

Repeated integration by parts

Starter

1. (Review of last lesson) Find $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} 18x \sin 3x dx$.

Working: Let $u = 18x \Rightarrow u' = 18$
 Let $v' = \sin 3x \Rightarrow v = -\frac{1}{3} \cos 3x$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} 18x \sin 3x dx &= \left[18x \times -\frac{1}{3} \cos 3x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} 18 \times \left(-\frac{1}{3} \cos 3x\right) dx \\ &= \left[18x \times -\frac{1}{3} \cos 3x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} 6 \cos 3x dx \\ &= \left[-6x \cos 3x + 2 \sin 3x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \\ &= (-2\pi \cos \pi + 2 \sin \pi) - (0 + 2 \sin 0) \\ &= 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

2. Find $\int x^2 e^x dx$.

Working: Let $u = x^2 \Rightarrow u' = 2x$
 Let $v' = e^x \Rightarrow v = e^x$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - \int 2x e^x dx$$

Since $\int 2x e^x dx$ cannot be done directly, integration by parts is used again.

Let $u = 2x \Rightarrow u' = 2$
 Let $v' = e^x \Rightarrow v = e^x$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^2 e^x dx &= x^2 e^x - \left(2x e^x - \int 2e^x dx \right) \\ &= x^2 e^x - 2x e^x + 2e^x + c \\ &= e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2) + c \end{aligned}$$

E.g. 1 Find: (a) $\int x^2 \sin x dx$ (b) $\int_0^1 x^2 e^{-2x} dx$

Working: (a) Let $u = x^2 \Rightarrow u' = 2x$
 Let $v' = \sin x \Rightarrow v = -\cos x$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

$$\int x^2 \sin x dx = -x^2 \cos x - \int 2x \times (-\cos x) dx$$

$$= -x^2 \cos x + \int 2x \cos x dx$$

Since $\int 2x \cos x dx$ cannot be done directly, integration by parts is used again.

Let $u = 2x \Rightarrow u' = 2$
 Let $v' = \cos x \Rightarrow v = \sin x$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

$$\int x^2 \sin x dx = -x^2 \cos x + \left(2x \sin x - \int 2 \sin x dx \right)$$

$$= -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + c$$

(b) Let $u = x^2 \Rightarrow u' = 2x$
 Let $v' = e^{-2x} \Rightarrow v = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2x}$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

$$\int_0^1 x^2 e^{-2x} dx = \left[x^2 \times -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2x} \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 2x \times -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2x} dx$$

$$= \left[-\frac{1}{2}x^2 e^{-2x} \right]_0^1 + \int_0^1 x e^{-2x} dx$$

Since $\int x e^{-2x} dx$ cannot be done directly, integration by parts is used again.

Let $u = x \Rightarrow u' = 1$
 Let $v' = e^{-2x} \Rightarrow v = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2x}$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

$$\int_0^1 x^2 e^{-2x} dx = \left[-\frac{1}{2}x^2 e^{-2x} \right]_0^1 + \left[-\frac{1}{2}x e^{-2x} \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2x} dx$$

$$= \left[-\frac{1}{2}x^2 e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{2}x e^{-2x} \right]_0^1 + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2}e^{-2x} dx$$

$$= \left[-\frac{1}{2}x^2 e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{2}x e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-2x} \right]_0^1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[\frac{1}{2}x^2e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{2}xe^{-2x} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-2x} \right]_1^0 \\ &= \left(0 + 0 + \frac{1}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2}1^2e^{-2} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4e^2} \end{aligned}$$

E.g. 2* Find $\int e^x \sin x dx$.

Working: Let $u = e^x \Rightarrow u' = e^x$
Let $v' = \sin x \Rightarrow v = -\cos x$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^x \sin x dx &= -e^x \cos x - \int e^x \times -\cos x dx \\ &= -e^x \cos x + \int e^x \cos x dx \end{aligned}$$

This doesn't seem to work since it is just as difficult to integrate

$\int e^x \cos x dx$ as $\int e^x \sin x dx$ so let's try the other way around.

Let $u = \sin x \Rightarrow u' = \cos x$
Let $v' = e^x \Rightarrow v = e^x$

Using $\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$:

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

Back to square one...or is it.

$$\int e^x \sin x dx = -e^x \cos x + \int e^x \cos x dx$$

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

By adding the equations, the integrals on the right-hand side cancel.

$$2 \int e^x \sin x dx = e^x \sin x - e^x \cos x$$

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

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