
Group 1: Integration by Parts

Your task: As a group, create an overview of this topic to present to the class. Include the key formulas, when to use the technique, a worked example, and common mistakes. Use the hints below as a guide.

Hints: what to include

- Write down the formula:

$$\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du, \quad \int_a^b u \, dv = \left[uv \right]_a^b - \int_a^b v \, du.$$

- Explain **LIPET** (Logs, Inverse trig, Polynomials, Exponentials, Trig) as a guide for choosing u . The function that comes first is usually u .
- Show how to choose u and dv , then find du and v . Point out that dv must be something you can integrate.
- Discuss when you must use IBP **more than once**, for example $\int (x^2 + 7x) \cos x \, dx$. Mention that the power of the polynomial tells you how many times.
- Watch out for **cyclic** problems like $\int e^{8\theta} \sin(9\theta) \, d\theta$: after two rounds of IBP the original integral reappears, so move it to the other side and solve for it. Stay consistent with your choice of u in both rounds.
- Mention “hidden” IBP problems where $dv = dx$, such as $\int \ln x \, dx$ or $\int \cos^{-1}(x) \, dx$.
- Mention problems that need a substitution first, such as $\int x \ln(3 + x) \, dx$.
- Remember the $+C$, and for definite integrals evaluate uv at the bounds.

Example to present: _____

Group 2: Trigonometric Integrals

Your task: As a group, create an overview of this topic to present to the class. Include the key formulas, when to use the technique, a worked example, and common mistakes. Use the hints below as a guide.

Hints: what to include

- List the key identities:

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1, \quad \tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x,$$

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x), \quad \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x), \quad \sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x.$$

- $\int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx$:

- If the power of **cosine is odd**: save one $\cos x$, convert the rest to sine, and let $u = \sin x$.
- If the power of **sine is odd**: save one $\sin x$, convert the rest to cosine, and let $u = \cos x$.
- If **both powers are even**: use the half-angle identities (possibly more than once).

- $\int \tan^m x \sec^n x \, dx$:

- If the power of **secant is even**: save $\sec^2 x$, convert the rest to tangent, and let $u = \tan x$.
- If the power of **tangent is odd**: save $\sec x \tan x$, convert the rest to secant, and let $u = \sec x$.

- Know these by heart:

$$\int \tan x \, dx = \ln |\sec x| + C, \quad \int \sec x \, dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C,$$

and how to do $\int \sec^3 x \, dx$ (by IBP).

- Mention product-to-sum formulas for problems like $\int \cos(5t) \cos(10t) \, dt$.
- Watch out: sometimes rewriting in terms of $\sin$ and $\cos$ first makes the problem easy, for example $\int \tan^6 x \cos^7 x \, dx$.
- Don't forget to convert back to x and include $+C$.

Example to present: _____

Group 3: Trigonometric Substitution

Your task: As a group, create an overview of this topic to present to the class. Include the key formulas, when to use the technique, a worked example, and common mistakes. Use the hints below as a guide.

Hints: what to include

- Make the table of the three cases:

Expression	Substitution	Identity used
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \sin \theta$	$1 - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a \tan \theta$	$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \sec \theta$	$\sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$

- Don't forget to replace dx as well (for example $x = a \tan \theta \Rightarrow dx = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$).
- Show how to **draw and label the right triangle** and use it to convert the answer back to x .
- If there is a coefficient in front of x^2 (like $\sqrt{4x^2 - 25}$), adjust: $2x = 5 \sec \theta$.
- For expressions like $\sqrt{x^2 + 2x}$ or $\sqrt{3 + 2x - x^2}$, **complete the square** first.
- For **definite integrals**, change the bounds to θ values (then you don't need the triangle).
- Watch out: check whether a simple u -substitution works first! For example,

$$\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 5}} dx \quad \text{only needs } u = x^2 - 5.$$

- After substituting, you usually end up with a trig integral (Group 2 skills!).

Example to present: _____

Group 4: Partial Fractions and Rationalizing Substitutions

Your task: As a group, create an overview of this topic to present to the class. Include the key formulas, when to use the technique, a worked example, and common mistakes. Use the hints below as a guide.

Hints: what to include

- **Step 1:** If the degree of the numerator is $\geq$ the degree of the denominator, do **long division** first.
- **Step 2:** Factor the denominator completely.
- **Step 3:** Write the form of the decomposition. Give an example of each case:

– Distinct linear factors: $\frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+2}$

– Repeated linear factors: $\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+1}$

– Irreducible quadratic factors: $\frac{Ax+B}{x^2+25}$

– Repeated irreducible quadratics: $\frac{Ax+B}{x^2+8} + \frac{Cx+D}{(x^2+8)^2}$

- **Step 4:** Solve for the constants. Show both methods: plugging in convenient x -values and comparing coefficients.
- **Step 5:** Integrate each piece. Useful formulas:

$$\int \frac{dx}{x-a} = \ln|x-a| + C, \quad \int \frac{dx}{x^2+a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C.$$

For $\frac{Bx+C}{x^2+a^2}$, split it into two integrals (one u -sub and one $\tan^{-1}$).

- **Rationalizing substitutions:** if the integrand has $\sqrt[n]{g(x)}$, let $u = \sqrt[n]{g(x)}$. Solve for x and find dx in terms of u . For example, $u = \sqrt{x-1}$ gives $x = u^2+1$ and $dx = 2u \, du$. With $\sqrt{x}$ and $\sqrt[3]{x}$ together, use $u = \sqrt[6]{x}$.
- Also mention substitutions like $u = e^x$ or $u = \tan t$ that turn the integral into a rational function.
- Watch out: remember absolute values in the logs, and substitute back to x at the end.

Example to present: _____

Group 5: Improper Integrals of Type I (including p -integrals)

Your task: As a group, create an overview of this topic to present to the class. Include the key formulas, when to use the technique, a worked example, and common mistakes. Use the hints below as a guide.

Hints: what to include

- Define a Type I improper integral: the **interval is infinite**. Contrast this with Type II, where the function has an infinite discontinuity.
- Write the definitions using limits:

$$\int_a^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^t f(x) dx, \quad \int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^b f(x) dx.$$

- For $\int_{-\infty}^\infty f(x) dx$, split at a point (for example 0). Both pieces must converge; if either one diverges, the whole integral diverges.
- Define **convergent** (the limit exists and is finite) and **divergent** (the limit is $\pm\infty$ or does not exist, e.g. it oscillates like $\cos t$).
- State the **p -integral** result:

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{convergent, equal to } \frac{1}{p-1}, & p > 1, \\ \text{divergent,} & p \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

- Useful limits to know: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-t} = 0$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln t = \infty$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} t = \frac{\pi}{2}$.
- Use **L'Hôpital's rule** for limits like $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln t}{t}$ or $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t e^{-t}$, which show up after integration by parts.
- Watch out: always write the limit notation. Never plug ∞ in directly.
- Show one example that needs another technique first, such as IBP ($\int_1^\infty \frac{\ln x}{x^2} dx$) or partial fractions ($\int_3^\infty \frac{dx}{x^2+x}$).

Example to present: _____