

some basic integration-by-parts problems

1.

$$\int x^2 \ln x \, dx = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \ln x - \int \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{3}x^3 \, dx = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \ln x - \int \frac{1}{3}x^2 \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}x^3 \ln x - \frac{1}{9}x^3 + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln x & \text{and} & \quad dv = x^2 \, dx \\ du &= \frac{1}{x} \, dx & \text{and} & \quad v = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\int \ln x \, dx = x \ln x - \int \frac{1}{x} \cdot x \, dx = x \ln x - \int 1 \, dx = x \ln x - x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln x & \text{and} & \quad dv = dx \\ du &= \frac{1}{x} \, dx & \text{and} & \quad v = x \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\int \tan^{-1} x \, dx = x \tan^{-1} x - \int \frac{x}{1+x^2} \, dx = x \tan^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2) + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \tan^{-1} x & \text{and} & \quad dv = dx \\ du &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \, dx & \text{and} & \quad v = x \end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\int x e^x dx = x e^x - \int e^x dx = x e^x - e^x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} u = x & \quad \text{and} \quad dv = e^x dx \\ du = dx & \quad \text{and} \quad v = e^x \end{aligned}$$

5. After applying integration by parts, use your answer from #4.

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - \int 2x e^x dx = x^2 e^x - 2(x e^x - e^x) + C$$

$$= x^2 e^x - 2x e^x + 2e^x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} u = x^2 & \quad \text{and} \quad dv = e^x dx \\ du = 2x dx & \quad \text{and} \quad v = e^x \end{aligned}$$

6.

$$\begin{aligned} \int 2x \sec^{-1} x dx &= x^2 \sec^{-1} x - \int \frac{x^2}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx \\ &= x^2 \sec^{-1} x - \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx = x^2 \sec^{-1} x - \sqrt{x^2-1} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u = \sec^{-1} x & \quad \text{and} \quad dv = 2x dx \\ du = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx & \quad \text{and} \quad v = x^2 \end{aligned}$$