

Integration by parts

Recall that if $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are differentiable, then

$$(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x) \text{ and so } f(x)g'(x) = (f(x)g(x))' - f'(x)g(x)$$

It follows that

$$\int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx$$

and so

$$\int_a^b f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b f'(x)g(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= f(x) & du &= f'(x) dx \\ v &= g(x) & dv &= g'(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int u dv &= uv - \int v du \\ \int_a^b u dv &= uv \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b v du \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find $\int_0^1 x\sqrt{x+2} dx$ by integration by parts.

Use the substitution $w = x+2$ and integrate!

Solution:

$$\int_0^1 \underbrace{x}_u \underbrace{\sqrt{x+2}}_{dv} dx = x \cdot \frac{2}{3} (x+2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{2}{3} (x+2)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx = \left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot 3^{\frac{3}{2}} - 0 \right) - \left(\frac{2}{3} \frac{(x+2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\frac{5}{2}} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} 3^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(\frac{2}{3} \frac{2}{5} 3^{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{2}{5} 2^{\frac{5}{2}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} dv &= \sqrt{x+2} dx & \Rightarrow & v = \frac{2}{3} (x+2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ u &= x & & du = dx \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find $\int x^2 e^x dx$

Solution:

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 \cdot e^x - \int \underbrace{e^x}_u \underbrace{2x dx}_{dv} = x^2 e^x - \left(2x e^x - \int e^x \cdot 2 dx \right)$$

$$= x^2 e^x - 2x e^x + 2 \int e^x dx$$

$$= x^2 e^x - 2x e^x + 2e^x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2 & du &= 2x dx \\ dv &= e^x dx & \Rightarrow & v = e^x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= 2x & dz &= 2 dx \\ dw &= e^x dx & \Rightarrow & w = e^x \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find $\int x^3 e^{x^2} dx$

Solution attempt:

$$\int \underbrace{x^3}_u \underbrace{e^{x^2}}_{dv} dx$$

$u = x^3 \quad du = 3x^2 dx$
 $dv = e^{x^2} dx \quad v = ?$ \parallel The LIATE/LAPTŪ "rule" doesn't work.

Solution 1 $\int x^3 e^{x^2} dx = \int \underbrace{x^2}_u \underbrace{x e^{x^2}}_{dv} dx = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} e^{x^2} - \int \frac{1}{2} e^{x^2} \cdot 2x dx = \frac{x^2 e^{x^2}}{2} - \frac{e^{x^2}}{2} + C$

$u = x^2 \quad du = 2x dx$
 $dv = x e^{x^2} dx \quad v = \frac{1}{2} e^{x^2}$

Find $\int x e^{x^2} dx$ by the substitution $w = x^2$

• $\int \ln x dx = \int \underbrace{\ln x}_u \cdot \underbrace{1}_{dv} dx = x \ln x - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = x \ln x - \int 1 dx = x \ln x - x + C$

• $\int \arctan x dx = \int \underbrace{\arctan x}_u \cdot \underbrace{1}_{dv} dx = x \arctan x - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = x \arctan x - \int \frac{1}{2} \frac{dw}{w}$

$= x \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \ln |w| + C$

$= x \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \ln |1+x^2| + C$

$1+x^2 = w$
 $2x dx = dw$

• $\int \arcsin x dx = \int \arcsin x \cdot 1 dx = x \arcsin x - \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = x \arcsin x + \sqrt{1-x^2} + C$

Example: Find $\int_0^{\pi} 2^x \sin x dx$

Solution: $\int_0^{\pi} \underbrace{\sin x}_u \cdot \underbrace{2^x}_{dv} dx = \sin x \cdot \frac{2^x}{\ln 2} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{2^x}{\ln 2} \cos x dx = 0 - \frac{1}{\ln 2} \int_0^{\pi} 2^x \cos x dx$

$= \frac{-1}{\ln 2} \left(\frac{2^x}{\ln 2} \cos x \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{2^x}{\ln 2} (-\sin x) dx \right)$

$= \frac{-1}{\ln 2} \left(\frac{-2^{\pi}}{\ln 2} - \frac{1}{\ln 2} + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \int_0^{\pi} 2^x \sin x dx \right)$

So $\int_0^{\pi} 2^x \sin x dx = \frac{2^{\pi}}{\ln^2 2} + \frac{1}{\ln^2 2} - \frac{1}{\ln^2 2} \int_0^{\pi} 2^x \sin x dx$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{\ln^2 2}\right) \int_0^{\pi} 2^x \sin x dx = \frac{2^{\pi} + 1}{\ln^2 2} \quad \text{and so} \quad \int_0^{\pi} 2^x \sin x dx = \frac{2^{\pi} + 1}{\ln^2 2} - \frac{1}{\ln^2 2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec^3 x dx &= \int \underbrace{\sec x}_u \underbrace{\sec^2 x}_{dv} dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \underbrace{\tan x}_v \underbrace{\sec x}_{du} dx \\ &= \sec x \tan x - \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \sec x dx \\ &= \sec x \tan x - \underbrace{\int \sec^3 x dx}_I + \int \sec x dx \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$I = \int \sec^3 x dx = \frac{\sec x \tan x + \ln |\sec x + \tan x|}{2} + C$$

