

§ 7.3 Trig Substitutions

(Review $\sec x / \tan x$ trig integrals).

- Integrals showing up with circles/ellipses/arc length/surface area.

$$-\sqrt{x^2+a^2}, \sqrt{a^2-x^2}, \sqrt{x^2-a^2}$$

$$1+\tan^2\theta = \sec^2\theta \quad 1-\sin^2\theta = \cos^2\theta \quad \sec^2\theta - 1 = \tan^2\theta$$

$$\text{Sub: } x = a \tan\theta \quad x = a \sin\theta \quad x = a \sec\theta$$

This is ok if we can undo the substitution
(may need to restrict domain)

Ex 1: $\int x \sqrt{x^2+4} dx$ (note: u-sub is easier)

w/ u-sub: $u = x^2+4, du = 2x dx$ w/ trig sub: $x = 2 \tan\theta \quad dx = 2 \sec^2\theta d\theta$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{u} du = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (x^2+4)^{3/2} + C$$

$$= \int 2 \tan\theta \sqrt{4 \tan^2\theta + 4} \cdot 2 \sec^2\theta d\theta$$

$$= \int 2 \tan\theta \cdot 2 \sqrt{\sec^2\theta} \cdot 2 \sec^2\theta d\theta$$

$$= 8 \int \tan\theta \sec^3\theta d\theta$$

$$u = \sec\theta \quad du = \sec\theta \tan\theta d\theta$$

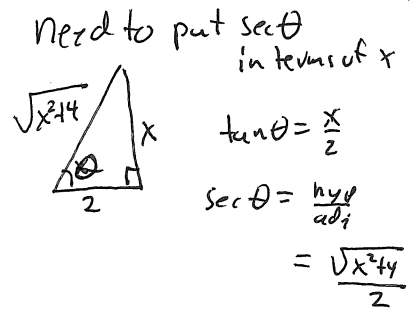
$$= 8 \int u^2 du$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} u^3 + C$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \sec^3\theta + C$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \left(\frac{(x^2+4)^{1/2}}{2} \right)^3 + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (x^2+4)^{3/2} + C$$



Ex 2: $\int \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$ • no u-sub here! $x = \sin\theta \quad dx = \cos\theta d\theta$

$$= \int \sqrt{1-\sin^2\theta} \cos\theta d\theta$$

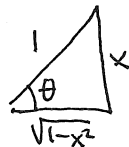
$$= \int \cos^2\theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos(2\theta)) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2\theta) + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{1}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sin\theta \cos\theta$$

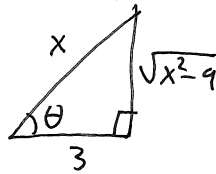
$$= \frac{1}{2} \arcsin(x) + \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{1-x^2} + C$$



Ex: $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2-9}}$

$$x = 3 \sec \theta \quad dx = 3 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{3 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta}{3^2 \sec^2 \theta \sqrt{9 \sec^2 \theta - 9}}$$



$$= \int \frac{\tan \theta d\theta}{9 \sec \theta \cdot 3 \sqrt{\tan^2 \theta}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \int \frac{d\theta}{\sec \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \int \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \sin \theta + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-9}}{x} + C$$

- Sometimes need to complete the square. See Worksheet 4.
- Do worksheet 4.