

# INTEGRATION BEE

A cheatsheet

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## Some stuff to know

### 1 Prerequisites

1. Trigonometric identities: Addition of angles, double-angle formulae, half-angle formulae, Pythagorean theorem, sum-to-product, product-to-sum, adding  $\pi/2$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $2\pi$  to angles.
2. Concept of limits
3. Limit Laws: Sum rule, difference rule, constant multiple rule, product rule, quotient rule, power rule, root rule.
4. Basic limit tricks:
  - (a) For fractions, try dividing the numerator and denominator by the highest power of  $x$  in the denominator.
  - (b) If there are expressions which involve radicals like  $a + \sqrt{b}$  or  $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$ , multiply the numerator and denominator by the conjugate, i.e.  $a - \sqrt{b}$  or  $\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}$ .
5. L' Hopital's Rule

For functions  $f$  and  $g$  which are differentiable on an open interval  $I$  except possibly at a point  $c$  contained in  $I$ , if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = 0$  or  $\pm\infty$  and  $g'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$  in  $I$  with  $x \neq c$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$  exists, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

### 6. Squeeze theorem

If  $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$  in an open interval containing  $c$ , except possibly at  $x = c$ , and if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L,$$

then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ .

## 7. Important inequalities

- (a) If  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  in an open interval containing  $c$ , except possibly at  $x = c$ , and both limits exist, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x).$$

- (b) For any angle  $\theta$  in radians,

$$-|\theta| \leq \sin \theta \leq |\theta|$$

and

$$-|\theta| \leq 1 - \cos \theta \leq |\theta|.$$

## 8. An important limit

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$$

## 2 Differentiation

### 1. The definition of derivative

### 2. General formulae

Assume  $u$  and  $v$  are differentiable functions.

Constant:  $\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$

Sum:  $\frac{d}{dx}(u + v) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$

Constant multiple:  $\frac{d}{dx}(cu) = c \frac{du}{dx}$

Product:  $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$

Quotient:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v(du/dx) - u(dv/dx)}{v^2}$

Power:  $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$

Chain rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

### 3. Trigonometric functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$$

#### 4. Exponential and logarithmic functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}e^x = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\ln x = 1/x$$

#### 5. Inverse trigonometric functions

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\arctan x) &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arcsec} x) &= \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\arccos x) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arccot} x) &= -\frac{1}{1+x^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arccsc} x) &= -\frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}\end{aligned}$$

#### 6. Hyperbolic functions

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\sinh x) &= \cosh x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\tanh x) &= \operatorname{sech}^2 x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{sech} x) &= -\operatorname{sech} x \tanh x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\cosh x) &= \sinh x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\coth x) &= -\operatorname{csch}^2 x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{csch} x) &= -\operatorname{csch} x \coth x\end{aligned}$$

#### 7. Inverse hyperbolic functions

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arsinh} x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{artanh} x) &= \frac{1}{1-x^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arcoth} x) &= \frac{1}{1-x^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arcosh} x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arsech} x) &= -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arcsch} x) &= -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}}\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Integration

#### 1. Definition of integration by Riemann sum

#### 2. Methods of integration

- (a) Trigonometric substitution
- (b) Hyperbolic substitution
- (c)  $u$ -substitution
- (d) Splitting into partial fractions
- (e) Integration by parts (DI method)

#### 3. Methods of numerical integration

- (a) Midpoint method
- (b) Trapezium rule
- (c) Simpson's rule

## 4 Basic integration tricks

### 1. Reflections (King's property)

For a function  $f$  and real numbers  $a < b$ ,

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(a + b - x) dx.$$

### 2. Inversion

Suppose the function  $f$  has a bounded antiderivative on  $[0, \infty)$ . Then, via the  $u$ -substitution  $x \rightarrow 1/x$ ,

$$\int_0^\infty f(x) dx = \int_0^\infty f(x) + \frac{f(1/x)}{x^2} dx.$$

### 3. Inverse functions

(a) If  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$ ,

$$\int f^{-1}(x) dx = x f^{-1}(x) - F(f^{-1}(x)) + c.$$

(b) Suppose the function  $f$  is one-to-one and increasing.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_{f(a)}^{f(b)} f^{-1}(x) dx = b f(b) - a f(a).$$

