

8.2: Trigonometric Integrals

Recall:

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

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

half-angle identities:

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

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

$$\sin x \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x$$

EXAMPLE 1. Evaluate $I = \int \cos x \sin^{2011} x \, dx$

EXAMPLE 2. Evaluate $I = \int \sin^5 x \, dx$

EXAMPLE 3. Evaluate $I = \int \sin^{2010} x \cos^3 x \, dx$

RULE: How to evaluate $\int \sin^n x \cos^m x \, dx$

1. If n is odd use substitution $u = \cos x$ (Strip out one sine and convert the rest to cosine.)
2. If m is odd use substitution $u = \sin x$ (Strip out one cosine and convert the rest to sine.)
3. If both n and m are odd use 1 or 2.
4. If both n and m are even, use the half-angle identities:

EXAMPLE 4. Evaluate $I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 x \, dx$

EXAMPLE 5. Evaluate $I = \int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx$

RULE: How to evaluate $\int \sec^n x \tan^m x \, dx$

1. If n is even use formula $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$ and substitution

$$u = \tan x \quad \Rightarrow \quad du = \sec^2 x \, dx.$$

2. If m is odd use formula $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$ and substitution

$$u = \sec x \quad \Rightarrow \quad du = \sec x \tan x \, dx$$

REMARK 6. Integral $\int \csc^n x \cot^m x \, dx$ can be found by similar methods because of the identity $1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x$

EXAMPLE 7. Evaluate $I = \int \sec^{2011} x \tan^5 x \, dx$

EXAMPLE 8. Evaluate $I = \int \frac{\sin^{10} x}{\cos^{14} x} dx$

RULE: How to evaluate $\int \sin(Ax) \cos(Bx) dx, \int \sin(Ax) \sin(Bx) dx, \int \cos(Ax) \cos(Bx) dx$
Use the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin A \cos B &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin(A - B) + \sin(A + B)) \\ \sin A \sin B &= \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)) \\ \cos A \cos B &= \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B))\end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 9. Evaluate $I = \int \cos(25x) \cos(4x) dx$