

7.2 Trigonometric Integrals (page 479)

In this section we use trigonometric identities to integrate certain combinations of trigonometric functions.

Example 1 (page 481). Evaluate $\int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx$, where $m, n \geq 0$ are integers.

Solution.

(a) If $m = 2k + 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx &= \int \sin^{2k+1} x \cos^n x \, dx = - \int \sin^{2k} x \cos^n x \, d \cos x \\ &= - \int (1 - \cos^2 x)^k \cos^n x \, d \cos x = - \int \sum_{i=0}^k C_i^k 1^{k-i} (-1)^i \cos^{2i} x \cos^n x \, d \cos x \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{i+1} C_i^k \int \cos^{n+2i} x \, d(\cos x) = \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^{i+1} C_i^k}{n+2i+1} \cos^{n+2i+1} x + C. \end{aligned}$$

(b) If $n = 2k + 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx &= \int \sin^m x \cos^{2k+1} x \, dx = \int \sin^m x \cos^{2k} x \, d(\sin x) \\ &= \int \sin^m x (1 - \sin^2 x)^k \, d \sin x = \int \sin^m x \sum_{i=0}^k C_i^k 1^{k-i} (-1)^i \sin^{2i} x \, d \sin x \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i C_i^k \int \sin^{m+2i} x \, d \sin x = \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^i C_i^k}{m+2i+1} \int \sin^{m+2i+1} x + C. \end{aligned}$$

(c) If $m = 2k, n = 2l$, then using the half-angle identities

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx &= \int \sin^{2k} x \cos^{2l} x \, dx \\ &= \int \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \right)^k \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \right)^l \, dx = \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{j=0}^l \frac{(-1)^i C_i^k C_j^l}{2^{k+l}} \int \cos^{i+j} 2x \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

If $i + j$ is odd, we reduce the integral to case (b).

If $i + j$ is even, we use half-angle identities again.

Exercise (page 479). Evaluate $\int \sin^5 x \cos^2 x \, dx$.

Example 2 (page 480). Evaluate $\int \sin^2 x \, dx$.

Solution.

Example (TA) 3 (page 475, 477, 478). Show that the following reduction formulae:

$$(a) \int \sin^n x \, dx = -\frac{1}{n} \cos x \sin^{n-1} x + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx, \quad n \geq 2.$$

$$(b) \int \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{1}{n} \sin x \cos^{n-1} x + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx, \quad n \geq 2.$$

Solution.

Example (TA) 4. Find $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n+1} x \, dx$ and $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} x \, dx$.

Solution.

Exercise (page 480). Evaluate $\int \sin^4 x \, dx$.

Example 5 (page 482). Compute the integrals $\int \tan x \, dx$ and $\int \sec x \, dx$.

Solution.

□ 上述方法太過技巧 (誰知道要乘什麼量), 但之後會學別的方式處理它 (想法比較自然)。

Example (TA) 6 (page 477). Show that the following reduction formulae:

$$(a) \int \tan^n x \, dx = \frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} - \int \tan^{n-2} x \, dx, \quad n \neq 1.$$

$$(b) \int \sec^n x \, dx = \frac{\tan x \sec^{n-2} x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} \int \sec^{n-2} x \, dx, \quad n \neq 1.$$

Solution.

Exercise (page 483). Evaluate $\int \tan^3 x \, dx$.

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Example 7 (page 482). Evaluate $\int \tan^m x \sec^n x dx$, where $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Solution.

(a) If $n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^m x \sec^n x dx &= \int \tan^m x \sec^{2k} x dx = \int \tan^m x \sec^{2k-2} x d \tan x \\ &= \int \tan^m x (\tan^2 x + 1)^{k-1} d \tan x = \int \tan^m x \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} C_i^{k-1} \tan^{2i} x d \tan x \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} C_i^{k-1} \int \tan^{m+2i} x d \tan x = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{C_i^{k-1}}{m+2i+1} \tan^{m+2i+1} x + C. \end{aligned}$$

(b) If $m = 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^m x \sec^n x dx &= \int \tan^{2k+1} x \sec^n x dx = \int \tan^{2k} x \sec^{n-1} x d \sec x \\ &= \int (\sec^2 x - 1)^k \sec^{n-1} x d \sec x = \int \sum_{i=0}^k C_i^k \sec^{2(k-i)} (-1)^i \sec^{n-1} x d \sec x \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i C_i^k \int \sec^{2(k-i)+n-1} x d \sec x = \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^i C_i^k}{2(k-i)+n} \sec^{2(k-i)+n} x + C. \end{aligned}$$

(c) If $m = 2k, n = 2l + 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} I_m &= \int \tan^m x \sec^n x dx = \int \tan^{2k} x \sec^{2l+1} x dx = \int \tan^{2k-1} x \sec^{2l} x d \sec x \\ &= \tan^{2k-1} x \sec^{2l+1} x - \int \sec x d(\tan^{2k-1} x \sec^{2l} x) \\ &= \tan^{2k-1} x \sec^{2l+1} x - \int \sec x (2k-1) \tan^{2k-2} \sec^2 x \sec^{2l} x dx \\ &\quad - \int \sec x \tan^{2k-1} x (2l) \sec^{2l-1} x \sec x \tan x dx \\ &= \tan^{2k-1} x \sec^{2l+1} x - (2k-1) \int \tan^{2k-2} \sec^{2l+3} x dx \\ &\quad - 2l \int \tan^{2k} x \sec^{2l+1} x dx \\ &= \tan^{2k-1} x \sec^{2l+1} x - (2k-1) \int \tan^{2k-2} (\tan^2 x + 1) \sec^{2l+1} x dx \\ &\quad - 2l \int \tan^{2k} x \sec^{2l+1} x dx \\ &= \tan^{m-1} x \sec^n x - (m-1)I_m - (m-1)I_{m-2} - (n-1)I_m. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get

$$I_m = \frac{1}{m+n-1} (\tan^{m-1} x \sec^n x - (m-1)I_{m-2}),$$

and the reduction formula will reduce the integral to $\int \sec^n x \, dx = \int \sec^{2l+1} x \, dx$,
 $l \in \mathbb{N}$.

Exercise (page 481). Evaluate $\int \tan^6 x \sec^4 x \, dx$.

Exercise (page 482). Evaluate $\int \tan^5 x \sec^7 x \, dx$.

Example 8 (page 484). Evaluate the following integrals:

$$\int \sin mx \cos nx \, dx; \quad \int \cos mx \cos nx \, dx; \quad \int \sin mx \sin nx \, dx.$$

Solution. Recall the following identities:

$$\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(x+y) + \sin(x-y))$$

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

$$\sin x \sin y = -\frac{1}{2}(\cos(x+y) - \cos(x-y)).$$

If $\underline{m+n} \neq 0$ and $\underline{m-n} \neq 0$, then

$$\int \sin mx \cos nx \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \sin((m+n)x) + \sin((m-n)x) \, dx$$

$$= \left\{ \right.$$

$$\int \cos mx \cos nx \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \cos((m+n)x) + \cos((m-n)x) \, dx$$

$$= \left\{ \right.$$

$$\int \sin mx \sin nx \, dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int \cos((m+n)x) - \cos((m-n)x) \, dx$$

$$= \left\{ \right.$$

In particular,

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \cos nx \, dx = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos mx \cos nx \, dx = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx \, dx = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Hence $\{\sin mx, m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\cos nx, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0\}$ form an “orthonormal basis” in the function space $C[-\pi, \pi]$.