

Lecture 13

7.5 - Strategies for Integration

We have some basic forms for integrals:

$$\textcircled{1} \int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad \textcircled{2} \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$$

($n \neq -1$)

$$\textcircled{3} \int e^x dx = e^x + C \quad \textcircled{4} \int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C$$

$$\textcircled{5} \int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C \quad \textcircled{6} \int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$$

$$\textcircled{7} \int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C \quad \textcircled{8} \int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$$

$$\textcircled{9} \int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C \quad \textcircled{10} \int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$$

$$\textcircled{11} \int \sec x dx = \ln|\sec x + \tan x| + C \quad \textcircled{12} \int \csc x dx = \ln|\csc x - \cot x| + C$$

$$\textcircled{13} \int \tan x dx = \ln|\sec x| + C \quad \textcircled{14} \int \cot x dx = \ln|\sin x| + C$$

$$\textcircled{15} \int \frac{dx}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C \quad \textcircled{16} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C \quad (a > 0)$$

We have a variety of techniques we can apply. If it doesn't immediately fit one of the basic forms, we use an appropriate technique:

① Use a u-sub to turn it into a basic form.

e.g. $\int e^x \sin(e^x) dx$ ($u=e^x$)

② Simplify the integrand/rewrite it in another way

e.g. $\int \cot x dx = \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} dx$, $\int \frac{\sin \theta \cot \theta}{\sec \theta} d\theta$

③ Apply trig integral tricks (cf. lecture 9) if relevant

e.g.: $\int \cos^n x \sin^m x dx$, $\int \sec^m x \tan^n x dx$, $\int \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx$,
 $\int \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx$, $\int \cos(mx) \cos(nx) dx$

④ If the integrand is a rational function, try partial fraction decomposition

⑤ Look for a trig sub if there is a term of the form $\sqrt[n]{x^2 \pm a^2}$ (cf. lecture 10). If there is an expression of the form $\sqrt[n]{ax+b}$, use a rationalizing substitution, $u = \sqrt[n]{ax+b}$. This could also work for more general things like $\sqrt[n]{g(x)}$ using $u = \sqrt[n]{g(x)}$.

⑥ Try integration by parts.

⑦ Manipulate the integrand into a more manageable form

$$\text{eg: } \int \sec x dx = \int \frac{1}{\cos x} dx = \int \frac{\cos x}{\cos^2 x} dx = \int \frac{\cos x}{1 - \sin^2 x} dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{1+e^x} dx = \int \frac{e^x}{e^x + e^{2x}} dx \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{could also write} \\ \sec x = \sec x \cdot \frac{\sec x + \tan x}{\sec x + \tan x} \end{array} \right)$$

⑧ It may take multiple steps

eg. a) u-sub + partial fractions + another u-sub

b) u-sub + integration by parts

c) integration by parts + trig sub, etc...

Here is a list of several integrals. Outline how you would approach the integral:

(1) $\int \ln x \, dx = x \ln x - \int dx = x \ln x - x + C$

IBP
 $u = \ln x \, dv = dx$
 $du = \frac{1}{x} dx \, v = x$

(2) $\int \tan x \, dx = \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx = \int \frac{-1}{u} \, du = -\ln|u| + C = \ln|\frac{1}{u}| + C = \ln|\sec x| + C$

rewrite
 $\tan x$
 $u = \cos x$
 $du = -\sin x \, dx$

(3) $\int \sin^3 x \cos x \, dx = \int u^3 \, du = \frac{1}{4} u^4 + C = \frac{1}{4} \sin^4 x + C$

trig integral
 $\sin^m x \cos^n x$
both m & n are odd | easier to
let $u = \sin x$
 $du = \cos x \, dx$

(4) $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{25-x^2}} \, dx = \arcsin(\frac{x}{5}) + C$

(arcsin form)
 $w/a = 5$

Can also recognize arcsin form and do a u-sub:
 $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{25-x^2}} \, dx = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{25(1-(\frac{x}{5})^2)}} \, dx = \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \, du$
 $u = \frac{x}{5}$
 $= \arcsin(u) + C = \arcsin(\frac{x}{5}) + C$

(5) $\int \sec x \, dx = \int \sec x \cdot \frac{\sec x + \tan x}{\sec x + \tan x} \, dx = \int \frac{\sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x}{\sec x + \tan x} \, dx$

manipulate
the integrand

$u = \sec x + \tan x$
 $du = (\sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x) \, dx$

