

Module Integration by parts

■ Technique of integration: integration by parts

1. Integration by parts

Sometimes, we need to integrate functions of mixed type such as $e^x \cos x$, $x^2 \sin x$, $x^3 \ln x$.

the derivative of the product of two given functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx} u(x)v(x) = u'v + uv'$$

Integrate both sides, then

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} u(x)v(x) dx = \int u'v + uv' dx$$

which yields

$$u(x)v(x) = \int u'v dx + \int uv' dx,$$

equivalently

$$\int uv' dx = u(x)v(x) - \int u'v dx.$$

This is called integration by parts.

Ex) Evaluate $\int x \cos x dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int x (\sin x)' dx &= x \sin x - \int (x)' \sin x dx \\ &= x \sin x - \int \sin x dx \\ &= x \sin x - (-\cos x) + C \end{aligned}$$

How to use integration by parts: Choose u and v'

$$\begin{array}{lll} u = x & v' = \cos x & \downarrow \text{Simpler} \\ u' = 1 & v = \sin x & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 u = \cos x & v' = x \\
 u' = -\sin x & v = \frac{1}{2}x^2
 \end{array}
 \quad \downarrow \text{ more complicated (this choice is not good!!)}$$

You need to check whether your choice of u and v' is right or not.

Ex) Evaluate $\int x e^x dx$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{array}{ll} u = x & v' = e^x \\ u' = 1 & v = e^x \end{array} \quad \downarrow \quad \int e^x dx \text{ is simpler than original integral}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{array}{ll} u = e^x & v' = x \\ u' = e^x & v = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \end{array} \quad \downarrow$$

$$\int \frac{1}{2}x^2 e^x dx \text{ is more complicated !! (does not work!!)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1} \quad \int u v' dx &= uv - \int u' v dx \\
 \int x e^x dx &= x e^x - \int 1 \cdot e^x dx \\
 &= x e^x - e^x + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise) Evaluate $\int x e^{3x} dx$.

Example) Evaluate $\int \frac{\ln x}{x^2} dx$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad u = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad v' = \ln x$$

$$u' = -\frac{2}{x^3} \quad v = ?$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad u = \ln x \quad v' = x^{-2}$$

$$u' = \frac{1}{x} \quad v = -x^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\ln x)(x^{-2}) dx &= (\ln x)(-x^{-1}) - \int \frac{1}{x} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) dx \\ &= -\frac{\ln x}{x} + \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx \\ &= -\frac{\ln x}{x} - \frac{1}{x} + C \end{aligned}$$

Example) (Case the function chosen to be integrated is implicit)

Evaluate $\int \ln x dx$ ($\ln x = 1$ times $\ln x$)

$$u = \ln x \quad v' = 1$$

$$u' = \frac{1}{x} \quad v = x$$

$$\int (\ln x)(1) dx = (\ln x)(x) - \int \frac{1}{x} x dx = x \ln x - x + C$$

Example) (Case of applying integration by parts twice)

Evaluate $\int x^2 e^x dx$

$$u = x^2 \quad v' = e^x$$

$$u' = 2x \quad v = e^x$$

$$I = x^2 e^x - \int \underline{2xe^x} dx$$

In general $I_n = \int x^n e^x dx$

Reduction formula $I_n = x^n e^x - \int nx^{n-1} e^x dx = x^n e^x - n I_{n-1}$

Exercise) Use reduction formula to evaluate $\int x^3 e^x dx$.

Need three step-reduction to arrive integral of e^x .
