

Integration of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Integrals Involving Inverse Trigonometric Functions:

Let u be a differentiable function of x , and let $a > 0$.

$$1. \int \frac{du}{\sqrt{a^2 - u^2}} = \arcsin \frac{u}{a} + C$$

$$2. \int \frac{du}{a^2 + u^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{u}{a} + C$$

$$3. \int \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2 - a^2}} = \frac{1}{a} \operatorname{arcsec} \frac{|u|}{a} + C$$

These can be proven by differentiation.

It is only necessary to remember these three formulas, since the alternative would just use negatives. For example,

$$\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{a^2 - u^2}} = \arcsin \frac{u}{a} + C \quad \text{or} \quad -\arccos \frac{u}{a} + C$$

$$1. \int \frac{3}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} dx$$

$$2. \int \frac{t}{t^4+16} dt$$

$$3. \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{e^{2x}-1}}$$

$$4. \int \frac{4x+3}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

5. $\int \frac{3}{2\sqrt{x(1+x)}} dx$

6. $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{1+\sin^2 x} dx$

$$7. \int \frac{2x-5}{x^2+2x+2} dx$$

$$8. \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{9+8x^2-x^4}} dx$$

$$9. \int \frac{\sqrt{x-2}}{x+1} dx$$

10. Find the area under $y = \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}}$ for x in $[0, \ln\sqrt{3}]$

11. Determine which of the following integrals can be found using the basic integration formulas that we have learned so far:

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

b. $\int \frac{xdx}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$

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

d. $\int \frac{dx}{x \ln x}$

e. $\int \frac{\ln x dx}{x}$

f. $\int \ln x dx$