

Section 28.7: Integration by Parts

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consider $\int x^2 \ln x \, dx$

note: this integral cannot be done by basic substitution in the way that $\int \frac{1}{x} \ln x \, dx$ could

recall the product rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

in differential form:

$$d(uv) = u \, dv + v \, du$$

and if we integrate both sides, we get

$$\int d(uv) = \int u \, dv + \int v \, du$$

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

solve for $\int u \, dv$

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

on formula
sheet

how does it work?

$$\int x^2 \ln x dx = \int \underbrace{\ln x}_u \underbrace{x^2 dx}_{dv}$$

$$\text{let } u = \ln x \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$v = \frac{1}{3} x^3 \quad (\text{ignore } +C \\ \text{for now}) \\ dv = x^2 dx$$

now, write at the "parts" formula:

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

$$\int (\ln x) x^2 dx = (\ln x) \left(\frac{1}{3} x^3 \right) - \int \left(\frac{1}{3} x^3 \right) \frac{1}{x} dx$$

why is this cool?
because we can
integrate it!

$$= \frac{1}{3} x^3 \ln x - \int \frac{1}{3} x^2 dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} x^3 \ln x - \frac{1}{9} x^3 + C$$

each integral
gives a constant,
but we just lump
them all together
in our last step

example:

$$\int x \underbrace{\cos 2x \, dx}_{dv}$$

let $u = x$	$v = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x$
$du = dx$	$dv = \cos 2x \, dx$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\int x \cos 2x \, dx &= x \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right) - \int \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \sin 2x - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \right) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \sin 2x + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2x + C\end{aligned}$$

note $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} x \sin 2x + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2x + C \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} x \cos 2x + \frac{1}{4} (-2 \sin 2x) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + x \cos 2x - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \\
&= x \cos 2x
\end{aligned}$$

guidelines for u and dv :

idea: is to choose u so that du is simpler in form

and that dv is something you can integrate

basically two types

$$\textcircled{1} \int x^n \left\{ \begin{array}{l} e^{ax} \\ \sin ax \\ \cos ax \end{array} \right\} dx$$

\uparrow
 u

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{dv}$

note: you can integrate this dv

$$\textcircled{2} \int x^n \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \ln x \\ \tan^{-1} x \\ \sin^{-1} x \end{array} \right\} dx$$

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 u so $dv = x^n dx$

nice memory aid:

$\begin{array}{c} \text{inverse trig} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{L I A T E} \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{log} \quad \text{algebra} \quad \text{exponent} \end{array}$

example:

$$\int \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{2x-1}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{let } u = x \\ du = dx \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} v = \frac{1}{2} (2x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ dv = (2x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \end{array}$$

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

$$\int x (2x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx = x(2x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \int (2x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$= x(2x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} (2x-1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$$

$$= x(2x-1)^{1/2} - \frac{1}{3}(2x-1)^{3/2} + C$$