

Section 7.3: Trigonometric Integrals

A. Guidelines for Evaluating Integrals Involving Sine and Cosine. (Follow in the order given.)

1. If the power of the sine is odd and positive, save one sine factor and convert the remaining factors to cosines. Expand and integrate.

$$\int (\sin^{2k+1} x \cos^n x) dx = \int (\sin^2 x)^k \cos^n x \sin x dx = \int (1 - \cos^2 x)^k \cos^n x \sin x dx$$

2. If the power of the cosine is odd and positive, save one cosine factor and convert the remaining factors to sines. Expand and integrate.

$$\int (\sin^m x \cos^{2k+1} x) dx = \int \sin^m x (\cos^2 x)^k \cos x dx = \int \sin^m x (1 - \sin^2 x)^k \cos x dx$$

3. If the powers of both the sine and cosine are even and nonnegative, make repeated use of the identities

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \qquad \cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$$

to convert the integrand to odd powers of the cosine. Then proceed as in guideline 2.

Examples: 4, 6, 10

B. Wallis's Formulas

1. If n is odd ($n \geq 3$), then

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos^n x) dx = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) \left(\frac{6}{7}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)$$

2. If n is even ($n \geq 2$), then

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos^n x) dx = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

- These formulas are also valid if cosine is replaced with sine.

Example: 18

C. Guidelines for Evaluating Integrals Involving Secant and Tangent (Follow in the order given.)

1. If the power of the secant is even and positive, save the secant-squared factor and convert the remaining factors to tangents. Expand and integrate.

$$\int \sec^{2k} x \tan^n x \, dx = \int (\sec^2 x)^{k-1} \tan^n x \sec^2 x \, dx = \int (1 + \tan^2 x)^{k-1} \tan x \sec^2 x \, dx$$

2. If the power of the tangent is odd and positive, save a secant-tangent factor and convert the remaining factors to secants. Expand and integrate.

$$\int \sec^m x \tan^{2k+1} x \, dx = \int \sec^{m-1} x (\tan^2 x)^k \sec x \tan x \, dx = \int \sec^{m-1} x (\sec^2 x - 1)^k \sec x \tan x \, dx$$

3. If there are no secant factor and the power of the tangent is even and positive, convert a tangent squared factor to a secant squared factor. Expand and integrate.

$$\int \tan^n x \, dx = \int \tan^{n-2} x (\tan^2 x) \, dx = \int \tan^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) \, dx$$

Examples: 24, 32

D. Integrals Involving Sine-Cosine Products with Different Angles

$$\sin mx \sin nx = \frac{1}{2}(\cos[(m-n)x] - \cos[(m+n)x])$$

$$\sin mx \cos nx = \frac{1}{2}(\cos[(m-n)x] + \sin[(m+n)x])$$

$$\cos mx \cos nx = \frac{1}{2}(\cos[(m-n)x] + \cos[(m+n)x])$$

Example: 48

Other Examples: 56, 64