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Question 1

Find

$$\int \ln(x^2 + 2) dx$$

Solution

Let $u = \ln(x^2 + 2)$, $dv = dx$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln(x^2 + 2) & dv &= dx \\ du &= \frac{2x}{x^2 + 2} dx & v &= x \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \ln(x^2 + 2) dx &= x \ln(x^2 + 2) - 2 \int \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 2} dx \\ &= x \ln(x^2 + 2) - 2 \int \left(1 - \frac{2}{x^2 + 2}\right) dx \\ &= x \ln(x^2 + 2) - 2x + \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + C \\ &= x (\ln(x^2 + 2) - 2) + 2\sqrt{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + C \end{aligned}$$

Question 2

Find

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

Solution

Let $u = \ln x$, $dv = x^2 dx$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln x & dv &= x^2 dx \\ du &= \frac{dx}{x} & v &= \frac{x^3}{3} \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^2 \ln x dx &= \frac{x^3}{3} \ln x - \int \frac{x^3}{3} \frac{dx}{x} \\ &= \frac{x^3}{3} \ln x - \frac{1}{3} \int x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{x^3}{3} \ln x - \frac{1}{9} x^3 + C \end{aligned}$$

Question 3

Find

$$\int x^3 e^{x^2} dx$$

SolutionLet $u = x^2$ and $dv = xe^{x^2} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2 & dv &= xe^{x^2} \\ du &= 2x \, dx & v &= \frac{1}{2}e^{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

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

Question 4

Find

$$\int \frac{(x+1)}{x^3 + x^2 - 6x} dx$$

SolutionFactoring the denominator $x^3 + x^2 - 6x = x(x^2 + x - 6) = x(x-2)(x+3)$. The integrand is now $\frac{(x+1)}{x(x-2)(x+3)}$.

Representing the integrand such that:

$$\frac{(x+1)}{x(x-2)(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-2} + \frac{C}{x+3} \quad (1)$$

Multiplying equation (1) with $x(x-2)(x+3)$,

$$x+1 = A(x-2)(x+3) + Bx(x+3) + Cx(x-2) \quad (2)$$

Let $x = 0$ in (2), $1 = A(-2)(3) + B(0)(3) + C(0)(-2) \Rightarrow 1 = -6A$. So, $A = -\frac{1}{6}$.Let $x = 2$ in (2), $3 = A(0)(5) + B(2)(5) + C(2)(0) \Rightarrow 3 = 10B$. So, $B = \frac{3}{10}$.Let $x = -3$ in (2), $-2 = A(-5)(0) + B(-3)(0) + C(-3)(-5) \Rightarrow -2 = 15C$. So, $C = -\frac{2}{15}$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{(x+1)}{x^3 + x^2 - 6x} dx &= \int \left(-\frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{10} \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{2}{15} \frac{1}{x+3} \right) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} \ln|x| + \frac{3}{10} \ln|x-2| - \frac{2}{15} \ln|x+3| + C \end{aligned}$$

Question 5

Find

$$\int \frac{x^3 + x^2 + x + 2}{x^4 + 3x^2 + 2} dx$$

Solution

Factoring the denominator $x^4 + 3x^2 + 2 = (x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 2)$.

The integrand is now $\frac{x^3 + x^2 + x + 2}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 2)}$.

Representing the integrand such that:

$$[b] \frac{x^3 + x^2 + x + 2}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 2)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 2} \quad (3)$$

Multiplying equation (3) with $(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 2)$,

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 + x^2 + x + 2 &= (Ax + B)(x^2 + 2) + (Cx + D)(x^2 + 1) \\ &= Ax^3 + 2Ax + Bx^2 + 2B + Cx^3 + Cx + Dx^2 + D \\ &= (A + C)x^3 + (B + D)x^2 + (2A + C)x + (2B + D) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Comparing LHS and RHS of equation (4),

$$\begin{aligned} A + C &= 1 \\ B + D &= 1 \\ 2A + C &= 1 \\ 2B + D &= 2 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Solving equation (5) simultaneously to obtain $A = 0, B = 1, C = 1, D = 0$

Therefore,

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

Question 6

Find

$$\int \tan^3(3x) \sec^4(3x) dx$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^3(3x) \sec^4(3x) dx &= \int \tan^3(3x) (1 + \tan^2(3x)) \sec^2(3x) dx \\ &= \int \tan^3(3x) \sec^2(3x) dx + \int \tan^5(3x) \sec^2(3x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{4} \tan^4(3x) + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{6} \tan^6(3x) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \tan^4(3x) + \frac{1}{18} \tan^6(3x) + C \end{aligned}$$

