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## Trig substitution practice problems

Simplify and solve various mathematical expressions using trigonometric functions and substitutions. The given text outlines a series of exercises to simplify expressions using a single trigonometric function and complete the square for trinomials. Exercises 1-5 involve simplifying expressions with trigonometric functions:  $\sqrt{4-4\sin^2\theta}$  can be simplified to  $\sqrt{4(1-\sin^2\theta)}$ , which equals  $\sqrt{4\cos^2\theta}$ .  $\sqrt{9(\sec^2\theta-9)}$  is equivalent to  $\sqrt{9(\sec^2\theta-1)}$ , simplifying to  $\sqrt{9\tan^2\theta}$ . Exercises 6-8 involve completing the square for trinomials:  $\sqrt{4x^2-4x+1}$  can be expressed as  $\sqrt{4(x-\frac{1}{2})^2}$ .  $\sqrt{2x^2-8x+3}$  and  $\sqrt{-x^2-2x+4}$  can be rewritten using the method of completing the square. Exercises 9-28 focus on integrating functions using trigonometric substitution. The final answers should be expressed in terms of the original variable:  $\int\frac{dx}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)+C$   $\int\frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}} = \ln|x+\sqrt{x^2-a^2}|+C$  Exercises 29-34 utilize the substitutions  $x=\sinh(\theta)$ ,  $\cosh(\theta)$ , or  $\tanh(\theta)$  to express answers in terms of the variable  $x$ :  $\int\frac{dx}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \ln|x| - \ln|\sqrt{1-x^2} + 1| + C$  The exercises to evaluate integrals are listed as follows: 35)  $\int 1/(x^2-6x) dx$  36)  $\int 1/(x^2+2x+1) dx = -1/(1+x)+C$  37)  $\int 1/\sqrt{-x^2+2x+8} dx$  38)  $\int 1/\sqrt{-x^2+10x} dx = \arcsin((x-5)/5)+C$  39)  $\int 1/\sqrt{x^2+4x-12} dx$  40) Evaluate the integral of  $\sqrt{9-x^2}$  from -3 to 3 without using calculus. Answer:  $(9\pi)/2$ ; area of a semicircle with radius 3 41) Find the area enclosed by the ellipse  $x^2/4+y^2/9=1$ . 42) Evaluate  $\int dx/\sqrt{1-x^2}$  using two different substitutions. First, let  $x=\cos\theta$  and evaluate using trigonometric substitution. Second, let  $x=\sin\theta$  and use trigonometric substitution. Are the answers the same? Answer:  $\int dx/\sqrt{1-x^2}=\arcsin(x)+C$  is the common answer. 43) Evaluate  $\int dx/x\sqrt{x^2-1}$  using the substitution  $x=\sec\theta$ . Next, evaluate the same integral using the substitution  $x=\csc\theta$ . Show that the results are equivalent. 44) Evaluate  $\int dx/(x^2+1)$  using the form  $\int 1/u du$ . Next, evaluate the same integral using  $x=\tan\theta$ . Are the results the same? Answer:  $\int dx/(x^2+1)=0.5\ln|1+x^2|+C$  is the result using either method. 45) State the method of integration to evaluate  $\int \sqrt{x^2+1} dx$ . Why did you choose this method? Use trigonometric substitution, let  $x=\sec\theta$ . 46) State the method of integration to evaluate  $\int x^2\sqrt{x^2-1} dx$ . Why did you choose this method? Use trigonometric substitution, let  $x=\sec\theta$ . 47) Evaluate  $\int (-1 to 1)(x/(x^2+1)) dx$ . 48) Find the length of the arc of the curve  $y=\ln(x)$ , [1,5]. Round the answer to three decimal places. Answer:  $s = 4.367$  units 49) Find the surface area of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by  $y=x^2$ ,  $y=0$ ,  $x=0$  and  $x=\sqrt{2}$  about the x-axis. (Round the answer to three decimal places). 50) The region bounded by the graph of  $f(x)=1/(1+x^2)$  and the x-axis between  $x=0$  and  $x=1$  is revolved about the x-axis. Find the volume of the solid that is generated. Answer:  $V = ((\pi^2)/8 + \pi/4)$  units<sup>3</sup> 51)  $(x^2+36)(dy/dx)=1$ ,  $y(6)=0$  52)  $(64-x^2)(dy/dx)=1$ ,  $y(0)=3$  Answer for 52)  $y=0.0625\ln((x+8)/(x-8))+3$  53) Find the area bounded by  $y=2/\sqrt{64-4x^2}$ ,  $x=0$ ,  $y=0$  and  $x=2$ . 54) An oil storage tank can be described as the volume generated by revolving the area bounded by  $y=16/\sqrt{64+x^2}$ ,  $x=0$ ,  $y=0$ ,  $x=2$  about the x-axis. Find the volume of the tank (in cubic meters). Answer:  $V = 24.6$  m<sup>3</sup> 55) During each cycle, the velocity  $v$  (in feet per second) of a robotic welding device is given by  $v=2t-14/(4+t^2)$ , where  $t$  is time in seconds. Find the expression for the The task is to find the length of the curve  $y=\sqrt{16-x^2}$  between  $x=0$  and  $x=2$ . The solution involves trigonometric substitutions to simplify integrals. There are two types of problems: determining the correct trig substitution and describing things equivalent to the trig substitution. Knowledge of reference triangles and trigonometric identities is crucial for success. Real-life applications of integral techniques include finding "totals" in various fields such as physics, chemistry, biology, economics, and many others. The article discusses trigonometric substitutions, which can be used to evaluate definite and indefinite integrals. The first example shows how to use a trigonometric substitution to simplify an integral involving the square root of  $x^2 - 4$ . The substitution involves letting  $x = 2 \tan(\theta)$  and  $dx = 2 \sec(\theta) d\theta$ , which allows the integral to be evaluated as  $(1/4) \sin(\theta) + C$ . The article also provides an example of evaluating a definite integral using trigonometric substitution. In this case, the integral is  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ , and the substitution involves letting  $x = \sin(\theta)$  and  $dx = \cos(\theta) d\theta$ . The resulting integral can be evaluated as  $(\pi/4) + 1/2$ . The article concludes by highlighting that trigonometric substitutions are often useful for integrals containing factors of the form  $(a^2 - x^2)^n$ ,  $(x^2 + a^2)^n$ , or  $(x^2 - a^2)^n$ . The exact substitution used depends on the form of the integral. The article does not provide specific instructions on how to apply trigonometric substitutions, but rather serves as an introduction to the technique and provides examples of its application. **\*\*Techniques for Integration\*\*** In calculus, there are various techniques used to evaluate integrals. Some of these methods include: **\*\*Trigonometric Substitution\*\***: Replacing trigonometric functions with other expressions to simplify the integral. **\*\*Integration by Parts\*\***: A method that uses a specific formula to integrate products of functions. **\*\*Substitution Methods\*\***: Techniques such as substitution, partial fractions, and Euler's formula are used to evaluate integrals. **\*\*Specific Integration Techniques\*\*** Some specific integration techniques include: **\*\*Cylindrical Shells Method\*\***: Evaluating integrals by treating the region as a stack of cylindrical shells. **\*\*Divergence Theorem\*\***: A method for evaluating line and surface integrals using vector calculus. **\*\*Green's Theorem\*\***: A technique for converting line integrals to double integrals. **\*\*Specialized Integration Techniques\*\*** Some specialized integration techniques include: **\*\*Malliavin Calculus\*\***: A method used in stochastic analysis to evaluate expectations of random variables. **\*\*Fractional Calculus\*\***: An extension of classical calculus that deals with fractional derivatives and integrals. **\*\*Mathematical Analysis\*\*** This text also discusses various concepts from mathematical analysis, including: **\*\*Limit Theorems\*\***: Theorems that describe the behavior of functions as they approach a certain value. **\*\*Convergence Tests\*\***: Methods for determining whether a series converges or diverges. **\*\*Vector Calculus\*\***: A branch of mathematics that deals with vectors and their derivatives. **\*\*Trigonometric Substitution Example\*\*** The text provides an example of using trigonometric substitution to evaluate the integral:  $\int dx \sqrt{4 - x^2} - x^2$  This involves replacing  $x$  with  $\sin(\theta)$ ,  $dx$  with  $\cos(\theta)d\theta$ , and  $\theta$  with  $\arcsin(x/a)$ . The resulting integral is then evaluated by integrating  $\theta$ . When evaluating certain integrals, such as those involving square roots, it's essential to choose the correct bounds for the variable of integration. For instance, consider the integral  $\int dx/\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ . To evaluate this, we can use a substitution like  $x = a \sin(\theta)$ , which leads to  $dx = a \cos(\theta) d\theta$ . However, we must ensure that the new bounds for  $\theta$  are within the range  $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ , as required by the arcsine function. If we're not careful, we might choose incorrect bounds, resulting in an incorrect answer. To avoid this, we can either fully evaluate the indefinite integral before applying the boundary conditions or apply the boundary terms directly to the antiderivative formula to obtain the correct result. By following these steps, we can accurately evaluate integrals involving square roots and avoid common pitfalls. Additionally, when evaluating  $\int \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx$ , we can use a substitution like  $x = a \sin(\theta)$ , which leads to  $dx = a \cos(\theta) d\theta$ . This results in an antiderivative of  $(a^2/2) \arcsin(x/a) + (x/2) \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} + C$ . For definite integrals, we must apply the correct bounds, taking into account the range of the arcsine function and ensuring that the new bounds are within  $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ . For example, when evaluating  $\int \sqrt{4 - x^2} dx$  from -1 to 1, we can use a substitution like  $x = 2 \sin(\theta)$ , which leads to  $dx = 2 \cos(\theta) d\theta$ . By applying the correct bounds and using the antiderivative formula, we can obtain the accurate result for the definite integral. The equation  $(-1/2) = -\pi/6$  is demonstrated, showing that the arcsine function can be used to solve for  $\theta$  in terms of  $n$ . This is then applied to the definite integral  $\int (1-x)^4 - x^2 dx$ . Using trigonometric identities and substitutions, such as  $x = a \tan \theta$  and  $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$ , the integral can be solved. The resulting antiderivative for the given integral is shown to be  $[2 \arctan(x/2) + (x^2)/2 * \sqrt{4 - x^2}]$  from -1 to 1. This expression simplifies to show that the integral equals  $\pi/3 + \sqrt{3}$ . A geometric construction is also presented for Case II, which involves finding the antiderivative of  $1/(a^2 + x^2)$  using a substitution involving  $\arctan(x/a)$ . Overall, the text provides various mathematical derivations and examples of how to solve definite integrals using trigonometric functions and substitutions.  