(c) Suppose the function  $f$  is one-to-one and decreasing. Then, a geometric equivalence may be established:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx - \int_{f(a)}^{f(b)} f^{-1}(x) dx = (b - a)f(b) - a(f(a) - f(b)).$$

### 4. Odd and even functions

(a) Since an odd function  $o$  satisfies  $o(-x) = -o(x)$ , for a finite  $t$ ,

$$\int_{-t}^t o(x) dx = 0.$$

(b) An even function  $e$  satisfies  $e(x) = e(-x)$ , so for any  $t$ ,

$$\int_{-t}^t e(x) dx = 2 \int_0^t e(x) dx$$

(c) Suppose the functions  $e$  and  $o$  are even and odd respectively, and for any function  $t$ ,

$$\int_{-a}^a \frac{e(x)}{1 + t(x)^{o(x)}} dx = \int_0^a e(x) dx$$

## 5. Weierstrauss substitution

By using the substitution  $t = \tan x/2$ , where  $-\pi < x < \pi$ . Then

$$\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}.$$

Hence,

$$\sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}, \quad \cos x = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}, \quad \text{and} \quad dx = \frac{2}{1+t^2} dt.$$

## 6. Reverse product rule and reverse quotient rule

If  $u$  and  $v$  are differentiable functions, then

(a) (Product rule)

$$\int u dv + v du = uv$$

(b) (Quotient rule)

$$\int \frac{v du - u dv}{v^2} = \frac{u}{v}$$

## 7. Taylor series: Memorise expansions for common functions like $\frac{1}{1-x}$ , $\frac{1}{1+x}$ , $\sin x$ , $\cos x$ , $e^x$ , $\ln(1+x)$ , $\arctan x$ .

## 8. Integration by reduction formula

## 9. Well-known definite integrals

(a) Frullani integral

If  $f$  is a function defined for all nonnegative real numbers that has a limit at  $\infty$ , which we denote by  $f(\infty)$ ,

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{f(ax) - f(bx)}{x} dx = \left(f(\infty) - f(0)\right) \ln \frac{a}{b}.$$

(b) Dirichlet integral

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

(c) Sophomore's dream

i.

$$\int_0^1 x^{-x} dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-n} = 1.291285997 \dots$$

ii.

$$\int_0^1 x^x dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n^{-n} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-n)^{-n} = 0.7834305107 \dots$$

(d) Gaussian integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}.$$

## 5 Multivariable and beyond

- Differentiating under the integral (Feynman's trick)
- Changing to double integrals
- Contour integration
- Laplace transform

The Laplace transform is an integral transform that converts a function of a real variable to a function of complex variable  $s$ .

For suitable functions  $f$ , the Laplace transform is the integral

$$\mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt.$$

- Schwinger parametrization
- Harmonic functions

Suppose  $f$  is a bivariate harmonic function,  $(a, b)$  is a point on the plane, and  $r$  is a positive real number. Then,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f(a + r \cos \theta, b + r \sin \theta) d\theta = 2\pi ab$$

## 6 Nonelementary integrals and special functions

- Lambert W function: The inverse relation of  $f(w) = we^w$ , where  $w$  is any complex number. Properties of Lambert W:

1.  $W(xe^x) = x$
2.  $W(x)e^{W(x)} = x$
3.  $\frac{dW}{dz} = \frac{1}{z+e^{W(x)}}$  for  $z \notin \{0, \frac{1}{e}\}$
4.  $\int W(x) dx = xW(x) - x + e^{W(x)} + C = x \left( W(x) - 1 + \frac{1}{W(x)} \right) + C.$

- Dirac delta function:

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} +\infty, & x = 0 \\ 0, & x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Step function
- Sign function
- Trigonometric integrals (Sine integral & cosine integral)
- Exponential integral
- Logarithmic integral
- Elliptic integral

- Fresnel integral
- Gamma and pi function
- Beta function
- Riemann zeta function
- Dirichlet beta and eta function