

1. Evaluate:  $\int_1^2 x \cos(\pi x) dx$

Set  $f = x$  and  $g' = \cos(\pi x) dx$ . Then  $f' = dx$  and  $g = \frac{1}{\pi} \sin(\pi x)$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 x \cos(\pi x) dx &= \left. \frac{x}{\pi} \sin(\pi x) \right|_1^2 - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_1^2 \sin(\pi x) dx \\ &= 0 + \left. \frac{1}{\pi^2} \cos(\pi x) \right|_1^2 = \frac{1}{\pi^2} - \left( -\frac{1}{\pi^2} \right) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Integrate:  $\int \ln(2x) dx$

Not much choice here. Set  $f = \ln(2x)$  and  $g' = dx$ . Then  $f' = \frac{dx}{x}$  and  $g = x$ . So

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

(turn over)

3. Integrate

$$\int x \cot^2(x) dx = \int \frac{x \cos^2(x)}{\sin^2(x)} dx$$

[Hint:  $f$  has no denominator.]

Here's a detailed explanation:

The hint tells us that the denominator inside the integral,  $\sin^2(x)$ , has to be part of  $g'$ . In other words,

$$g' = \frac{N(x)}{\sin^2(x)}$$

where the numerator  $N(x)$  is a function we still have to determine.

$g'$  is a derivative, so what are possible ways we could take a derivative of a function and get  $\sin^2(x)$  in the denominator? One possibility is Quotient Rule, but the Quotient Rule has a pretty complicated numerator and the numerator under the integral is pretty simple (doesn't involve any addition), so this isn't too likely of a possibility. Another way would be Chain Rule on  $(\sin(x))^{-1} = 1/\sin(x)$ . If you differentiate, you get

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sin(x)}\right)' = \frac{-\cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)}$$

and this looks very similar to something we have in the integral. Let's give it a try:  $f = -x \cos(x)$  and  $g' = -\cos(x)/\sin^2(x)$ . Then  $f' = -\cos(x) + x \sin(x)$  and  $g = 1/\sin(x)$ . This looks promising, since the exponents on the trigonometric functions in  $f'$  and  $g$  are smaller. Working it out,

$$\int \frac{x \cos^2(x)}{\sin^2(x)} dx = \frac{-x \cos(x)}{\sin(x)} - \int \frac{-\cos(x) + x \sin(x)}{\sin(x)} dx = -x \cot(x) + \int \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} dx - \int x dx$$

and the integrals on the right are all ones we're very familiar with. To finish:

$$\int \frac{x \cos^2(x)}{\sin^2(x)} dx = -x \cot(x) + \ln(\sin(x)) - \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

This problem is a good example of when finding a good  $f$  and  $g'$  is much harder than the computations you do to get the final answer. The reason why this solution looks so long on paper is not because it's a long computation, but because there's a long thought process for finding good  $f$  and  $g'$ .

If you want more practice, try  $\int \cot^2(x) dx$ , which follows a similar pattern.