

Integration by parts II — repeated and cyclic cases

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Practice problems

1. Evaluate the indefinite integral $\int x^3 e^x dx$.
2. Evaluate the indefinite integral $\int e^{2x} \cos(x) dx$.
3. Evaluate the indefinite integral $\int x^2 \sin(x) dx$.

Solutions

1. Evaluate the indefinite integral $\int x^3 e^x dx$.

- Use integration by parts with $u = x^3$ and $dv = e^x dx$. This gives $x^3 e^x - \int 3x^2 e^x dx$.
- Apply integration by parts again to $\int 3x^2 e^x dx$ with $u = 3x^2$ and $dv = e^x dx$. This gives $3x^2 e^x - \int 6x e^x dx$.
- Apply integration by parts a third time to $\int 6x e^x dx$ with $u = 6x$ and $dv = e^x dx$. This gives $6x e^x - \int 6 e^x dx$.
- The final integral is $6e^x$. Combine all terms: $x^3 e^x - (3x^2 e^x - (6x e^x - 6e^x))$.
- Simplify the signs: $x^3 e^x - 3x^2 e^x + 6x e^x - 6e^x + C$.

Answer: $(x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 6)e^x + C$

2. Evaluate the indefinite integral $\int e^{2x} \cos(x) dx$.

- Let $I = \int e^{2x} \cos x dx$. Set $u = \cos x$ and $dv = e^{2x} dx$. Then $du = -\sin x dx$ and $v = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x}$.
- First pass: $I = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \cos x + \int \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \sin x dx$.
- Second pass on $\int \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \sin x dx$: set $u = \sin x$ and $dv = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} dx$. Then $du = \cos x dx$ and $v = \frac{1}{4} e^{2x}$.
- The second integral is $\frac{1}{4} e^{2x} \sin x - \int \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} \cos x dx$.
- Substitute back: $I = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \cos x + \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} I$.
- Add $\frac{1}{4} I$ to both sides: $\frac{5}{4} I = e^{2x} (\frac{1}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{4} \sin x)$.
- Multiply by $\frac{4}{5}$: $I = \frac{4}{5} e^{2x} (\frac{1}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{4} \sin x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{5} (2 \cos x + \sin x) + C$.

Answer: $\frac{e^{2x}}{5} (2 \cos x + \sin x) + C$

3. Evaluate the indefinite integral $\int x^2 \sin(x) dx$.

- Set $u = x^2$ and $dv = \sin x dx$. Then $du = 2x dx$ and $v = -\cos x$.
- First pass: $-x^2 \cos x + \int 2x \cos x dx$.
- Second pass on $\int 2x \cos x dx$: set $u = 2x$ and $dv = \cos x dx$. Then $du = 2 dx$ and $v = \sin x$.
- The second integral is $2x \sin x - \int 2 \sin x dx$.
- The final integral is $-2(-\cos x) = 2 \cos x$.
- Combine: $-x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C$.

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