

EXAMPLES OF TRIGONOMETRIC SUBSTITUTION:

Remark: I also include some hyperbolic substitutions here.

There are problems which are better served by hyperbolic and others by trig. Usually the goal is to remove some $\sqrt{\quad}$.

Remember, just as with u -substitution, we must change the integrand and measure (dx typically) and bounds if present.

$$\begin{aligned} 1.) \quad \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} &= \int \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \theta}} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} x = \sin \theta, \quad dx = \cos \theta d\theta \\ 1-x^2 = 1-\sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta \end{array} \\ &= \int \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= \int d\theta \\ &= \theta + C \\ &= \boxed{\sin^{-1}(x) + C} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \sin \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1}(x)$$

not surprising since $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
this is one of our known elementary integrals.

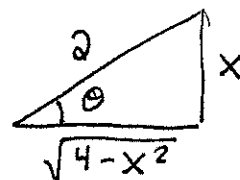
$$\begin{aligned} 2.) \quad \int \sqrt{4-x^2} dx &\equiv \int \sqrt{4\cos^2 \theta} \cdot 2\cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \int 4\cos^2 \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x = 2\sin \theta \\ dx = 2\cos \theta d\theta \\ 4-x^2 = 4-4\sin^2 \theta \\ = 4(1-\sin^2 \theta) \\ = 4\cos^2 \theta \end{array}$$

$$= \int 2(1 + \cos(2\theta)) d\theta$$

$$= 2\theta + \sin(2\theta) + C$$

$$= \boxed{2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \sin\left(2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) + C}$$



$$= 2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \underbrace{2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{2}\right)}_{2\sin \theta \cos \theta = \sin(2\theta)} + C = 2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{4-x^2} + C$$

Remark: the * answer in 2. gives the result in terms of algebraic functions (as much as possible since $\sin^{-1}(\frac{x}{z})$ is not algebraic fnd.)

3.)
$$\int \sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 13} dx \Rightarrow \int \sqrt{(x+2)^2 + 9} dx$$

$$= \int \sqrt{9 \sec^2 \theta} \cdot 3 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 9 \int \sec^3 \theta d\theta *$$

$$x+2 = 3 \tan \theta$$

$$(x+2)^2 + 9 = 9(\underbrace{\tan^2 \theta + 1}_{\sec^2 \theta})$$

$$dx = 3 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

can be solved via IBP which loops,

$$I = \int \sec^3 \theta d\theta = \int \underbrace{\sec \theta}_u \underbrace{\sec^2 \theta}_{dv} d\theta$$

$$= \sec \theta \tan \theta - \int \tan^2 \theta \sec \theta d\theta \quad : \quad \tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$= \sec \theta \tan \theta - \int (\sec^2 \theta - 1) \sec \theta d\theta$$

$$= \sec \theta \tan \theta + \int \sec \theta d\theta - \int \sec^3 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \sec \theta \tan \theta + \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| - I$$

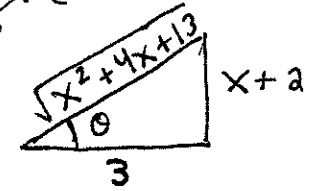
Hence,
$$\int \sec^3 \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \sec \theta \tan \theta + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$$

continuing from *,

$$\int \sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 13} dx \Rightarrow \frac{9}{2} \sec \theta \tan \theta + \frac{9}{2} \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 13}}{3} \right) \left(\frac{x+2}{3} \right) + \frac{9}{2} \ln \left| \sec \theta + \tan \theta \right| + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x+2) \sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 13} + \frac{9}{2} \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 13}}{3} + \frac{x+2}{3} \right| + C$$

$\tan \theta = \frac{x+2}{3}$


3.) continued from ** we can simplify via properties of \ln ,

$$\ln \left| \frac{1}{3} (x+2 + \sqrt{x^2+4x+13}) \right| = \underbrace{\ln \left| \frac{1}{3} \right|}_{\text{absorb this into } C} + \ln |x+2 + \sqrt{x^2+4x+13}|$$

Hence,

$$\int \sqrt{x^2+4x+13} dx = \frac{1}{2} (x+2) \sqrt{x^2+4x+13} + \frac{9}{2} \ln |x+2 + \sqrt{x^2+4x+13}| + C$$

answer in terms of algebraic functions as much as possible.

