

**Math 181, Exam 1, Spring 2013**  
**Problem 1 Solution**

1. Compute the integrals  $\int x e^{4x} dx$  and  $\int \arctan x dx$ .

**Solution:** We compute the first integral using Integration by Parts. The following table summarizes the elements that make up the technique.

$u = x$	$dv = e^{4x} dx$
$du = dx$	$v = \frac{1}{4}e^{4x}$

Using the Integration by Parts formula we have

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$
$$\int x e^{4x} dx = \frac{1}{4} x e^{4x} - \frac{1}{4} \int e^{4x} dx$$

ANSWER  $\int x e^{4x} dx = \frac{1}{4} x e^{4x} - \frac{1}{16} e^{4x} + C$

The second integral is computed by Integration by Parts as well. The following table summarizes the elements that make up the technique.

$u = \arctan(x)$	$dv = dx$
$du = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx$	$v = x$

Using the Integration by Parts formula we have

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$
$$\int \arctan(x) dx = x \arctan(x) - \int \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

ANSWER  $\int \arctan(x) dx = x \arctan(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) + C$

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**Problem 2 Solution**

2. Compute the integral  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2\sqrt{x^2+4}}$ .

**Solution:** We compute the integral using the trigonometric substitution  $x = 2 \tan \theta$ ,  $dx = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$ . After substituting these expressions into the integral and simplifying we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{x^2\sqrt{x^2+4}} &= \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{(2 \tan \theta)^2 \sqrt{(2 \tan \theta)^2 + 4}} \\ &= \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta}{4 \tan^2 \theta \sqrt{4 \tan^2 \theta + 4}} d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta}{4 \tan^2 \theta \sqrt{4(\tan^2 \theta + 1)}} d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta}{4 \tan^2 \theta \sqrt{4 \sec^2 \theta}} d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta}{4 \tan^2 \theta \cdot 2 \sec \theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{\sec \theta}{\tan^2 \theta} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

To evaluate the resulting trigonometric integral we rewrite the integrand in terms of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  by using the definitions

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}, \quad \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

The integral then transforms into

$$\int \frac{\sec \theta}{\tan^2 \theta} d\theta = \int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta$$

We can either

- (1) rewrite the integrand as  $\cot \theta \csc \theta$  and use the fact that this is the derivative of  $-\csc \theta$   
or
- (2) use the substitution  $u = \sin \theta$ ,  $du = \cos \theta d\theta$ .

In either case we obtain the result:

$$\int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta = -\csc \theta + C$$

Therefore, our integral takes the form

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2\sqrt{x^2+4}} = -\frac{1}{4} \csc \theta + C$$

We must finish the problem by writing  $\csc \theta$  in terms of  $x$ . Since we know that  $x = 2 \tan \theta$  we have

$$\tan \theta = \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\text{OPP}}{\text{ADJ}}$$

where OPP and ADJ are the opposite and adjacent sides of a right triangle, respectively, where opposite refers to the length of the side across from  $\theta$ . Using the Pythagorean Theorem, the hypotenuse of this triangle is  $\sqrt{x^2 + 4}$ . Therefore,

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\text{HYP}}{\text{OPP}} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{x}$$

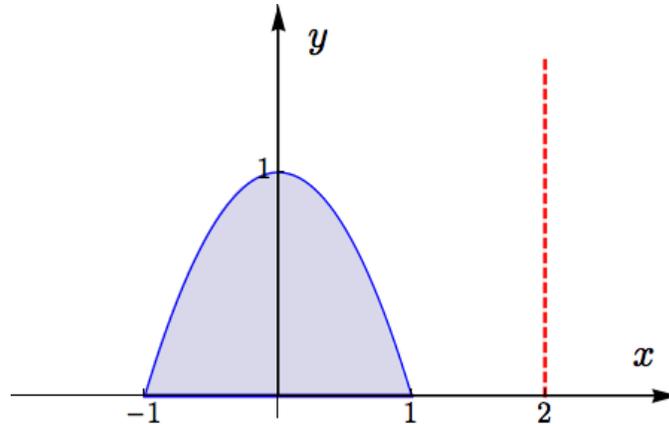
After substituting this expression into our result we find that

ANSWER  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2 + 4}} = -\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{4x} + C$

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Problem 3 Solution

3. The region between the  $x$ -axis and the parabola  $y = 1 - x^2$  is rotated about the line  $x = 2$ . Find the volume of the resulting solid.

