

## 8.4 Trigonometric Substitution (part 1)

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

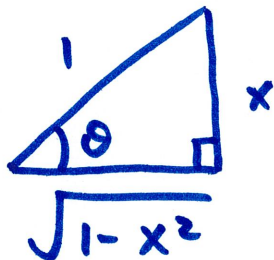
u subs doesn't work:  $u = 1-x^2$

$$du = -2x dx$$

$x$  not in integral

trig sub can handle this

consider the square root part  $\sqrt{1-x^2}$  as one side of a right-angle triangle



from the triangle, relate  $x$  and  $\theta$  in the simplest way possible

$$\sin \theta = \frac{x}{1} \rightarrow x = \sin \theta$$

$$dx = \cos \theta d\theta$$

sub these into integral  
eliminate all  $x$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2\theta}} \cos\theta d\theta = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos^2\theta}} \cos\theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{\cos\theta} \cos\theta d\theta = \int d\theta = \theta + C \quad \text{put this in terms of } x$$

$$\text{from } x = \sin\theta \rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1}(x)$$

$$\text{so, } \theta + C = \boxed{\sin^{-1}(x) + C}$$

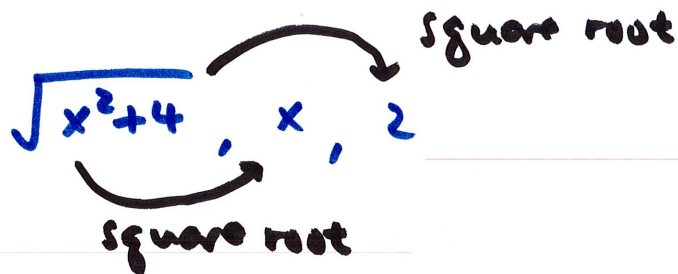
example

$$\int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+4}} dx$$

how to draw the triangle?

from the radical part  $\sqrt{x^2+4}$

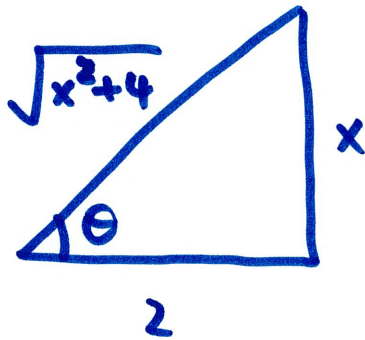
draw a triangle with sides:  $\sqrt{x^2+4}$ ,  $x$ ,  $2$



decide which is hypotenuse:  $\sqrt{x^2+4}$  because ~~it is the~~  
its square is the sum of squares  
of the other two

we can put the remaining two  
however we want

BUT, if there is a constant we  
normally put as adjacent



relate  $x$  and  $\theta$  in simplest way possible

$$\text{here, } \tan \theta = \frac{x}{2} \rightarrow x = 2 \tan \theta$$

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

Sub into integral, eliminate  $x$  and  $dx$

$$\int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+4}} dx = \int \frac{(2 \tan \theta)^3}{\sqrt{4 \tan^2 \theta + 4}} 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$4 \tan^2 \theta + 4 = 4 (\tan^2 \theta + 1) = 4 \sec^2 \theta$$

$$= \int \frac{8 \tan^3 \theta}{\sqrt{4 \sec^2 \theta}} 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \int \frac{8 \tan^3 \theta}{2 \sec \theta} \cdot 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 8 \int \tan^3 \theta \sec \theta d\theta = 8 \int \tan^2 \theta \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= 8 \int (\sec^2 \theta - 1) \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta = 8 \int (u^2 - 1) du$$

$$u = \sec \theta$$

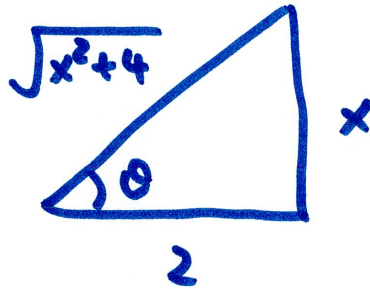
$$du = \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= 8 \left( \frac{u^3}{3} - u \right) + C$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \sec^3 \theta - 8 \sec \theta + C$$