Question 7

Find

$$\int \sin^4(x) \cos^7(x) dx$$

Solution

Using trigonometry identity, $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1 \implies \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^4(x) \cos^7(x) dx &= \int \sin^4(x) \cos^6(x) \cos(x) dx \\ &= \int \sin^4(x) (1 - \sin^2(x))^3 \cos(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Let $u = \sin x$, $du = \cos(x) dx$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^4(x) \cos^7(x) dx &= \int u^4 (1 - u^2)^3 du \\ &= \int u^4 (1 - u^2) (1 - u^2)^2 du \\ &= \int u^4 (1 - u^2) (1 - 2u^2 + u^4) du \\ &= \int u^4 (1 - 2u^2 + u^4 - u^2 + 2u^4 - u^6) du \\ &= \int u^4 (1 - 3u^2 + 3u^4 - u^6) du \\ &= \int u^4 - 3u^6 + 3u^8 - u^{10} du \\ &= \frac{1}{5}u^5 - \frac{3}{7}u^7 + \frac{3}{9}u^9 - \frac{1}{11}u^{11} + C \end{aligned}$$

Substituting back $u = \sin x$,

$$\int \sin^4(x) \cos^7(x) dx = \frac{1}{5} \sin^5 x - \frac{3}{7} \sin^7 x + \frac{1}{3} \sin^9 x - \frac{1}{11} \sin^{11} x + C$$

Question 8

Find

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

Solution

Let $x = 3 \sin \theta$, therefore $\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{3}$. Then, $dx = 3 \cos \theta d\theta$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{9 - x^2} &= \sqrt{9 - (3 \sin \theta)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9 - 9 \sin^2 \theta} \\ &= 3\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta} \\ &= 3\sqrt{\cos^2 \theta} \\ &= 3 \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Using definition of inverse sine, $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$. Therefore, $\cos \theta > 0$.

$$\text{Thus, } \cos \theta = |\cos \theta| = \frac{\sqrt{9 - x^2}}{3}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \frac{dx}{x^2\sqrt{9-x^2}} &= \int \frac{3 \cos \theta \, d\theta}{9 \sin^2 \theta (3 \cos \theta)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{9} \int \csc^2 \theta \, d\theta \\
 &= -\frac{1}{9} \cot \theta + C \\
 &= -\frac{1}{9} \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + C \\
 &= -\frac{1}{9} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{3}}{\frac{x}{3}} + C \\
 &= -\frac{1}{9} \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{x} + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Additional Exercises

Please integrate

1. $\int \frac{x+7}{x^2(x+2)} dx$
2. $\int \frac{\cos x}{\sin^3 x + \sin x} dx$

Solution

1. Decompose into partial fractions (There is a repeated linear factor!), getting

$$\int \frac{x+7}{x^2(x+2)} dx = \int \left(\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+2} \right) dx$$

After getting a common denominator, adding fractions, and equating numerators, it follows that $Ax(x+2) + B(x+2) + Cx^2 = x+7$;

$$\text{let } x = 0 : A(0) + B(2) + C(0) = 7 \longrightarrow B = \frac{7}{2};$$

$$\text{let } x = -2 : A(0) + B(0) + C(4) = 5 \longrightarrow C = \frac{5}{4};$$

$$\text{let } x = -1 : A(-1) + B(1) + C(1) = -A + \frac{7}{2} + \frac{5}{4} = 6 \longrightarrow A = -\frac{5}{4}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \frac{x+7}{x^2(x+2)} dx &= \int \left(\frac{-5/4}{x} + \frac{7/2}{x^2} + \frac{5/4}{x+2} \right) dx \\
 &= \int \left(-(5/4) \frac{1}{x} + (7/2)x^{-2} + (5/4) \frac{1}{x+2} \right) dx \\
 &= -(5/4) \ln |x| + (7/2) \frac{x^{-1}}{(-1)} + (5/4) \ln |x+2| + C \\
 &= -\frac{5}{4} \ln |x| - \frac{7}{2x} + \frac{5}{4} \ln |x+2| + C
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Use the method of u-substitution first. Let $u = \sin x$ so that $du = \cos x dx$.

Substitute into the original problem, replacing all forms of x , getting

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin^3 x + \sin x} dx &= \int \frac{1}{\sin^3 x + \sin x} \cos x dx \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{u^3 + u} du
 \end{aligned}$$

Factor and decompose into partial fractions.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \frac{1}{u(u^2 + 1)} du \\ &= \int \left(\frac{A}{u} + \frac{Bu + C}{u^2 + 1} \right) du \end{aligned}$$

After getting a common denominator, adding fractions, and equating numerators, it follows that $A(u^2 + 1) + (Bu + C)u = 1$;

let $u = 0 : A(1) + 0 = 1 \longrightarrow A = 1$;

let $u = i : A(i^2 + 1) + (Bi + C)i = A(0) + Bi^2 + Ci = -B + Ci = 1$;

it follows that $B = -1$ and $C = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \left(\frac{1}{u} + \frac{-u}{u^2 + 1} \right) du \\ &= \ln |u| - \frac{1}{2} \ln |u^2 + 1| + C \\ &= \ln |\sin x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\sin^2 x + 1| + C \end{aligned}$$

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