}$$

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

$$\sec^2 x = 1+z^2$$

Case 2
If

$m+n = +ve$ even No

Also $m = +$ even No

$n = +$ even No

Then use Multiple angle formula

$$\sin^2 kx = \frac{1}{2} [1 - \cos 2kx]$$

$$\cos^2 kx = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \cos 2kx]$$

Case 3 - If m is odd

Then we write $\int \sin^{m-1} x \cos^n x \sin x dx$

Convert $\sin^{n-1} x$ in terms of $\cos x$ by using

$$\text{put } \cos x = z$$

$$\sin x dx = -dz$$

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

If n is odd

Then we write

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^{n-1} x \cos x dx$$

Convert $\cos^{n-1} x$ in terms of $\sin x$

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

$$\text{put } \sin x = z$$

$$\cos x dx = dz$$

Form - $\int \sec^m x \tan^n x dx$

$\int \sec^{m+1} x \tan^n x dx$ | $\int \sec^{m-2} x \tan^n x \sec^2 x dx$

put $\sec x = z$

$\Rightarrow \sec x \tan x dx = dz$

Convert $\tan^{n+1} x$ in term of $\sec x$
it is used only if $n+1 = \text{even}$

put $\tan x = z$

$\sec^2 x dx = dz$

Convert $\sec^{m-2} x$ in Term
of $\tan x$ as is possible
only $m-2 = \text{even}$

Same for $\int u^m x u^n dx$

Form $\rightarrow$ Functions of the form $f(ax+b)$

put $ax+b = z$

put $ax+b = z^2$ if $ax+b$ occurs under the
sign of square root.

$ax+b = z^3$ if $ax+b$ occurs under
the sign of cube root.

Trigonometric substitution

$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$

put $x = a \tan \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = x/a$

$dx = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} x/a$

$a^2 + x^2 = a^2 \tan^2 \theta$

put $x = a \sin \theta$ $\sin \theta = x/a$

$\Rightarrow a^2 - x^2 = a^2 \cos^2 \theta$ $\theta = \sin^{-1} x/a$

$dx = a \cos \theta d\theta$

$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$

put $x = a \sec \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \sec^{-1} x/a$

$dx = a \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$

$x^2 - a^2 = a^2 \tan^2 \theta$

$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$

$\sqrt{a-x}$ or $\sqrt{a+x}$

or $\sqrt{\frac{a-x}{a+x}}$ or $\sqrt{\frac{a+x}{a-x}}$

put $x = a \cos 2\theta$

$dx = -2a \sin 2\theta d\theta$

$a-x = a(1-\cos 2\theta) = 2a \sin^2 \theta$

$a+x = a(1+\cos 2\theta) = 2a \cos^2 \theta$

$\theta = \cos^{-1} x/a$

Evaluate 1.

$$\int \frac{\cos \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

put $\sqrt{x} = z$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx = dz$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = 2 dz$$

$$I = 2 \int \cos z dz = 2 \sin z + C$$
$$= 2 \sin \sqrt{x} + C$$

$$\int \frac{\sin(g(x))}{\cos(g(x))} g'(x) dx$$

put $g(x) = z$

$$g'(x) dx = dz$$

$$2. I = \int \frac{1}{x^2} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx$$

Form $\int \sin(g(x)) dx$

put $g(x) = z$

$$g'(x) dx = dz$$

put $\frac{1}{x} = z$

$$-\frac{1}{x^2} dx = dz \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -dz$$

$$= - \int \sin z dz = \cos z + C$$
$$= \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + C$$

$$3. \int (1 + \cos x)^5 \sin x dx$$

Form $\int (f(x))^n f'(x) dx$

put $1 + \cos x = z$

$$\sin x dx = -dz$$

put $f(x) = z$

$$f'(x) dx = dz$$

$$= - \int z^5 dz = - \frac{z^6}{6} + C$$

$$= - \frac{(1 + \cos x)^6}{6} + C$$

$$4. \int \frac{\sec^2 x}{\sqrt{1 + \tan x}} dx$$

$$= \int [1 + \tan x]^{-1/2} \sec^2 x dx$$

Put $1 + \tan x = z$
 $\sec^2 x dx = dz$

form $\int f(z) dz$

$$\therefore I = \int z^{-1/2} dz = 2z^{1/2} + C$$

$$= 2\sqrt{1 + \tan x} + C$$

5. $I = \int \frac{\sec^2(\log x)}{x} dx$

form $\int f(g(x)) g'(x) dx$

put $g(x) = z$

$\Rightarrow g'(x) dx = dz$

put $\log x = z$
 $\frac{1}{x} dx = dz$

$$= \int \sec^2 z dz = \tan z + C$$

$$= \tan(\log x) + C$$

6. $\int \frac{1 + \cos x}{\sqrt[3]{x + \sin x}} dx$

form $\int f(z) dz$

put $f(x) = z$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) dx = dz$

$$= \int [x + \sin x]^{-1/3} (1 + \cos x) dx$$

put $x + \sin x = z$
 $(1 + \cos x) dx = dz$

$$= \int z^{-1/3} dz = \frac{z^{-1/3+1}}{-1/3+1} + C$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} z^{2/3} + C$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} (x + \sin x)^{2/3} + C$$

Evaluate

$$I \int \frac{1 - \sin x}{x + \cos^2 x} dx$$

$$\text{put } x + \cos^2 x = z$$

$$[1 + \cos x (-\sin x)] dx = dz$$

$$\Rightarrow [1 - \sin x] dx = dz$$

$$\text{form } \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$$

$$\text{put } f(x) = z$$

$$f'(x) dx = dz$$

$$= \int \frac{dz}{z} = \log z + C$$

$$= \log (x + \cos^2 x) + C$$

$$II \int \frac{\sec x + \cos x}{\sin x - \cos x} dx$$

$$\text{form } \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$$

$$\text{put } \sin x - \cos x = z$$

$$[\cos x + \sin x] dx = dz$$

$$= \int \frac{dz}{z} = \log |z|$$

$$= \log |\sin x - \cos x| + C$$