

In the following we will address integrals that are of the form,

$$\int \sin^n x \cos^m x dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int \tan^n x \sec^m x dx$$

where  $m$  &  $n$  are non-negative integers. In these integrals we will usually need to use **trigonometric identities** **BEFORE** making a **u-substitution**.

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which we should be comfortable with!

Summary:  $\int \cos^n x \sin^m x dx$

- 1) if **either**  $n$  or  $m$  is odd, use identity  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$  and make a u-sub.
- 2) if **both**  $m$  &  $n$  are even, use half angle identities,  
 $\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2x))$ ,  $\cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2x))$

Example 1.  $\int \sin^5 x dx$

Since the power of sine is **ODD** we strip off one  $\sin x$  and convert the others using  $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^4 x \cdot \sin x dx &= \int (\sin^2 x)^2 \cdot \sin x dx \\ &= \int (1 - \cos^2 x)^2 \cdot \sin x dx \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{NO POWERS!} \\ u = \cos x \\ du = -\sin x dx \end{array} \\ &= \int (1 - u^2)^2 \cdot (-du) \\ &= - \int (1 - 2u^2 + u^4) du = -u + \frac{2}{3}u^3 + \frac{1}{5}u^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\cos x + \frac{2}{3}\cos^3 x + \frac{1}{5}\cos^5 x$$

Example 2.  $\int \cos^3 x \sin^2 x dx$

Since the exponent on  $\cos x$  is odd we strip one off and replace the other two.

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \cos^3 x \sin^2 x \, dx &= \int \cos x \cdot \cos^2 x \sin^2 x \, dx \\
&= \int \cos x \cdot (1 - \sin^2 x) \sin^2 x \, dx && \begin{array}{l} u = \sin x \\ du = \cos x \, dx \end{array} \\
&= \int (1 - u^2) u^2 \, du = \int (u^2 - u^4) \, du \\
&= \frac{1}{3} u^3 - \frac{1}{5} u^5 = \boxed{\frac{1}{3} \sin^3 x - \frac{1}{5} \sin^5 x}
\end{aligned}$$

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

In this case **both** exponents are even so we have to use the double angle formulas,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \sin^2 x \cdot \cos^2 x \, dx &= \int \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x) \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int (1 - \cos^2 2x) \, dx && \begin{array}{l} \text{still can't handle this} \\ \text{because of exponent.} \end{array} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 4x) \right] \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int 1 \, dx - \frac{1}{8} \int 1 \, dx - \frac{1}{8} \int \cos 4x \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} x - \frac{1}{8} x - \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \sin 4x = \boxed{\frac{1}{8} x - \frac{1}{32} \sin 4x}
\end{aligned}$$

Try the following on your own,

1)  $\int \cos^4 x \cdot \sin^3 x \, dx$

2)  $\int \cos^4 x \, dx$

3)  $\int \cos^5 x \sin^3 x \, dx$ .

Summary:  $\int \tan^n x \sec^m x \, dx$

- 1) if the power of secant is **even**, leave a  $\sec^2 x$  and replace the rest using

$$\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x.$$

2) if the power of tangent is **odd** and there's **at least one** secant, save  $\tan x \sec x$  and replace the rest of the tangents using  $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$ .

The above is obviously not all possible scenarios, and the rest we will have to tackle as they come.

Example 4.  $\int \sec^6 x \, dx$

Power of secant is even,

$$\int \sec^6 x \, dx = \int \sec^4 x \cdot \sec^2 x \, dx$$

$$= \int (1 + \tan^2 x)^2 \sec^2 x \, dx \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \tan x \\ du = \sec^2 x \, dx \end{array}$$

$$= \int (1 + u^2)^2 \, du$$

$$= \int (1 + 2u^2 + u^4) \, du = u + \frac{2}{3}u^3 + \frac{1}{5}u^5$$

$$= \tan x + \frac{2}{3}\tan^3 x + \frac{1}{5}\tan^5 x.$$

Example 5.  $\int \tan^5 x \sec^3 x \, dx$

The power of tan is odd so

$$\int \tan^4 x \cdot \sec^2 x \cdot \tan x \sec x \, dx = \int (\sec^2 x - 1)^2 \sec^2 x \cdot \tan x \sec x \, dx \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \sec x \\ du = \tan x \sec x \, dx \end{array}$$

$$= \int (u^2 - 1)^2 u^2 \cdot du$$

$$= \int (u^6 - 2u^4 + u^2) \, du = \frac{1}{7}u^7 - \frac{2}{5}u^5 + \frac{1}{3}u^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{7}\sec^7 x - \frac{2}{5}\sec^5 x + \frac{1}{3}\sec^3 x.$$

Example 6.  $\int \sec^3 x \, dx$

This doesn't fit into either of the criteria, so we have to improvise,

$$u = \sec x \quad du = \tan x \sec x \, dx$$

$$dv = \sec^2 x \, dx \quad v = \tan x$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \tan^2 x \sec x \, dx$$

*replace this* ↙

$$= \sec x \tan x - \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \sec x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \sec^3 x \, dx + \int \sec x \, dx$$

$$+ \int \sec^3 x \, dx \quad + \int \sec^3 x \, dx$$

$$2 \int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x + \log |\sec x + \tan x|$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \sec x \tan x + \frac{1}{2} \log |\sec x + \tan x|}$$

If you've never solved this before, it is a good exercise. we will take the ans for granted.

Try the following on your own,

1)  $\int \tan^4 x \sec^4 x \, dx$

2)  $\int \tan^4 x \sec x \, dx$