**Solution:** The region being rotated is plotted below.



In this case, we use the Shell Method because the integration with respect to  $x$  is easier to perform. The volume formula is

$$V = 2\pi \int_a^b (\text{radius})(\text{height}) dx$$

The height of each shell is given by  $1 - x^2$ . Since the region is being rotated about the axis  $x = 2$ , the radius of each shell is given by  $2 - x$ . The interval over which the integral will take place is  $x = -1$  to  $x = 1$  since these are the points where the parabola  $y = 1 - x^2$  intersects the  $x$ -axis. Therefore, the volume of the solid is

$$V = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 (2 - x)(1 - x^2) dx$$

$$V = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 (2 - x - 2x^2 + x^3) dx$$

$$V = 8\pi \int_0^1 (1 - x^2) dx$$

$$V = 8\pi \left[ x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1$$

ANSWER  $V = \frac{16\pi}{3}$

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**Problem 4 Solution**

4. Compute the integrals  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - x}$  and  $\int \frac{x + 3}{x^2 + 2x + 5} dx$ .

**Solution:** The integrand of  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - x}$  is a rational function whose denominator factors into  $x(x - 1)$ . Thus, we will use the method of partial fractions. The partial fraction decomposition of the integrand is

$$\frac{1}{x(x - 1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x - 1}$$

After clearing denominators we find that

$$1 = A(x - 1) + Bx$$

When  $x = 0$  we have  $A = -1$  and when  $x = 1$  we have  $B = 1$ . Therefore, we may evaluate the integral as follows:

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - x} = \int \left( -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x - 1} \right) dx$$

**ANSWER**  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - x} = -\ln|x| + \ln|x - 1| + C$

The integrand of the integral  $\int \frac{x + 3}{x^2 + 2x + 5} dx$  is a rational function but the denominator is an irreducible quadratic. Therefore we begin by completing the square:

$$x^2 + 2x + 5 = (x^2 + 2x + 1) + 5 - 1 = (x + 1)^2 + 4$$

At the same time we can rewrite the numerator as  $x + 3 = (x + 1) + 2$ . The integral can then be split into the sum of two integrals

$$\int \frac{x + 3}{x^2 + 2x + 5} dx = \int \frac{x + 1}{(x + 1)^2 + 4} dx + \int \frac{2}{(x + 1)^2 + 4} dx$$

Letting  $u = x + 1$ ,  $du = dx$  we obtain:

$$\int \frac{x + 3}{x^2 + 2x + 5} dx = \int \frac{u}{u^2 + 4} du + \int \frac{2}{u^2 + 4} du$$

The first integral on the right hand side may be evaluated using the substitution  $v = u^2 + 4$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} dv = u du$  and the second integral may be evaluated using the trigonometric substitution

$u = 2 \tan \theta$ ,  $du = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$ . The sum of these integrals transforms and evaluates as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x+3}{x^2+2x+5} dx &= \int \frac{u}{u^2+4} + \int \frac{2}{u^2+4} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dv}{v} + \int d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln|v| + \theta + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(u^2+4) + \arctan\left(\frac{u}{2}\right) + C \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that  $v = u^2 + 4$  and  $\theta = \arctan(\frac{u}{2})$  to write our answer in terms of  $u$ . We must take it a step further and write our answer in terms of  $x$ . We use the fact that  $u = x + 1$  to obtain:

$$\int \frac{x+3}{x^2+2x+5} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln((x+1)^2+4) + \arctan\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + C$$

ANSWER  $\int \frac{x+3}{x^2+2x+5} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+2x+5) + \arctan\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + C$

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**Problem 5 Solution**

5. Find the arc length of the graph of  $f(x) = \ln x - \frac{x^2}{8}$  from 1 to  $e$ .

**Solution:** The arc length formula we will use is

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx$$

The derivative  $f'(x)$  is

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{4}$$

Upon adding 1 to the square of  $f'(x)$  we find that the result is a perfect square. The details are outlined below:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + f'(x)^2 &= 1 + \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{4}\right)^2 \\ 1 + f'(x)^2 &= 1 + \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^2}{16} \\ 1 + f'(x)^2 &= \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^2}{16} \\ 1 + f'(x)^2 &= \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{4}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the arc length is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_1^e \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx \\ L &= \int_1^e \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{4}\right) dx \\ L &= \left[\ln(x) + \frac{x^2}{8}\right]_1^e \\ L &= \left[\ln(e) + \frac{e^2}{8}\right] - \left[\ln(1) + \frac{1^2}{8}\right] \end{aligned}$$

**ANSWER**  $L = 1 + \frac{1}{8}(e^2 - 1)$