

# **MAT123 MATHEMATICS I**

## Lecture 19: Integration (Techniques of Integration)

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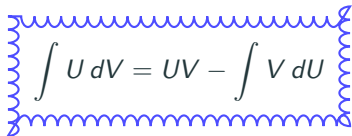
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Integrating both sides of this equation and transposing terms, we obtain

$$\int U(x) \frac{dV}{dx} dx = U(x)V(x) - \int V(x) \frac{dU}{dx} dx,$$

or, more simply,

The equation  $\int U dV = UV - \int V dU$  is enclosed in a decorative rectangular box with a blue, wavy, scalloped border.
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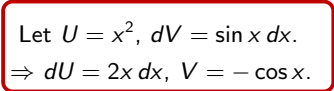
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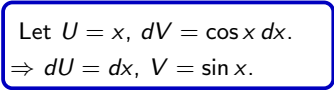
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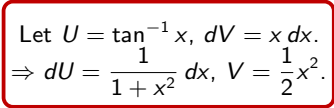
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Therefore, we have  $2I = \sec x \tan x + \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C$ . So

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \sec x \tan x + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C.$$

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**Example.** Evaluate the integral  $I = \int e^{ax} \cos bx \, dx$ .

**Solution.** If either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ , the integral is easy to calculate, so let us assume that  $a, b \neq 0$ . We have

$$I = \int e^{ax} \cos bx \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} U &= e^{ax}, \quad dV = \cos bx \, dx. \\ \Rightarrow dU &= ae^{ax} \, dx, \quad V = \frac{1}{b} \sin bx. \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \sin bx - \frac{a}{b} \int e^{ax} \sin bx \, dx$$

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$$= \frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \sin bx - \frac{a}{b} \left( -\frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \cos bx + \frac{a}{b} \int e^{ax} \cos bx \, dx \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \sin bx + \frac{a}{b^2} e^{ax} \cos bx - \frac{a^2}{b^2} I \quad \Rightarrow \quad I = \frac{be^{ax} \sin bx + ae^{ax} \cos bx}{b^2 + a^2} + C$$

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## Example (A definite integral).

$$\int_1^e x^3 (\ln x)^2 dx \quad \leftarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } U = (\ln x)^2, dV = x^3 dx. \\ \Rightarrow dU = 2(\ln x)/x dx, V = x^4/4. \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{x^4}{4} (\ln x)^2 \Big|_1^e - \frac{1}{2} \int_1^e x^3 \ln x dx \quad \leftarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } U = \ln x, dV = x^3 dx. \\ \Rightarrow dU = dx/x, V = x^4/4. \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{e^4}{4} (1^2) - 0 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x^4}{4} \ln x \Big|_1^e - \frac{1}{4} \int_1^e x^3 dx \right)$$

$$= \frac{e^4}{4} - \frac{e^4}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_1^e$$

$$= \frac{e^4}{8} + \frac{1}{32} (e^4 - 1)$$

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In this section, we are concerned with integrals of the form

$$I = \int \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} dx$$

where  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  are polynomials.

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