

Answers to Quiz 1

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(8pts.) 1. Use integration by parts to justify the following formula: $\int \cos^n(x) dx = \frac{1}{n} \cos^{n-1}(x) \sin(x) + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \cos^{n-2}(x) dx$.

Choose $u = \cos^{n-1}(x)$ and $v' = \cos(x)$, which leads to $u' = (n-1) \cos^{n-2}(x)(-\sin(x))$ and $v = \sin(x)$. Applying integration by parts yields

$$\int \cos^n(x) dx = \cos^{n-1}(x) \sin(x) - (-(n-1)) \int \cos^{n-2}(x) \sin^2(x) dx$$

Using the trig identity $\sin^2(x) = 1 - \cos^2(x)$ and the integral property that $\int (f(x) - g(x)) dx = \int f(x) dx - \int g(x) dx$ implies

$$\int \cos^n(x) dx = \cos^{n-1}(x) \sin(x) + (n-1) \int \cos^{n-2}(x) dx - (n-1) \int \cos^n(x) dx$$

Adding the last term to the left hand side and dividing by n gives the reduction formula.

(12pts.) 2. Integrate the following:

a. $\int \frac{e^x}{e^x+1} dx$

Using u -substitution with $u = e^x + 1$ leads to $\int \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| + C = \ln|e^x + 1| + C$

b. $\int \ln t dt$

Integration by parts with $u = \ln t$ and $v' = 1$, so $u' = \frac{1}{t}$ and $v = t$. Applying the formula leads to the antiderivative $t \ln t - \int t \frac{1}{t} dt = t \ln t - t + C$.

c. $\int \frac{2x+3}{x^2+3x-10} dx$

Either u -substitution with $u = x^2 + 3x - 10$ or partial fractions with a denominator factorization of $(x+5)(x-2)$ will work. For partial fractions, you should end up with the equations $A(x-2) + B(x+5) = 2x+3$. Plugging in 2 yields $7B = 7$, so $B = 1$. Plugging in -5 yields $-7A = -7$, so $A = 1$. Thus, the integral becomes $\int (\frac{1}{x+5} + \frac{1}{x-2}) dx = \ln|x+5| + \ln|x-2| + C$.