8 Integration Techniques, L'Hôpital's Rule, and Improper Integrals

8.1 Basic Integration Rules

Objective

- Review procedures for fitting an integrand to one of the basic integration rules.

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REVIEW OF BASIC INTEGRATION RULES ($a > 0$)

1. $\int kf(u)\,du = k\int f(u)\,du$
2. $\int [f(u) \pm g(u)]\,du = \int f(u)\,du \pm \int g(u)\,du$
3. $\int du = u + C$
4. $\int u^n\,du = \dfrac{u^{n+1}}{n+1} + C, \quad n \neq -1$
5. $\int \dfrac{du}{u} = \ln|u| + C$
6. $\int e^u\,du = e^u + C$
7. $\int a^u\,du = \left(\dfrac{1}{\ln a}\right)a^u + C$
8. $\int \sin u\,du = -\cos u + C$
9. $\int \cos u\,du = \sin u + C$
10. $\int \tan u\,du = -\ln|\cos u| + C$
11. $\int \cot u\,du = \ln|\sin u| + C$
12. $\int \sec u\,du = \ln|\sec u + \tan u| + C$
13. $\int \csc u\,du = -\ln|\csc u + \cot u| + C$
14. $\int \sec^2 u\,du = \tan u + C$
15. $\int \csc^2 u\,du = -\cot u + C$
16. $\int \sec u \tan u\,du = \sec u + C$
17. $\int \csc u \cot u\,du = -\csc u + C$
18. $\int \dfrac{du}{\sqrt{a^2 - u^2}} = \arcsin \dfrac{u}{a} + C$
19. $\int \dfrac{du}{a^2 + u^2} = \dfrac{1}{a}\arctan \dfrac{u}{a} + C$
20. $\int \dfrac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2 - a^2}} = \dfrac{1}{a}\operatorname{arcsec} \dfrac{|u|}{a} + C$

Example 1 – *A Comparison of Three Similar Integrals*

Find each integral.

a. $\displaystyle\int \frac{4}{x^2 + 9}\,dx$

b. $\displaystyle\int \frac{4x}{x^2 + 9}\,dx$

c. $\displaystyle\int \frac{4x^2}{x^2 + 9}\,dx$

Example 1(a) – *Solution*

Use the Arctangent Rule and let $u = x$ and $a = 3$.

$$\int \frac{4}{x^2 + 9}\,dx = 4\int \frac{1}{x^2 + 3^2}\,dx$$ Constant Multiple Rule

$$= 4\left(\frac{1}{3}\arctan\frac{x}{3}\right) + C$$ Arctangent Rule

$$= \frac{4}{3}\arctan\frac{x}{3} + C$$ Simplify.

Example 1(b) – *Solution*

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The Arctangent Rule does not apply because the numerator contains a factor of *x*.

Consider the Log Rule and let $u = x^2 + 9$. Then $du = 2xdx$, and you have

$$\int \frac{4x}{x^2+9}\,dx = 2\int \frac{2x\,dx}{x^2+9} \qquad \text{Constant Multiple Rule}$$

$$= 2\int \frac{du}{u} \qquad \text{Substitution: } u = x^2 + 9$$

$$= 2\ln|u| + C \qquad \text{Log Rule}$$

$$= 2\ln(x^2+9) + C. \qquad \text{Rewrite as a function of } x.$$

Example 1(c) – *Solution*

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Because the degree of the numerator is equal to the degree of the denominator, you should first use division to rewrite the improper rational function as the sum of a polynomial and a proper rational function.

$$\int \frac{4x^2}{x^2+9}\,dx = \int \left(4 - \frac{36}{x^2+9}\right) dx \qquad \text{Rewrite using long division.}$$

$$= \int 4\,dx - 36\int \frac{1}{x^2+9}\,dx \qquad \text{Write as two integrals.}$$

$$= 4x - 36\left(\frac{1}{3}\arctan\frac{x}{3}\right) + C \qquad \text{Integrate.}$$

$$= 4x - 12\arctan\frac{x}{3} + C \qquad \text{Simplify.}$$

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PROCEDURES FOR FITTING INTEGRANDS TO BASIC INTEGRATION RULES

Technique	Example
Expand (numerator).	$(1 + e^x)^2 = 1 + 2e^x + e^{2x}$
Separate numerator.	$\dfrac{1 + x}{x^2 + 1} = \dfrac{1}{x^2 + 1} + \dfrac{x}{x^2 + 1}$
Complete the square.	$\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{2x - x^2}} = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (x - 1)^2}}$
Divide improper rational function.	$\dfrac{x^2}{x^2 + 1} = 1 - \dfrac{1}{x^2 + 1}$
Add and subtract terms in numerator.	$\dfrac{2x}{x^2 + 2x + 1} = \dfrac{2x + 2 - 2}{x^2 + 2x + 1} = \dfrac{2x + 2}{x^2 + 2x + 1} - \dfrac{2}{(x + 1)^2}$
Use trigonometric identities.	$\cot^2 x = \csc^2 x - 1$
Multiply and divide by Pythagorean conjugate.	$\dfrac{1}{1 + \sin x} = \left(\dfrac{1}{1 + \sin x}\right)\left(\dfrac{1 - \sin x}{1 - \sin x}\right) = \dfrac{1 - \sin x}{1 - \sin^2 x} = \dfrac{1 - \sin x}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x - \dfrac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x}$