Recitation 02: Integration by Parts & Trig Integrals

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Recall the theorems:

Theorem (Integration by Parts). Suppose that u and v are differentiable functions. Then

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

Theorem (Integration by Parts - Definite Integral). Suppose that u and v are differentiable on (a, b). Then

$$\int_{a}^{b} u(x)v'(x) \, dx = u(x)v(x) \bigg|_{b}^{b} - \int_{a}^{b} v(x)u'(x) \, dx$$

Example (Integration by Parts). Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int \theta \sec^2(\theta) \, d\theta$$

Solution.

Let $u = \theta$ and $dv = \sec^2(\theta) d\theta$. Then $du = d\theta$ and $v = \tan(\theta) + C$. So

$$\int \theta \sec^2(\theta) d\theta = \theta \tan(\theta) - \int \tan(\theta) d\theta$$
$$= \theta \tan(\theta) - \ln|\sec(\theta)| + C$$

Example (Repeated Integration by Parts). Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int t^3 e^{-t} \, dt$$

Solution.

Since t^3 is a polynomial, we should probably pick $u = t^3$ and $dv = e^{-t}$, dt. However, doing so will require us to do integration by parts 3 times. Polynomials are actually kind of special in that multiple derivatives will eventually get us to zero. As a result, there is a faster way through it (the Tabular Method).

We form a table with two columns. The left column is u and the right column is dv. In the left column, we take a derivative of each preceding row until we get to 0. In the right column, we take an anti-derivative of each preceding row. Our table thus looks like this:

u	dv
t^3	e^{-t}
$3t^2$	$-e^{-t}$
6t	e^{-t}
6	$-e^{-t}$
0	e^{-t}

From here, we alternately assign \pm to the u terms and associate each u to the dv in the row below.

	u		dv
+	t^3	V	e^{-t}
_	$3t^2$	X	$-e^{-t}$
+	6t	1	e^{-t}
_	6	V	$-e^{-t}$
	0		e^{-t}

So then we multiply associated u and dv terms together and add them to get

 $\int t^3 e^{-t} dt = -t^3 e^{-t} - 3t^2 e^{-t} - 6t e^{-t} - 6e^{-t} + C.$

Example (Definite Integrals (Integration by Parts)). Evaluate the following definite integral:

$$\int_{0}^{\pi/2} x \cos(2x) \, dx$$

Solution.

Let u = x and $dv = \cos(2x) dx$. Then du = dx and $v = \frac{1}{2}\sin(2x) + C$, so

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} x \cos(2x) \, dx = \frac{1}{2} x \sin(2x) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(2x) \, dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} x \sin(2x) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} + \frac{1}{4} \cos(2x) \Big|_0^{\pi/2}$$
$$= (0 - 0) + (-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}) = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Example (Integrals of sin(x) and cos(x)). Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int \sin^2(x)\cos^2(x)\,dx$$

Solution.

Since both sin and cos have even powers, we use the half-angle identities to rewrite the integrand.

Recall that $\cos^2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2x))$ and $\sin^2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2x))$. So

$$\int \sin^2(x) \cos^2(x) = \frac{1}{4} \int (1 - \cos(2x)) (1 + \cos(2x)) dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} \int [1 - \cos^2(2x)] dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} \int \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos(4x))\right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int dx - \frac{1}{8} \int dx - \frac{1}{8} \int \cos(4x) dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{8}x - \frac{1}{32}\sin(4x) = \frac{x}{8} - \frac{\sin(4x)}{32}.$$

Example (Integrals of tan(x) and sec(x)). Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int \sec^2(x) \tan^{1/2}(x) \, dx$$

Solution.

Since sec has an even power, we choose $u = \tan(x)$ and change any leftover $\sec^{2k}(x)$ terms into $(\tan^2(x) + 1)^k$. So, with our choice of u, we get that $du = \sec^2(x) dx$, and thus

$$\int \sec^2(x) \tan^{1/2}(x) dx = \int u^{1/2} du$$
$$= \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} + C$$
$$= \frac{2}{3} \tan^{3/2}(x) + C.$$

Example (Square roots). Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1 - \cos(2x)} \, dx$$

Solution.

Again, we appeal to the half-angle formula $\sin^2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2x))$ and get

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1 - \cos(2x)} \, dx = \sqrt{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(x) \, dx$$
$$= -\sqrt{2} \cos(x) \Big|_0^{\pi/2}$$
$$= \sqrt{2}.$$

Assignment

Recitation Notebook:

§7.1 - #1, #2, #6 §7.2 - #1, #3, #4

As always, you may work in groups, but homework must written up and submitted by each individual.