

Question

(i) $\int x(3x^2 + 7) dx$

(ii) $\int \sin^4 x \cos x dx$

(iii) $\int \cos^5 x dx$

(iv) $\int \cos^4 x dx$

(v) $\int \sec x dx$

(vi) $\int \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{x-2}}$

(vii) $\int \sin^2 x \cos^3 x dx$

(viii) $\int_1^2 \frac{8x dx}{(2x+1)^3}$

(ix) $\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cot x}{\sqrt{\csc^3 x}} dx$

(x) $\int_0^3 \frac{3 dx}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$

(xi) $\int \frac{(x-2) dx}{(x^2 - 4x - 5)}$

(xii) $\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 6x + 17)}$

(xiii) $\int \frac{(2x+5) dx}{(x^2 + 4x + 5)}$

(xiv) $\int \frac{x^2 dx}{(x+1)}$

Answer

(i)

$$\int x(3x^2 + 7) dx$$

either $\int (3x^2 + 7x) dx = \frac{3x^4}{4} + \frac{7x^2}{2} + c \quad A$

or spot that $\frac{d}{dx}[(3x^2 + 7)^2 + \bar{c}] = 2 \cdot 6x(3x^2 + 7) = 12x(3x^2 + 7)$

so that “by inspection”,

$$x(3x^2 + 7) = \frac{1}{12} \frac{d}{dx}(3x^2 + 7)^2$$

or $\int x(3x^2 + 7) dx = \frac{1}{12}(3x^2 + 7)^2 + c_1 \quad B$

Check: evaluate B :

$$\frac{1}{12}(3x^2 + 7)^2 + c_1 = \frac{1}{12}(9x^4 + 42x^2 + 49) + c_1 = \frac{3}{4}x^4 + \frac{7x^2}{2} + \left(\frac{49}{12} + c_1\right)$$

Since it's an indefinite integral and integration constants are arbitrary $A = B$

if $c = \frac{49}{12} + c_1$.

Of course with integrands as simple as this you'd do it using method A . However, if I had asked for $\int x(3x^2 + 7)^4 dx$, method B might have been quicker on spotting that $\int x(3x^2 + 7)^4 dx = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{30}(3x^2 + 7)^5 + c \right] \dots$

(ii)

$$\int \sin^4 x \cos x dx: \text{spot that}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^5 x) = 5 \sin^4 x \cos x \Rightarrow \int \sin^4 x \cos x dx = \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^5 x) dx = \frac{1}{5} \sin^5 x + c$$

(check by differentiation)

NB $\int \frac{d(f(x))}{dx} dx = f(x) + c$ Standard result: the integral undoes the derivative.

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \int \cos^5 x dx &= \int \cos^4 x \cos x dx \\ &= \int (1 - \sin^2 x)^2 \cos x dx \\ &= (1 - 2 \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x) \cos x dx \\ &= \int (\cos x - 2 \sin^2 x \cos x + \sin^4 x \cos x) dx \\ &= \sin x - \frac{2}{3} \sin^3 x + \frac{1}{5} \sin^5 x + c \end{aligned}$$

NB $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$ and $\int \sin^2 x \cos x dx = \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 x + c$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{iv}) \quad \int \cos^4 x \, dx &= \int (\cos^2 x)^2 \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int (1 + \cos 2x)^2 \, dx \\
&\quad (\text{since } 2 \cos^2 x - 1 = \cos 2x) \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int (1 + 2 \cos 2x + \cos^2 2x) \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int \left[1 + 2 \cos 2x + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 4x) \right] \, dx \\
&\quad (\text{since } 2 \cos^2(2x) - 1 = \cos 4x) \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2 \cos 2x + \frac{1}{2} \cos 4x \right) \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{2}x + \sin 2x + \frac{1}{8} \sin 4x \right) + c \\
&= \underline{\frac{3x}{8} + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{32} \sin 4x + c}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(\text{v}) \quad \int \sec x \, dx$$

This can be written as a function of the type $\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$

How? Consider

$$f(x) = \sec x + \tan x$$

$$f'(x) = \sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x \quad (\text{standard derivative})$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{\sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x}{\sec x + \tan x} = \frac{\sec x(\sec x + \tan x)}{(\sec x + \tan x)} = \underline{\sec x}$$

Now:

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \, dx = \ln[f(x)] + c \quad (\text{standard integral})$$