but we want this in terms of  $x$

bring back triangle:



$$\begin{aligned} \sec \theta &= \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \left( \frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2} \right)^3 - 8 \left( \frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2} \right) + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (x^2+4)^{3/2} - 4 (x^2+4)^{1/2} + C$$

example

$$\int_0^2 \frac{x^2}{x^2+4} dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \frac{x^2}{(\sqrt{x^2+4})^2} dx$$

now draw triangle with sides:  $\sqrt{x^2+4}$ ,  $x$ ,  $2$

hypotenuse:  $\sqrt{x^2+4}$  (square is sum of squares of others)

$2$  is constant, put as adjacent

$$\tan \theta = \frac{x}{2} \longrightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

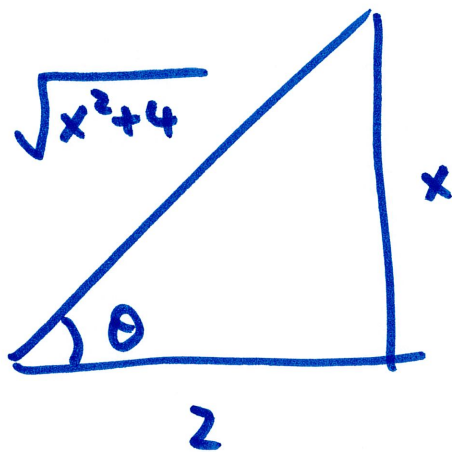
$$x = 2 \tan \theta$$

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

now change the bounds

$$\text{upper: } x=2 \longrightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{lower: } x=0 \longrightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}(0) = 0$$



$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{(2 \tan \theta)^2}{(2 \tan^2 \theta)^2 + 4} \cdot 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{4 \tan^2 \theta}{4 \tan^2 \theta + 4} \cdot 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{4 \tan^2 \theta}{4 \underbrace{(\tan^2 \theta + 1)}_{\sec^2 \theta}} \cdot 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/4} 2 \tan^2 \theta d\theta$$

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

$$= 2 \tan \theta \Big|_0^{\pi/4} - 2 \theta \Big|_0^{\pi/4} = \boxed{2 - \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

example

$$\int \frac{1}{(1-x^2)^{3/2}} dx$$

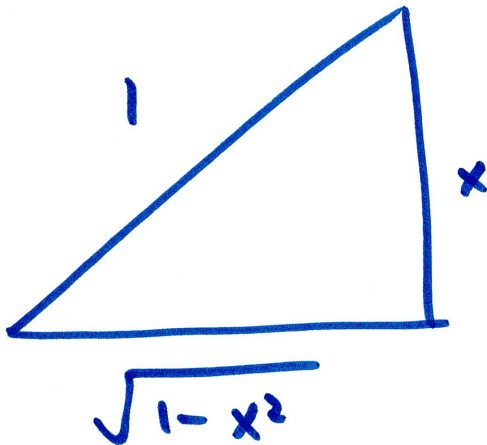
$$= \int \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1-x^2})^3} dx$$

need triangle with sides

$$\sqrt{1-x^2}, x, 1$$

hypotenuse: 1, because  $1^2 = x^2 + (\sqrt{1-x^2})^2$

remaining sides:  $x, \sqrt{1-x^2}$



we put the side that contains a constant as adjacent

(but it is not wrong to put  $x$  as adjacent)



Simplest way to relate  $x$  and  $\theta$ :  $\sin\theta = \frac{x}{1}$

$$x = \sin\theta$$

$$dx = \cos\theta d\theta$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(1-x^2)^{3/2}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\underbrace{(1-\sin^2\theta)^{3/2}}_{\cos^2\theta}} \cdot \cos\theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta} \cos\theta d\theta = \int \frac{1}{\cos\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \int \sec^2\theta d\theta = \tan\theta + C \quad \text{back to } x$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} + C}$$

↳  $\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$

