

Lesson 11

Section 7.3

Trigonometric Substitutions

Compute $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$, $\int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+9}} dx$

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

Strategy:

Use trigonometric functions
To compute these integrals.

Trig Identities:

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta.$$

Idea:

$$x^2 + 9$$

$$x = 3 \sin \theta$$

$$9 \sin^2 \theta + 9 = 9 (\sin^2 \theta + 1)$$

But if we set $x = 3 \tan \theta$.

$$x^2 + 9 = 9 \tan^2 \theta + 9 = 9 (\tan^2 \theta + 1) = 9 \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 9} = \sqrt{9 \sec^2 \theta} = 3 \sec \theta.$$

$$\int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+9}} dx$$

Substitute

$$x = 3 \tan \theta$$

$$dx = 3 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\sqrt{x^2+9} = 3 \sec \theta$$

$$\int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+9}} dx = \int \frac{(3 \tan \theta)^3}{3 \sec \theta} \cdot 3 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 27 \int (\tan \theta)^3 \sec \theta d\theta =$$

$$= 27 \int \tan^2 \theta \cdot \tan \theta \sec \theta d\theta$$

$$\tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta - 1.$$

$$= 27 \int (\sec^2 \theta - 1) \underbrace{\tan \theta \sec \theta}_{du} d\theta$$

$$\sec \theta = u, \quad du = \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= 27 \int (u^2 - 1) du = 27 \left(\frac{u^3}{3} - u \right) + C.$$

$$= 9u^3 - 27u + C.$$

$$u = \sec \theta, \quad x = 3 \tan \theta, \quad \tan \theta = \frac{x}{3}$$

$$\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta \quad u^2 = 1 + \frac{x^2}{9}$$

$$u = \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{9}} \therefore$$

$$\int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+9}} dx = 9 \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{9} \right)^{3/2} - 27 \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{9}} + C$$

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$$

$$x=0, \theta=0$$

$$x=\sin \theta. \quad x=1, \theta=\pi/2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$dx = \cos \theta d\theta, \quad \sqrt{1-x^2} = \cos \theta$$

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \cdot \cos \theta d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta d\theta.$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2\theta) \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos 2\theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \Big|_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

So far:

$$\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$$

Substitution

$$x = a \tan \theta$$

$$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

$$x = a \sin \theta$$

Next case:

$$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= a \tan \theta \\ x^2 - a^2 &= a^2 \tan^2 \theta - a^2 \\ &= a^2 (\tan^2 \theta - 1) \end{aligned}$$

~~Substitution~~

$$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set } x &= a \sec \theta ; \quad x^2 - a^2 = a^2 \sec^2 \theta - a^2 \\ &= a^2 (\sec^2 \theta - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$x^2 - a^2 = a^2 \tan^2 \theta$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = a \tan \theta$$

$$\int_2^{2\sqrt{2}}$$

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

$$x = 2 \sec \theta$$

$$dx = 2 \sec \theta \tan \theta$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 4} = \sqrt{4 \sec^2 \theta - 4} = \sqrt{4(\sec^2 \theta - 1)}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 \tan^2 \theta} = 2 \tan \theta$$

$$\int_2^{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-4}}{x} dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{2 \tan \theta \cancel{dx} \sec \theta \cos \theta d\theta}{\cancel{dx} \sec \theta}$$

$$x = 2 \sec \theta, \quad x=2, \quad 2 = 2 \sec \theta, \quad \sec \theta = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos \theta} = 1, \quad \cos \theta = 1, \quad \theta = 0$$

$$x = 2\sqrt{2}; \quad 2\sqrt{2} = 2 \sec \theta; \quad \sqrt{2} = \sec \theta$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}; \quad \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad \theta = \pi/4$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} 2 \tan^2 \theta \, d\theta \quad \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta - 1$$

$$< 2 \int_0^{\pi/4} (\sec^2 \theta - 1) \, d\theta = 2 \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta -$$

$$2 \int_0^{\pi/4} 1 \, d\theta = 2 \tan \theta \Big|_0^{\pi/4} - \pi/2$$

$$= 2 - \pi/2$$