So

$$\int \sec x \, dx = \int \frac{\sec x(\sec x + \tan x)}{(\sec x + \tan x)} \, dx = \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \, dx$$

where $f(x) = \sec x + \tan x$

$$\text{Therefore } \underline{\int \sec x \, dx = \ln[\sec x + \tan x] + c}$$

$$(vi) \int \frac{x \, dx}{\sqrt{x-2}}$$

Try substitution

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sqrt{x-2} = (x-2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2}(x-2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{du} &= 2(x-2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and also $u^2 = x - 2 \Rightarrow x = u^2 + 2$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x \, dx}{\sqrt{x-2}} &= \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x-2}} \frac{dx}{du} du \\ &= \int \frac{(u^2+2)}{\sqrt{x-2}} 2\sqrt{x-2} du \\ &= 2 \int (u^2+2) \, du \\ &= \frac{2}{3}u^3 + 4u + c \\ &= \frac{2}{3}u(u^2+6) + c \end{aligned}$$

Now have to replace u by $(x-2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

So

$$\int \frac{x \, dx}{\sqrt{x-2}} = \frac{2}{3}(x-2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(x-2+6) + c = \frac{2}{3}(x+4)\sqrt{x-2} + c$$

(vii)

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos^3 x \, dx$$

Try substitution

$$u = \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{du} = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sin^2 x \cos^3 x \, dx &= \int \sin^2 x \cos^3 x \frac{dx}{du} \, du \\&= \int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \cos x \frac{dx}{du} \, du \\&= \int \sin^2 x (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x \frac{dx}{du} \, du \\&= \int u^2 (1 - u^2) \cos x \frac{1}{\cos x} \, du \\&= \int (u^2 - u^4) \, du \\&= \frac{u^3}{3} - \frac{u^5}{5} + c \\&= \frac{u^3}{15} (5 - 3u^2) + c\end{aligned}$$

Replace u by $\sin x$ to get:

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos^3 x \, dx = \frac{1}{15} \sin^3 x (5 - 3 \sin^2 x) + c$$

$$(viii) \int_1^2 \frac{8x \, dx}{(2x+1)^3}$$

Try substitution

$$u = 2x + 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}(u - 1)$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{du} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Under this substitution the interval $1 \leq x \leq 2$ maps onto $3 \leq u \leq 5$ (when $x = 1$, $u = (2 \times 1) + 1 = 3$, when $x = 2$, $u = (2 \times 2) + 1 = 5$)

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{8x}{(2x+1)^3} \\ &= \int_{x=1}^{x=2} \frac{8x}{(2x+1)^4} \frac{dx}{du} du \\ &= \int_{u=3}^{u=5} \frac{8 \times \frac{1}{2}(u-1)}{u^3} \times \frac{1}{2} du \\ &= 2 \int_3^5 \left(\frac{1}{u^2} - \frac{1}{u^3} \right) du \\ &= 2 \int_3^5 (u^{-2} - u^{-3}) du \\ &= 2 \left[-u^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}u^{-2} \right]_3^5 \end{aligned}$$

NB keep the u ranges in the limits since we have an answer in u

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \left\{ \left(-\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{50} \right) - \left(-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{18} \right) \right\} \\ &= 2 \left(-\frac{9}{50} + \frac{5}{18} \right) \\ &= \frac{44}{225} \end{aligned}$$

$$(ix) \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cot x}{\sqrt{\csc^3 x}} dx$$

Let $u = \csc x$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = -\csc x \cot x \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{du} = \frac{-1}{\csc x \cot x}$$

$$\text{When } x = \frac{\pi}{6}, u = \csc \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{1}{(\frac{1}{2})} = 2$$

$$\text{When } x = \frac{\pi}{2}, u = \csc \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

So $\frac{\pi}{6} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ maps to $2 \leq u \leq 1$.

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cot x}{\sqrt{\csc^3 x}} dx \\ &= \int_{x=\frac{\pi}{6}}^{x=\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cot x}{\sqrt{\csc^3 x}} \frac{dx}{du} du \\ &= \int_{u=2}^{u=1} \frac{1}{u^{\frac{3}{2}}} \cot x \left(\frac{-1}{\csc x \cot x} \right) du \\ &= - \int_{u=2}^{u=1} \frac{du}{u^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= - \int_{u=2}^{u=1} \frac{u^{\frac{1}{2}}}{u^{\frac{3}{2}}} du \\ &= - \int_2^1 \frac{du}{u^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= + \int_1^2 \frac{du}{u^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &\quad \text{since } - \int_a^b f(x) dx = + \int_b^a f(x) dx \text{ check from definite integral limits} \\ &= \int_1^2 u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du \\ &= \left[\frac{-2}{3} u^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right]_1^2 \\ &= \frac{-2}{3} (2^{-\frac{3}{2}} - 1^{-\frac{3}{2}}) \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2^{\frac{3}{2}}} - 1 \right) \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} - 1 \right) \\ &= \underline{\frac{1}{6}(4 - \sqrt{2})} \end{aligned}$$

