

### 8.3: Trigonometric Substitution

integral with	substitution	identity
$a^2 - x^2$	$x = a \sin \theta, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$1 - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$
$a^2 + x^2$	$x = a \tan \theta, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$	$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$
$x^2 - a^2$	$x = a \sec \theta, \quad 0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \pi \leq \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$
$ax^2 + bx + c$	complete squares and then do the correct substitution	

EXAMPLE 1. Use a trigonometric substitution to eliminate the radical:

(a)  $\sqrt{1 - x^2}$

(b)  $\sqrt{1 - 3x^2}$

(c)  $\sqrt{x^2 + 16}$

(d)  $\sqrt{49x^2 + 16}$

EXAMPLE 2. Evaluate the given integral:

(a)  $\int \frac{1}{x^2\sqrt{5-x^2}} dx$

(b)  $\int_{\sqrt{5}/2}^{\sqrt{10}/2} \frac{1}{x^2\sqrt{5-x^2}} dx$

(c)  $\int_0^{4/7} \frac{1}{(49x^2 + 16)^{3/2}} dx$