Example: Find $\int \ln(\sin(x^2)) \sin(2x^2) x dx$

Solution: $\int \ln(\sin(x^2)) \sin(2x^2) x dx = \int \ln(\sin(x^2)) \underbrace{2 \sin(x^2)}_w \underbrace{\cos(x^2) x dx}_{dw}$

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \sin(x^2) \\ dw &= \cos(x^2) \cdot 2x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \underbrace{\ln(w)}_u \underbrace{w}_{dv} dw = \ln(w) \frac{w^2}{2} - \int \frac{w^2}{2} \frac{1}{w} dw = \ln(w) \frac{w^2}{2} - \int \frac{w}{2} dw \\ &= \ln(w) \frac{w^2}{2} - \frac{w^2}{4} + C \\ &= \ln(\sin(x^2)) \frac{\sin^2(x^2)}{2} - \frac{\sin^2(x^2)}{4} + C \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find $\int_1^2 x \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx$.

Solution: $\int_1^2 \underbrace{x \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}_u dx = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_1^2 - \int_1^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{x^2}}} \cdot \frac{-1}{x^2} dx$

$$= \left(\arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot 2 - \arcsin(1) \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right) + \int_1^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x^2-1}{x^2}}} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \cdot 2 - \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) + \int_1^2 \frac{|x|}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx \\
 &= \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} + \int_1^2 \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx = \frac{5\pi}{12} + \int_0^3 \frac{1}{2} \frac{dw}{\sqrt{w}} = \frac{5\pi}{12} + \sqrt{w} \Big|_0^3 \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad x^2-1=w \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad 2x dx = dw \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \frac{5\pi}{12} + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{0} = \frac{5\pi}{12} + \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $I_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx$ for integers $n \geq 0$. Then

$$I_0 = \int_0^{\pi/2} 1 dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad I_1 = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x dx = \sin x \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = 1 - 0 = 1$$

and, by integration by parts, we get, for $n \geq 2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{I_n} &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \underbrace{\cos^{n-1} x}_u \cdot \underbrace{\cos x dx}_{dv} \\
 &= \cos^{n-1} x \sin x \Big|_0^{\pi/2} - \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin x (n-1) \cos^{n-2} x \cdot (-\sin x) dx \\
 &= (0 - 0) + (n-1) \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{n-2} x \sin^2 x dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (n-1) \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{n-2} x (1 - \cos^2 x) dx = (n-1) \int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos^{n-2} x - \cos^n x) dx \\
 &= (n-1) \left(\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{n-2} x dx - \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

So $I_n = (n-1)(I_{n-2} - I_n)$ and

$$I_n = \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) I_{n-2}$$

Thus $I_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $I_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi}{2}$, $I_4 = \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi}{2}$, $I_6 = \frac{5}{6} \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi}{2}$, ...

$I_1 = 1$, $I_3 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{I_1}$, $I_5 = \frac{4}{5} \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{I_3}$, $I_7 = \frac{6}{7} \frac{4}{5} \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{I_5}$, ...

Since $0 \leq \cos x \leq 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, we have that

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$$\underbrace{\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{2n+2} x \cos^2 x \, dx}_{I_{2n+2}} \leq \underbrace{\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 x \cos x \, dx}_{I_{2n+1}} \leq \underbrace{\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 x \, dx}_{I_{2n}}$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_{2n+1}}{I_{2n}} = 1, \text{ by the squeeze theorem,}$$

$$\frac{I_{2n+2}}{I_{2n+1}} \leq \frac{I_{2n+1}}{I_{2n}} \leq 1$$

and

$$\frac{I_{2n+1}}{I_{2n+2}} \leq \frac{I_{2n+1}}{I_{2n}} \leq 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_{2n+1}}{I_{2n+2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1$$

Thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2n}{2n+1} \frac{(2n-2)}{(2n-1)} \frac{(2n-4)}{(2n-3)} \dots \frac{4}{5} \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1}{\frac{(2n-1)}{2n} \frac{(2n-3)}{(2n-2)} \dots \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi}{2}} = 1 \quad \text{and hence,}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n \cdot 2n \cdot (2n-2)(2n-2) \dots 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{(2n+1)(2n-1)(2n-1) \dots 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 1} = \frac{\pi}{2}. \quad \text{So we get the Wallis formula}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 8 \dots}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \dots}$$