$$(x) \int_0^3 \frac{3 \, dx}{\sqrt{9 - x^2}}$$

Could use standard integrals or if none available, let

$$x = 3 \sin u, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 3 \rightarrow 0 \leq u \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{dx}{du} = 3 \cos u$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^3 \frac{3 \, dx}{\sqrt{9 - x^2}} &= \int_0^3 \frac{3}{\sqrt{9 - x^2}} \, du \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{3}{\sqrt{9 - 9 \sin^2 u}} 3 \cos u \, du \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{3 \cdot 3 \cos u}{3 \cos u} \, du \\ &= 3 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \, du \\ &= 3[u]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(xi)

$$\int \frac{(x - 2) \, dx}{(x^2 - 4x - 5)}$$

Use partial fractions since it's of form $\frac{\alpha x + \beta}{\gamma x^2 + \delta x + \epsilon}$

First we have $x^2 - 4x - 5 \equiv (x + 1)(x - 5)$ factors: $(x + 1), (x - 5)$

So we seek A, B such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x - 2}{(x + 1)(x - 5)} &\equiv \frac{A}{(x + 1)} + \frac{B}{(x - 5)} \\ &\Rightarrow (x - 2) \equiv A(x - 5) + B(x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Equating coefficients of x and numbers on LHS and RHS $\Rightarrow 1 = A + B, -2 = -5A + B$

Solving gives $A = \frac{1}{2}, B = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{(x - 2) \, dx}{(x^2 - 4x - 5)} &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dx}{(x + 1)} + \frac{1}{2} \int dx(x - 5) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log(x + 1) + \frac{1}{2} \log(x - 5) + c \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \log[(x + 1)(x - 5)] + c \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log(x^2 - 4x - 5) + c \\ \text{or } &= \log(\sqrt{x^2 - 4x - 5}) + c \\ \text{or } &= \log(k\sqrt{x^2 - 4x - 5}) + c \end{aligned}$$

k = arbitrary constant

NB could also do this using the $\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$ method since

$$\int \frac{x-2}{(x^2-4x-5)} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x-4}{x^2-4x-5} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$$

where $f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 5$

Check for yourself that the answers are identical (up to arbitrary constants).

(xii)

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 6x + 17)}$$

Now $x^2 + 6x + 17 \equiv (x+3)^2 + 8$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 6x + 17)} &= \int \frac{dx}{(x+3)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} \\ &\quad \text{Now set } u = x+3, \ du = dx \\ &= \int \frac{du}{u^2 + a^2} \text{ where } a = \sqrt{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) + c \text{ by standard integral} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \arctan\left(\frac{x+3}{\sqrt{8}}\right) + c \end{aligned}$$

NB Could you have used partial fractions here?

(xiii)

$$\int \frac{(2x+5) dx}{(x^2 + 4x + 5)}$$

Could try partial fractions or spot type $\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$: do this way.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 4x + 5) = 2x + 4$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\int \frac{2x+5}{x^2+4x+5} dx \\ &= \int \frac{(2x+4) dx}{x^2+4x+5} + \int \frac{1 dx}{x^2+4x+5} \\ &= \log(x^2+4x+5) + \int \frac{dx}{x^2+4x+5} \quad (\text{standard integrals}) \\ &\quad \ln\left(\frac{f'}{f}\right) \text{ type integral and integral of type (xxiv)} \\ &= \log(x^2+4x+5) + \int \frac{dx}{(x+2)^2+1^2} \\ &= \underline{\log(x^2+4x+5) + \arctan(x+2) + c} \end{aligned}$$

$$(xiv) \int \frac{x^2 dx}{(x+1)}$$

Partial fractions won't work: divide out.

$$\frac{x^2}{x+1} \equiv x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1}$$

This comes either from
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$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{x+1} &= (x-1) + \left(\frac{1}{x+1} \right) \\ \text{or } \frac{x^2}{x+1} &= \frac{x^2 - 1 + 1}{x+1} = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x+1} \\ &= \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{(x+1)} + \frac{1}{x+1} \\ &= (x-1) + \frac{1}{x+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } \int \frac{x^2}{x+1} dx = \int (x-1) dx + \int \frac{dx}{(x+1)} = \underline{\underline{\frac{x^2}{2} - x + \log(x+1) + c}}$$