

Today: 6.1 Integration by parts

Warm up: Differentiate the following functions

(1) $x \ln(x)$, (2) $\cosh(x) \sinh(x)$, (3) $\cos(x) \sin(x)$,

(4) $\sqrt{x} \sinh^{-1}(x)$, (5) $3^x x^3$, (6) $(1 + x^2) \tan^{-1}(x)$,

Integration by parts: undoing product rule

Recall, product rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)g(x)) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x).$$

Integrating both sides, we get

$$f(x)g(x) = \int f'(x)g(x)dx + \int f(x)g'(x)dx.$$

How this helps: Calculate

$$\int \underbrace{x}_f \underbrace{\cos(x)}_{g'} dx.$$

Wouldn't it be great if we could get rid of x ?

$$x \sin(x) = \int 1 \cdot \sin(x) dx + \int x \cos(x) dx = -\cos(x) + \int x \cos(x) dx.$$

$$\text{So } \int x \cos(x) dx = x \sin(x) + \cos(x).$$

Integration by parts: undoing product rule

Integrating both sides of $\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)g(x)) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$ gives

$$f(x)g(x) = \int f'(x)g(x) dx + \int f(x)g'(x) dx.$$

So

$$\int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx.$$

Revisiting the previous example: $\int x \cos(x) dx$.

Start by picking

$f(x)$ so that (usually) $f'(x)$ is simpler than $f(x)$,

and $g'(x)$ so that we can compute $\int g'(x) dx$.

$f(x):$ x	$g(x):$ $\sin(x)$
$f'(x):$ 1	$g'(x):$ $\cos(x)$

Then compute $f'(x)$ and $g(x)$.

Finally, plug in and hope we're left with something we can compute:

$$\int x \cos(x) dx = x \cdot \sin(x) - \int 1 \cdot \cos(x) dx \checkmark$$

You try

$$\int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx.$$

Compute the integral

$$\int xe^x dx$$

by letting

$$f(x) = x \quad \text{and} \quad g'(x) = e^x.$$

(Compute $f'(x)$ and $g(x) = \int g'(x) dx$, and then plug into the formula)

You try: Do it twice

$$\int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx.$$

Compute $\int x^2 \cos(x) dx$.

Start by letting

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad g'(x) = \cos(x).$$

When you get to computing $\int f'(x)g(x) dx$, you'll need to use integration by parts again.

Answer: $(x^2 - 2) \sin(x) + 2x \cos(x) + C$

A note on notation: In the book, they use u and dv in place of $f(x)$ and $g'(x)$. You can use either.

You try: Something out of nothing

$$\int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx.$$

Compute

$$\int \ln(x) dx$$

using integration by parts by letting

$$f(x) = \ln(x) \quad \text{and} \quad g'(x) = 1.$$

Answer: $x(\ln(x) - 1) + C$

Note: This is a common technique for computing the integral of inverse functions, like $\sin^{-1}(x)$, $\tan^{-1}(x)$, $\sinh^{-1}(x)$, etc..

Something else out of nothing, u -sub edition

Compute $\int e^{\sqrt{x}} dx$.

We could try letting $f(x) = e^{\sqrt{x}}$ and $g'(x) = 1$, like before.
So $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}e^{\sqrt{x}}$ and $g(x) = x$. Thus

$$\int e^{\sqrt{x}} dx = xe^{\sqrt{x}} - \underbrace{\int \sqrt{x}e^{\sqrt{x}} dx}_{\text{not a lot better...}}$$

Instead, we can start with a u -substitution:

Let $u = \sqrt{x}$. So $du = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}dx = \frac{1}{2u}dx$.

So $2u du = dx$, giving

$$\int e^{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int 2ue^u du.$$

Finish using integration by parts like before!

A cyclic example: Compute $\int e^x \cos(x) dx$.

Let $f(x) = e^x$ and $g'(x) = \cos(x)$. So $f'(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = \sin(x)$.

Thus

$$\int e^x \cos(x) dx = e^x \sin(x) - \int e^x \sin(x) dx.$$

Now, to compute $\int e^x \sin(x) dx$:

Let $f(x) = e^x$ and $g'(x) = \sin(x)$. So $f'(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = -\cos(x)$.

Thus

$$\int e^x \sin(x) dx = -e^x \cos(x) - \int e^x (-\cos(x)) dx$$

Putting these together, we have

$$\int e^x \cos(x) dx = e^x \sin(x) - \left(-e^x \cos(x) + \int e^x \cos(x) dx \right).$$

$$\text{So } 2 \int e^x \cos(x) dx = e^x \sin(x) + e^x \cos(x) + C.$$

And thus

$$\int e^x \cos(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}e^x(\sin(x) + \cos(x)) + D.$$

You try:

Compute the following antiderivatives using integration by parts.

1. $\int x \sec^2(x) dx$ Answer: $x \tan(x) + \ln(\cos(x)) + C$

2. $\int \sin^{-1}(x) dx$ Answer: $x \sin^{-1}(x) + \sqrt{1-x^2} + C$

3. $\int x \ln(x) dx$ Answer: $x^2(2 \ln(x) - 1)/4 + C$

(Try first by letting $f(x) = x$, and try again letting $f(x) = \ln(x)$)

4. $\int \cos^2(x) dx$ Answer: $\frac{1}{2}(x + \sin(x) \cos(x)) + C$

(Try letting $f(x) = \cos(x)$ and $g'(x) = \cos(x)$, and then using $\sin^2(x) = 1 - \cos^2(x)$. Then look back at the $e^x \cos(x)$ example.)