

Trogonometric Substitutions II

So far, see $\sqrt{1-x^2}$, try $x = \sin \theta$, so $dx = \cos \theta d\theta$

see $\sqrt{1+x^2}$, try $x = \tan \theta$, so $dx = \sec^2 \theta d\theta$

see $\sqrt{x^2-1}$, try $x = \sec \theta$, so $dx = \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$

see $\sqrt{-1-x^2}$, try not to panic (wait till third year)

ex $\int (x^2+4)^{3/2} dx \longrightarrow x = 2 \tan \theta$, so $dx = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} 2 = \sqrt{4} \\ x^2 + 4 \\ x = 2u \\ \rightarrow (2u)^2 + 4 \\ 4u^2 + 4 \\ 4(u^2 + 1) \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{why we picked} \\ 2 \text{ in front of} \\ \tan \theta \end{array} \right]$

$$= \int (2^2 \tan^2 \theta + 4)^{3/2} 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 2 \int (4 \tan^2 \theta + 4)^{3/2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 2 \int (4(\tan^2 \theta + 1))^{3/2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 2 \int 8(\sec^2 \theta)^{3/2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 16 \int \sec^3 \theta \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 16 \int \sec^5 \theta d\theta \longrightarrow \text{reduction formulas}$$

$$= 16 \left[\frac{1}{5-1} \tan \theta \sec^{5-2} \theta + \frac{5-2}{5-1} \int \sec^{5-2} \theta d\theta \right]$$

$$= 16 \left[\frac{1}{4} \tan \theta \sec^3 \theta + \frac{3}{4} \int \sec^3 \theta d\theta \right]$$

$$= 4 \tan \theta \sec^3 \theta + 12 \int \sec^3 \theta d\theta \longrightarrow \text{reduction formula again}$$

$$= 4 \tan \theta \sec^3 \theta + 12 \left[\frac{1}{3-1} \tan \theta \sec^{3-2} \theta + \frac{3-2}{3-1} \int \sec^{3-2} \theta d\theta \right]$$

$$= 4 \tan \theta \sec^3 \theta + 12 \left[\frac{1}{2} \tan \theta \sec \theta + \frac{1}{2} \int \sec \theta d\theta \right]$$

$$= 4 \tan \theta \sec^3 \theta + 6 \tan \theta \sec \theta + 6 \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C \xrightarrow{\text{memorize}}$$

$$= 4 \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{4}} \right)^3 + 6 \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{4}} \right) + 6 \ln \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{4}} + \frac{x}{2} \right) + C$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{solve for } \tan \theta \rightarrow x = 2 \tan \theta \\ \text{solve for } \sec \theta \rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = \tan \theta \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta \\ \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta} = \sec \theta \\ \sec \theta = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^2} \\ = \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{4}} \end{array}$$

Note: Some functions do NOT have antiderivatives
ex $\int \sqrt{x} e^{-x^{3/2}} dx$

ex: $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{9x^2-4}} dx$ $\xrightarrow{\text{most like } \sqrt{x^2-1}}$ $x = \frac{2}{3} \sec \theta$, so $dx = \frac{2}{3} \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$

$$= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{9(\frac{2}{3} \sec \theta)^2 - 4}} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 \cdot \frac{4}{9} \sec^2 \theta - 4}} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4(\sec^2 \theta - 1)}} \cdot \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \int \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta}} \cdot \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{\sec(\theta) \tan(\theta)}{\tan \theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \int \sec \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \ln|\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \ln\left|\frac{3x}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{9x^2-4}{4}}\right| + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow x &= \frac{2}{3} \sec \theta \\ \Rightarrow \sec \theta &= \frac{3x}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow 1 + \tan^2 \theta &= \sec^2 \theta \\ \tan \theta &= \sqrt{\sec^2(\theta) - 1} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{9x^2}{4} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

If you see...

$$\sqrt{a^2 - b^2 x^2}, x = \frac{a}{b} \sin(\theta)$$

$$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 x^2}, x = \frac{a}{b} \tan(\theta)$$

$$\sqrt{b^2 x^2 - a^2}, x = \frac{a}{b} \sec(\theta)$$