

SOLUTIONS FOR MATH 1B WEEK 3, TUESDAY

Exercise 1. Let $x = 3 \sin \theta$ for $\theta \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$. Then $dx = 3 \cos \theta d\theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} dx &= \int \frac{27 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{9-9 \sin^2 \theta}} d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{9 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{|\cos \theta|} d\theta \\
 &= \int 9 \sin^2 \theta d\theta \\
 &= \int \left(\frac{9}{2} - \frac{9}{2} \cos(2\theta) \right) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \theta - \frac{9}{4} \sin(2\theta) + C \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \theta - \frac{9}{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta + C \\
 &= \frac{9}{2} \arcsin \left(\frac{x}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{9-x^2} + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2. Let $x = a \tan \theta$, for $\theta \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$. Then $dx = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$. Further, let $u = \sin \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^a \frac{dx}{(a^2+x^2)^{3/2}} &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{(a^2+a^2 \tan^2 \theta)^{3/2}} dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{a^3 \sec^3 \theta} d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{a^3} \cos^3 \theta d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\sqrt{2}/2} \frac{1}{a^3} (1-u^2) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{a^3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{12} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3. The polynomial in the denominator has discriminant $2^2 - 4 \cdot 5 = -16$. Since this is negative, we will not be able to factor it, so we should complete the square. Let $u = x + 1$, so $du = dx$ and

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

Now do a trig sub with $u = 2 \tan \theta$, so $du = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$. Use the domain $\theta \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$, so that $\tan \theta$ ranges over all real numbers and $\sec \theta$ is positive. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\sqrt{4 \tan^2 \theta + 4}} &= \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{2 \sec \theta} \\ &= \int \sec \theta d\theta \\ &= \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C \end{aligned}$$

To substitute back into u and then x , use the following two facts: (Note we don't run into issues with the square root on the second one since $\sec \theta$ is positive on $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$.)

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}u = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)$$

$$\sec \theta = \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4}u^2} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4}(x+1)^2}$$

This gives

$$\ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C = \ln \left| \frac{1}{2}(x+1) + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4}(x+1)^2} \right| + C.$$

Exercise 4. This one should have been $\int x \sqrt{1-x^4} dx$. In that case, it would be easy to substitute $u = x^2$ so the problem becomes $\frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{1-u^2} du$ and then use a trig sub. Without it, this is actually a very tricky integral and can't be solved using methods we've used so far.

Exercise 5. Set $u = x^2 - 7$, so $du = 2x dx$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-7}} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du \\ &= \sqrt{u} + C \\ &= \sqrt{x^2-7} + C \end{aligned}$$

Always remember to try easier methods, like u -substitution, before more time-consuming ones!

Exercise 6. Let $x = \tan \theta$, and use the domain $\theta \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$. Then $dx = \sec^2 \theta d\theta$. Since $\tan 0 = 0$ and $\tan(\pi/4) = 1$, We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 1)^2} &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{(\tan^2 \theta + 1)^2} \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\sec^4 \theta} \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} (1 + \cos(2\theta)) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \right) \Big|_0^{\pi/4} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 7. Let $t = 2 \tan \theta$, so $dt = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$. Use the domain $\theta \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$. On this interval, note that $\sec \theta$ is positive. Since $2 \tan 0 = 0$ and $2 \tan(\pi/4) = 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^2 \frac{dt}{\sqrt{4 + t^2}} &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\sqrt{4 + 4 \tan^2 \theta}} \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\sec \theta} \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec \theta d\theta \\
 &= \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| \Big|_0^{\pi/4} \\
 &= \ln(\sqrt{2} + 1) - \ln 1 = \ln(\sqrt{2} + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$