

Chapter 8. Techniques of integration
Section 8.3 Trigonometric substitution

Assume that g is one-to-one function (g^{-1} exists). Then

$$\int f(x)dx = \int f(g(t))g'(t)dt$$

$$x = g(t)$$

$$dx = g'(t)dt$$

This kind of substitution is called **inverse substitution**.

Table of trigonometric substitutions

Expression	Substitution	Identity
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \sin t, -\pi/2 \leq t \leq \pi/2$	$1 - \sin^2 t = \cos^2 t$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a \tan t, -\pi/2 < t < \pi/2$	$1 + \tan^2 t = \sec^2 t$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \sec t, 0 \leq t < \pi/2$ or $\pi \leq t < 3\pi/2$	$\sec^2 t - 1 = \tan^2 t$

Example Find

(a) $\int x\sqrt{4-x^2} dx$

Handwritten notes: $2 \sin t$ (pointing to x), $2 \cos t dt$ (pointing to dx)

$x = 2 \sin t$
 $dx = 2 \cos t dt$
 $\sqrt{4-x^2} = \sqrt{4-4\sin^2 t} = \sqrt{4(1-\sin^2 t)}$
 $= \sqrt{4\cos^2 t} = 2 \cos t$

$= \int \overbrace{2 \sin t}^x \overbrace{2 \cos t}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \overbrace{2 \cos t dt}^{dx}$
 $= 8 \int \sin t \cos^2 t dt \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} u = \cos t \\ du = -\sin t dt \end{array} \right.$
 $= -8 \int u^2 du = -8 \frac{u^3}{3} + C$
 $= -\frac{8}{3} \cos^3 t + C$
 $= -\frac{8}{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{2} \right)^3 + C$
 $= -\frac{1}{3} (4-x^2)^{3/2} + C$

$$\sqrt{4-x^2} = 2 \cos t$$

$$\cos t = \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{2}$$

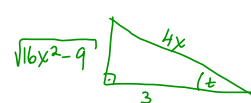
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b) } \int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+4}} dx &= \left. \begin{array}{l} x = 2 \tan t \\ dx = 2 \sec^2 t dt \\ \sqrt{x^2+4} = \sqrt{4 \tan^2 t + 4} = \sqrt{4(\tan^2 t + 1)} \\ = 2 \sec t \end{array} \right| = \int \frac{(2 \tan t)^3}{\cancel{2 \sec t} \cancel{2 \sec^2 t} dt} \\
 &= \int 8 \tan^3 t \sec t dt \\
 &= 8 \int (\tan t \sec t) \tan^2 t dt \\
 &= 8 \int (\tan t \sec t) (\sec^2 t - 1) dt \\
 &\quad \left| \begin{array}{l} u = \sec t \\ du = \tan t \sec t dt \end{array} \right| \\
 &= 8 \int (u^2 - 1) du = 8 \left(\frac{u^3}{3} - u \right) + C \\
 &= 8 \left(\frac{\sec^3 t}{3} - \sec t \right) + C \\
 &= \boxed{8 \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2} \right)^3 - \frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2} \right) + C}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{x^2+4} = 2 \sec t \\ \sec t = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2} \end{array} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c)} \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{16x^2 - 9}} &= \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{16(x^2 - \frac{9}{16})}} = \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2 - \frac{9}{16}}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{\frac{3}{4} \sec t \tan t dt}{\frac{9}{16} \sec^2 t \cdot \frac{3}{4} \tan t} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{16}{9} \int \frac{dt}{\sec t} = \frac{4}{9} \int \cos t dt \\
 &= \frac{4}{9} \sin t + C
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{4}{9} \frac{\sqrt{16x^2 - 9}}{4x} + C}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4x &= 3 \sec t \\
 x &= \frac{3}{4} \sec t = \frac{3}{4} \sec t \\
 dx &= \frac{3}{4} \sec t \tan t dt \\
 \sqrt{x^2 - \frac{9}{16}} &= \sqrt{\frac{9}{16} \sec^2 t - \frac{9}{16}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{9}{16} (\sec^2 t - 1)} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{16} \tan^2 t} \\
 &= \frac{3}{4} \tan t
 \end{aligned}$$



$$x = \frac{3}{4} \sec t$$

$$\sec t = \frac{4x}{3}$$

$$\cos t = \frac{1}{\sec t} = \frac{3}{4x}$$

$$\boxed{\sin t = \frac{\sqrt{16x^2 - 9}}{4x}}$$

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(d) \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 8}}$$

1. Complete the square:

$$(x+2)^2 = x^2 + 4x + 4$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 8 = (x^2 + 4x + 4) + 4 = (x+2)^2 + 4$$

$a^2 + 2ab$
 $a = x$ and $2ab = 4x$
 $b = \frac{4x}{2a} = \frac{4x}{2x} = 2$

$$= \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(x+2)^2 + 4}}$$

2. Do the appropriate substitution.

$$\begin{cases} x+2 = 2 \tan t \\ x = 2 \tan t - 2 \\ dx = 2 \sec^2 t dt \\ \sqrt{(x+2)^2 + 4} = \sqrt{4 \tan^2 t + 4} = \sqrt{4(\tan^2 t + 1)} \\ = \sqrt{4 \sec^2 t} = 2 \sec t \end{cases}$$

$$x+2 = 2 \tan t \rightarrow \tan t = \frac{x+2}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sec t &= \sqrt{(x+2)^2 + 4} \\ \sec t &= \frac{\sqrt{(x+2)^2 + 4}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int \frac{2 \sec^2 t dt}{2 \sec t} = \int \sec t dt = \ln |\sec t + \tan t| + C$$

$$= \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{(x+2)^2 + 4}}{2} + \frac{x+2}{2} \right| + C$$

$$(e) \int e^t \sqrt{9 - e^{2t}} dt \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} u = e^t \\ du = e^t dt \end{array} \right. = \int \sqrt{9 - u^2} du$$

$$= \int 3 \cos z \cdot 3 \cos z dz$$

$$= 9 \int \cos^2 z dz$$

$$= 9 \int \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2z) dz$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left(z + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\sin 2z}_{2 \sin z \cos z} \right) + C$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left(z + \sin z \cos z \right) + C$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left(\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{3} \right) + \frac{u}{3} \frac{\sqrt{9 - u^2}}{3} \right) + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{9}{2} \left(\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{e^t}{3} \right) + \frac{e^t \sqrt{9 - e^{2t}}}{9} \right) + C}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u = 3 \sin z \\ du = 3 \cos z dz \\ \sqrt{9 - u^2} = \sqrt{9 - 9 \sin^2 z} = \sqrt{9(1 - \sin^2 z)} \\ \hspace{10em} \color{red}{\cos^2 z} \\ = \sqrt{9 \cos^2 z} = 3 \cos z \end{array} \right\}$$

$$u = 3 \sin z \Rightarrow z = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{3} \right)$$

$$\sin z = \frac{u}{3}$$

$$\sqrt{9 - u^2} = 3 \cos z$$

$$\cos z = \frac{\sqrt{9 - u^2}}{3}$$