$= \int \frac{1}{u} \, du = \ln|u| + C = \ln|\sec x + \tan x| + C$

(6) $\int e^{\sqrt{x}} \, dx = \int 2ue^u \, du = 2ue^u - \int 2e^u \, du = 2ue^u - 2e^u + C$

$u = \sqrt{x}$
 $du = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \, dx \Leftrightarrow 2u \, du = dx$
IBP
 $w = 2u \, dv = e^u \, du$
 $dw = 2 \, du \, v = e^u$

(7) $\int \sin(7x) \cos(4x) \, dx = \int \frac{1}{2} (\sin 3x + \sin 11x) \, dx = -\frac{1}{6} \cos 3x - \frac{1}{22} \cos 11x + C$

Use trig identity:

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

(8) $\int \cos^2 x \, dx = \int \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2x) \, dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2x + C$

Use trig identity

$\cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2x)$

(9) $\int \frac{1}{x^2-9} \, dx = \int \frac{1}{(x+3)(x-3)} \, dx = \int (\frac{-1/6}{x+3} + \frac{1/6}{x-3}) \, dx = -\frac{1}{6} \ln|x+3| + \frac{1}{6} \ln|x-3| + C$

(The bottom factors,
so use partial fractions)

Partial fraction decomp: $\frac{1}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{B}{x-3} \Rightarrow 1 = A(x-3) + B(x+3) = (A+B)x + (-3A+3B) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+B=0 \\ -3A+3B=1 \end{cases}$

Additional integrals:

$$(1) \int \frac{\ln x}{x\sqrt{1+(\ln x)^2}} dx = \int \frac{u}{\sqrt{1+u^2}} du = \int \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{v}} dv = \frac{1}{2} \int v^{-1/2} dv = v^{1/2} + C$$

$u = \ln x, du = \frac{1}{x} dx$ $v = 1+u^2, dv = 2u du$

$$= \sqrt{1+u^2} + C = \sqrt{1+(\ln x)^2} + C$$

Turn the denominator into a difference of squares by multiplying by $\frac{2-x}{2-x}$ under the radical

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

arcsin form $u = 4-x^2, du = -2x dx$

$$= 2 \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \int u^{-1/2} du = 2 \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \sqrt{4-x^2} + C$$

(IBP: $u = \ln(x^2-1) dv = dx$
 $du = \frac{2x}{x^2-1} dx$ $v = x$)

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

long division (or other method) partial fractions

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

$$(4) \int 35 \arctan \sqrt{x} dx = \int 70u \arctan u du = 35u^2 \arctan u - \int \frac{35u^2}{1+u^2} du$$

$(u = \sqrt{x}, du = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx \Leftrightarrow 2u du = dx)$ (IBP: $u = \arctan u$ $dw = 70u du$
 $dv = \frac{1}{1+u^2} du$ $w = 35u^2$)

divide

$$= 35u^2 \arctan u - \int \left(35 - \frac{35}{1+u^2}\right) du = 35u^2 \arctan u - 35u + 35 \arctan u + C = 35 \arctan(\sqrt{x})(x-1) - 35\sqrt{x} + C$$

$$(5) \int \frac{1+\sin x}{1-\sin x} dx = \int \frac{(1+\sin x)^2}{1-\sin^2 x} dx = \int \frac{1+2\sin x+\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} dx = \int \frac{1+2\sin x+1-\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x} dx$$

mult by $\frac{1+\sin x}{1+\sin x}$ $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$

$$= \int \frac{2+2\sin x-\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x} dx = \int (2\sec^2 x + 2\sec x \tan x - 1) dx = 2\tan x + 2\sec x - x + C$$

$$(6) \int \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int \ln u^2 du = \int 2 \ln u du = 2u \ln u - \int 2 du$$

$u = \sqrt{x}, du = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx$ IBP: $v = 2 \ln u$ $dw = du$
 $dv = \frac{2}{u} du$ $w = u$

$$= 2u \ln u - 2u + C = 2\sqrt{x} \ln \sqrt{x} - 2\sqrt{x} + C$$

$$= \sqrt{x} \ln x - 2\sqrt{x} + C$$

It is possible that we just cannot compute the integral. For example,

$$\int e^{x^2} dx, \int \frac{e^x}{x} dx, \int \frac{1}{\ln x} dx, \int \frac{\sin x}{x} dx$$

cannot be computed in terms of elementary function.

We can approximate them using various methods. Another option is to use Taylor series expansions (c.f. chapter 11).