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - a^2}$  with values in the range  $-\pi/2 < \theta < \pi/2$ , can be evaluated by letting  $x = a \tan \theta$ ,  $dx = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta$ . Then,  $\int a^2 + x^2 dx = \int a^2 (1 + \tan^2 \theta) (a \sec^2 \theta) d\theta = a^2 \int \sec^3 \theta d\theta$ . Let  $x = a \sec \theta$ , and use the identity  $\sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$ . Geometric construction for Case III Integrals such as  $\int dx / (x^2 - a^2)$  can also be evaluated by partial fractions rather than trigonometric substitutions. However, the integral  $\int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx$  cannot. In this case, an appropriate substitution is  $x = a \sec \theta$ ,  $dx = a \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$ ,  $\theta = \operatorname{arcsec}(x/a)$ , where  $a > 0$  so that  $\sqrt{a^2} = a$ , and  $0 \leq \theta < \pi/2$  by assuming  $x > 0$ , so that  $\tan \theta \geq 0$  and  $\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta} = \tan \theta$ . Then,  $\int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx = \int a^2 (\sec^2 \theta - 1) * a \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta = \int a^2 (\tan^2 \theta) * a \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta = \int a^2 \sec \theta \tan^3 \theta d\theta = a^2 \int (\sec \theta)(\sec^2 \theta - 1) d\theta = a^2 \int (\sec^3 \theta - \sec \theta) d\theta$ . One may evaluate the integral of the secant function by multiplying the numerator and denominator by  $(\sec \theta + \tan \theta)$  and the integral of secant cubed by parts. As a result,  $\int \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} dx = (a^2/2)(\sec \theta \tan \theta + \ln|\sec \theta + \tan \theta|) - a^2 \ln|\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C = (a^2/2)(\sec \theta \tan \theta - \ln|\sec \theta + \tan \theta|) + C = (1/2)(x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - a^2 \ln|x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}|) + C$ . When  $\pi/2 < \theta \leq \pi$ , which happens when  $x < 0$  given the range of arcsecant,  $\tan \theta \leq 0$ , meaning  $\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta} = -\tan \theta$  instead in that case. Substitution can be used to remove trigonometric functions. For instance,  $\int f(\sin(x)) dx$  can be evaluated by substituting  $x = \arcsin(u)$ , which simplifies the integral into a form that can be more easily evaluated. Trigonometric substitutions are a technique used to simplify integration problems. The basic idea is to substitute an expression that involves trigonometric functions (like  $\sin(x)$  and  $\cos(x)$ ) into the integral, and then solve the resulting integral. There are several ways to do this, including the Weierstrass substitution, which uses tangent half-angle formulas. This can be used to evaluate integrals like  $\int \frac{dx}{4 \cos^2 x (1 + \cos x)^3}$ . Another approach is to use hyperbolic functions, such as  $\sinh(u)$  and  $\cosh(u)$ . For example, the integral  $\int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx$  can be evaluated by substituting  $x = a \sinh(u)$  and then using the identity  $\cosh^2(x) - \sinh^2(x) = 1$ . These substitutions can be used to simplify a wide range of integrals, including ones that involve trigonometric functions. By making the right substitution, it's often possible to reduce an integral into a more manageable form, which can then be evaluated using standard techniques. The text also mentions other types of substitutions, such as Euler's substitution and integration by parts. However, the main focus is on trigonometric substitutions and their applications in evaluating integrals. The "Trigonometric Substitution" article by Boyadzhiev, Khristo N., which was originally published on February 26, 2020, can be accessed through the Internet Archive. The text, last edited on September 13, 2023 (old ID: 1245631698), is available for reuse under a Creative Commons license that allows for sharing and adaptation in any format or medium, even for commercial purposes. This license also permits remixing, transforming, and building upon the original material, provided the modifications are documented and properly attributed to the author. However, it's essential to note that users must adhere to the specified terms and conditions of the license to maintain its validity. 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