

Math 162
Review of Integration: Functions of a single variable

Evaluate the following integrals or, if they diverge, indicate this.

1. $\int \sin^4 x \, dx$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^4 x \, dx &= \frac{1}{4} \int [1 - \cos(2x)] \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int [1 - 2 \cos(2x) + \cos^2(2x)] \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{8} \int [1 + \cos(4x)] \, dx \\ &= \frac{3}{8} x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{32} \sin(4x) + C.\end{aligned}$$

2. $\int \frac{x^3 + x}{x - 1} \, dx$

By long division, we have that

$$\frac{x^3 + x}{x - 1} = x^2 + x + 2 + \frac{2}{x - 1}.$$

Thus,

$$\int \frac{x^3 + x}{x - 1} \, dx = \int \left(x^2 + x + 2 + \frac{2}{x - 1} \right) \, dx = \frac{1}{3} x^3 + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + 2x + 2 \ln|x - 1| + C.$$

3. $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^{3/2}} \, dx$

Choosing to deal with an indefinite integral for now, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^{-3/2} \ln x \, dx &= -2x^{-1/2} \ln x + 2 \int x^{-3/2} \, dx \quad (\text{integrating by parts}) \\ &= -2x^{-1/2} \ln x - 4x^{-1/2}.\end{aligned}$$

Being an improper integral, we must write our original integral as a limit of proper integrals:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_1^{\infty} x^{-3/2} \ln x \, dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b x^{-3/2} \ln x \, dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-2x^{-1/2} \ln x - 4x^{-1/2} \right]_1^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[4 - \frac{2 \ln b}{\sqrt{b}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{b}} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4 - 2 \left(\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln b}{\sqrt{b}} \right) - \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{\sqrt{b}} \\
&= 4 - 2 \left(\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln b}{\sqrt{b}} \right) \\
&= 4 - 2 \left(\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b^{-1}}{(1/2)b^{-1/2}} \right) \quad (\text{by L'Hôpital's Rule}) \\
&= 4 - 2 \left(\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{b^{1/2}} \right) \\
&= 4.
\end{aligned}$$

4. $\int \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{x^2} dx$

I will use the trig. substitution $x = 3 \sin \theta$ (so $dx = 3 \cos \theta d\theta$). Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{x^2} dx &= \int \frac{\sqrt{9-9\sin^2 \theta}}{9\sin^2 \theta} 3 \cos \theta d\theta \\
&= \int \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta \\
&= \int \cot^2 \theta d\theta \\
&= \int (\csc^2 \theta - 1) d\theta \\
&= -\cot \theta - \theta + C \\
&= -\frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{x} - \arcsin(x/3) + C.
\end{aligned}$$

5. $\int \cos^3 \theta d\theta$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \cos^3 \theta d\theta &= \int \cos^2 \theta \cdot \cos \theta d\theta \\
&= \int (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \cos \theta d\theta \\
&= \int \cos \theta d\theta - \int \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta d\theta \\
&= \sin \theta - \int u^2 du \quad (\text{substituting } u = \sin \theta) \\
&= \sin \theta - \frac{1}{3} u^3 + C \\
&= \sin \theta - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 \theta + C.
\end{aligned}$$

6. $\int_1^4 \frac{11}{(2x+3)^2} dx$

Let $u = 2x + 3$, so $du = 2 dx$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^4 \frac{11}{(2x+3)^2} dx &= \frac{11}{2} \int_5^{11} u^{-2} du \\ &= -\frac{11}{2} \left[\frac{1}{u} \right]_5^{11} \\ &= -\frac{11}{2} \left(\frac{1}{11} - \frac{1}{5} \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

7. $\int_0^2 \frac{dx}{5x-1}$

The integrand $(5x-1)^{-1}$ has an infinite discontinuity at $x = 1/5$, which is between the limits of integration. Thus, this integral is improper and is rightfully expressed as the sum of limits

$$\int_0^2 \frac{dx}{5x-1} = \lim_{a \rightarrow (1/5)^-} \int_0^a \frac{dx}{5x-1} + \lim_{b \rightarrow (1/5)^+} \int_b^2 \frac{dx}{5x-1}.$$

But neither of these limits exists. For instance,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{b \rightarrow (1/5)^+} \int_b^2 \frac{dx}{5x-1} &= \lim_{b \rightarrow (1/5)^+} \frac{1}{5} \ln |5x-1| \Big|_b^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left[\ln 9 - \left(\lim_{b \rightarrow (1/5)^+} \ln(5b-1) \right) \right] \\ &= +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since one (and even both) of the limits does not exist, the original integral diverges.

8. $\int_0^{3\sqrt{3}/2} \frac{x^3}{(4x^2+9)^{3/2}} dx$

The integrand here points to another trig. substitution, this time $x = (3/2) \tan \theta$ (so $dx = (3/2) \sec^2 \theta d\theta$). This gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{3\sqrt{3}/2} \frac{x^3}{(4x^2+9)^{3/2}} dx &= \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{(3/2)^3 \tan^3 \theta \cdot (3/2) \sec^2 \theta}{[4(3/2)^2 \tan^2 \theta + 9]^{3/2}} d\theta \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^4 \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^3 \theta \sec^2 \theta}{[9 \tan^2 \theta + 9]^{3/2}} d\theta \\ &= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^3 \theta \sec^2 \theta}{(1 + \tan^2 \theta)^{3/2}} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^3 \theta \sec^2 \theta}{\sec^3 \theta} d\theta \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan^3 \theta}{\sec \theta} d\theta \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\tan \theta (\sec^2 \theta - 1)}{\sec \theta} d\theta \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} \left(\sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta - \frac{\tan \theta}{\sec \theta} \right) d\theta \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \int_0^{\pi/3} (\sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta - \sin \theta) d\theta \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \left[\sec \theta + \cos \theta \right]_0^{\pi/3} \\
&= \frac{3}{16} \left(2 + \frac{1}{2} - 2 \right) \\
&= \frac{3}{32}.
\end{aligned}$$

9. $\int \frac{2x+1}{x^2-3x+2} dx$

The integrand is a rational function, whose denominator factors to $(x-2)(x-1)$. So, we employ partial fraction expansion:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{2x+1}{x^2-3x+2} &= \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x-1} &\Rightarrow & 2x+1 = A(x-1) + B(x-2) \\
&&\Rightarrow & A = 5, \quad B = -3.
\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{2x+1}{x^2-3x+2} dx &= 5 \int \frac{dx}{x-2} - 3 \int \frac{dx}{x-1} \\
&= 5 \ln |x-2| - 3 \ln |x-1| + C.
\end{aligned}$$