
Problems about Integration by Parts

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$$\int \arctan(7z) dz$$

Formula

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

Computation

Choose $u = \arctan(7z)$. Then

$$du = \frac{7}{1+(7z)^2} dz, \quad dv = dz, \quad \text{and } v = z.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \arctan(7z) dz &= z \arctan(7z) - \int \frac{7z}{1+(7z)^2} dz \\ &= z \arctan(z) - \frac{1}{14} \ln|1+(7z)^2| + C. \end{aligned}$$

The last integral has to be computed by the substitution $t = 1 + (7z)^2$.

$$\int x \arctan(x^2) dx$$

Formula

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

Computation

Choose $u = \arctan(x^2)$. Then

$$du = \frac{2x dx}{1+x^4}, \quad dv = x dx, \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{x^2}{2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \arctan(x^2) dx &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arctan(x^2) - \int \frac{x^3}{1+x^4} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arctan(x^2) - \frac{1}{4} \ln(1+x^4) + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\int x^5 \cos(x^3) dx$$

Formula

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

Computation

Choose $u = x^3$. Then $du = 3x^2 dx$,

$$dv = x^2 \cos(x^3) dx, \text{ and } v = \frac{\sin(x^3)}{3}.$$

To find v in the above we integrated $x^2 \cos(x^3)$ by the substitution $t = x^3$.

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

Here we use the substitution $t = x^3$ again.

Show that $\int x^n e^x dx = x^n e^x - n \int x^{n-1} e^x dx$

Proof of the formula

Apply integration by parts setting $u = x^n$.

Then $du = nx^{n-1} dx$, and $dv = e^x dx$, $v = e^x$.

One gets

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^n e^x dx &= x^n e^x - \int e^x nx^{n-1} dx \\ &= x^n e^x - n \int x^{n-1} e^x dx.\end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = 0$$

Problem

Show that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = 0$
whenever $m^2 \neq n^2$, $m \neq 0$ and $n \neq 0$.

Justification

Two Integrations by Parts are needed.

Step 1

$$u = \sin(mx) \Rightarrow dv = \sin(nx) dx, v = -\frac{1}{n} \cos(nx), du = m \cos(mx) dx.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx &= -\frac{1}{n} \cos(nx) \sin(mx) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(-\frac{1}{n} \cos(nx) \right) m \cos(mx) dx \\ &= \frac{m}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = 0$$

Problem

Show that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = 0$
whenever $m^2 \neq n^2$, $m \neq 0$ and $n \neq 0$.

Justification (cont'd)

Step 2

Next step is to compute $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx$ by a second Integration by Parts.

Choose : $u = \cos(mx) \Rightarrow dv = \cos(nx) dx, v = \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx), du = m \sin(mx) dx$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx &= \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx) \cos(mx) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sin(nx) \right) m \sin(mx) dx \\ &= \frac{m}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = 0$$

Problem

Show that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = 0$
whenever $m^2 \neq n^2$, $m \neq 0$ and $n \neq 0$.

Justification (cont'd)

Step 3

Combining Step 1 and Step 2 we get

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx = \frac{m}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx = \frac{m^2}{n^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx$$

Conclude

$$\left(1 - \frac{m^2}{n^2}\right) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx = 0$$

By the assumptions, $1 - \frac{m^2}{n^2} \neq 0$. Hence $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx = 0$.

$$\int \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx$$

Problem

Compute $\int \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx$

Solution

Use the formula

$$\sin(mx) \sin(nx) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos((m-n)x) - \cos((m+n)x)]$$

To get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int [\cos((m-n)x) - \cos((m+n)x)] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin((m-n)x)}{m-n} - \frac{\sin((m+n)x)}{m+n} \right] + C \end{aligned}$$

By the FTC this result also justifies the formula of the previous example.

Assuming that $m \neq \pm n$.

If $m = n \neq 0$, then the above implies

$$\int \sin^2(mx) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int [1 - \cos(2mx)] dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[x - \frac{\sin(2mx)}{2m} \right] + C.$$