4.) this is similar to 3.) but I'll use hyperbolic subst.

$$\int \sqrt{x^2+16} dx = \int \sqrt{16 \cosh^2 \theta} 4 \cosh \theta d\theta$$

$$= 16 \int \cosh^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 8 \int [1 + \cosh(2\theta)] d\theta$$

$$= 8 \left[\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sinh(2\theta) \right] + C$$

$$= \boxed{8 \sinh^{-1}(x/4) + 4 \sinh(2 \sinh^{-1}(x/4)) + C}$$

$$x = 4 \sinh \theta, dx = 4 \cosh \theta d\theta$$

$$x^2 + 16 = 16 \sinh^2 \theta + 16 = 16 \cosh^2 \theta$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \cosh^2 \theta - \sinh^2 \theta = 1 \\ \rightarrow \cosh^2 \theta = 1 + \sinh^2 \theta \end{array} \right]$$

Remark: 3.) could be accomplished via a substitution of $x+2 = 3 \sinh \theta$. The identity

$$\sinh^{-1}(\theta) = \ln(\theta + \sqrt{\theta^2+1})$$

helps us see how the answers in 3. & 4. are less different than they first seem.

$$5.) \int \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{x^2-7}} = \int \frac{\sqrt{7} \sec \theta \sqrt{7} \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta}{\sqrt{7} \tan^2 \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{7} \sec \theta \\ x^2 - 7 &= 7(\sec^2 \theta - 1) = 7 \tan^2 \theta \\ dx &= \sqrt{7} \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int \sqrt{7} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

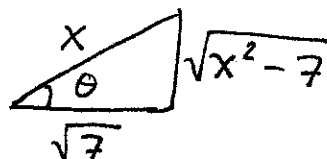
$$= \sqrt{7} \tan \theta + C$$

$$= \sqrt{7} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2-7}}{\sqrt{7}} \right) + C$$

$$= \boxed{\sqrt{x^2-7} + C}$$

answer is algebraic function

$$\sec \theta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj.}}$$



$$6.) \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(x^2+1)^2} = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\sec^4 \theta}$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \cos^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \right) \Big|_0^{\pi/4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 0 - \frac{1}{2} \sin(0) \right)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \tan \theta, \quad dx = \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\ x=0 &\Rightarrow \theta=0 \\ x=1 &\Rightarrow \theta=\pi/4 \\ x^2+1 &= \tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 7.) \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2+4}} &= \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{4 \tan^2 \theta \sqrt{4 \sec^2 \theta}} \\
 &= \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{8 \tan^2 \theta \sec \theta} \\
 &= \int \frac{\sec \theta d\theta}{4 \tan^2 \theta} \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{4 \cos \theta} \left[\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right] d\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= 2 \tan \theta \\
 x^2 + 4 &= 4 \sec^2 \theta \\
 dx &= 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

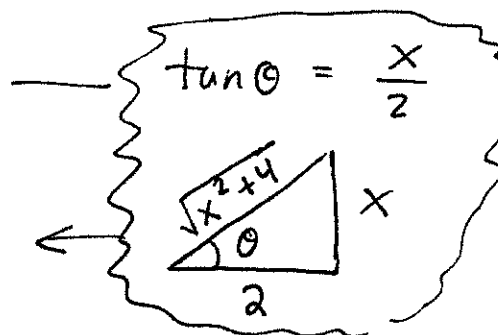
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{4 \sin^2 \theta} \\
 &= \int \frac{du}{4u^2} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} u = \sin \theta \\ du = \cos \theta d\theta \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4u} + C$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4 \sin \theta} + C$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4 \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+4}} \right)} + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{-\sqrt{x^2+4}}{4x} + C}$$



8.) summary: key identities $\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1 \rightarrow 1 + \tan^2\theta = \sec^2\theta$
 $\cosh^2\theta - \sinh^2\theta = 1 \rightarrow 1 - \tanh^2\theta = \operatorname{sech}^2\theta$

$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$	
$x = a \sec \theta$ $x^2 - a^2 = a^2 \tan^2 \theta$ $dx = a \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$	$x = a \sin \theta$ $a^2 - x^2 = a^2 \cos^2 \theta$ $dx = a \cos \theta d\theta$	$x = a \tan \theta$ $x^2 + a^2 = a^2 \sec^2 \theta$ $dx = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$	TRIG SUBST.
$x = a \cosh \beta$ $x^2 - a^2 = a^2 \sinh^2 \beta$ $dx = a \sinh \beta d\beta$	$x = a \tanh \beta$ $a^2 - x^2 = a^2 \operatorname{sech}^2 \beta$ $dx = a \operatorname{sech}^2 \beta d\beta$	$x = a \sinh \beta$ $x^2 + a^2 = a^2 \cosh^2 \beta$ $dx = a \cosh \beta d\beta$	

REMARK: the distinction between the above 6 substitutions and "u-substitution" is in the structure of the substitution. Contrast $u = \text{stuff}$ to

$$x = a \sec \theta, \quad x = a \sin \theta, \quad x = a \tan \theta \quad (\theta \text{ is new})$$

$$\text{or } x = a \cosh \beta, \quad x = a \tanh \beta, \quad x = a \sinh \beta \quad (\beta \text{ is new})$$

I think a better term for trigonometric substitution would be implicit trig subst. Anyway, words aside you should recognize this technique successfully removes $\sqrt{\quad}$ by introducing squares in place of sum or diff. of given squared quantities. As usual, key is practice