

MATHEMATICS  
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 Topic - Integration  
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Integration of Irrational Functions

33. Integration of  $\int \frac{1}{L\sqrt{M}} dx$ .

Note The following rules are also applicable in the case

$$\int \frac{\phi(x)}{L\sqrt{M}} dx$$

(A) If  $L$  and  $M$  are both linear, we put  $\sqrt{M}=z$ .

The following example will illustrate the above method.

Ex. Integrate  $\int \frac{dx}{(x-3)\sqrt{x+1}}$

we put  $\sqrt{x+1}=z$  so that  $x+1=z^2 \therefore dx=2zdz$   
 and  $x=z^2-1$ ,  $x-3=z^2-1-3=z^2-4$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore I &= \int \frac{dx}{(x-3)\sqrt{x+1}} = \int \frac{2zdz}{(z^2-4)z} = 2 \int \frac{dz}{z^2-4} \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2} \log \frac{z-2}{z+2} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{z-2}{z+2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sqrt{x+1}-2}{\sqrt{x+1}+2} \end{aligned}$$

(B) If  $L$  is quadratic and  $M$  is linear, we put  $\sqrt{M}=z$

The following example will illustrate the method.

Ex. Integrate  $\int \frac{x+2}{2(x^2+9x+9)\sqrt{x+1}} dx$

Let.  $\sqrt{x+1}=z$  or,  $x+1=z^2$

$\therefore dx=2zdz$ ,  $x=z^2-1$  or,  $x+2=z^2+1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } I &= \int \frac{(z^2+1)2zdz}{2\{(z^2-1)^2+9(z^2-1)+9\}z} \\ &= \int \frac{(z^2+1) dz}{(z^4-2z^2+1+9z^2-9+9)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int \frac{(z^2+1) dz}{z^4+7z^2+1} = \int \frac{1+\frac{1}{z^2}}{z^2+7+\frac{1}{z^2}} dz$$

$$= \int \frac{\left(1+\frac{1}{z^2}\right) dz}{z^2-2+\frac{1}{z^2}+9} = \int \frac{\left(1+\frac{1}{z^2}\right) dz}{\left(z-\frac{1}{z}\right)^2+9}$$

Again we put  $t = z - \frac{1}{z} \therefore dt = \left(1 + \frac{1}{z^2}\right) dz$

After substitution it becomes

$$\int \frac{dt}{t^2+3^2} = \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{t}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{z - \frac{1}{z}}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{z^2-1}{3z} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{3\sqrt{x+1}} \right)$$

(C) If  $L$  is linear and  $M$  is quadratic; we put  $L = \frac{1}{z}$

The following example will illustrate the method.

Ex. Integrate  $\int \frac{dx}{(2+x)\sqrt{4-x^2}}$

Let  $2+x = \frac{1}{z} = z^{-1} \therefore dx = -\frac{1}{z^2} dz$  or,  $x = \frac{1}{z} - 2$

$$\therefore x^2 = \left( \frac{1}{z} - 2 \right)^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{4}{z} + 4$$

$$\text{or, } 4-x^2 = 4 - \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{4}{z} - 4 = \frac{4}{z} - \frac{1}{z^2}$$

$$\therefore I = \int \frac{-\frac{1}{z^2} dz}{\frac{1}{z} \sqrt{\frac{4}{z} - \frac{1}{z^2}}} = - \int \frac{\frac{1}{z^2} dz}{\frac{1}{z} \sqrt{4z-1}}$$

$$= - \int \frac{dz}{\sqrt{4z-1}} = - \int (4z-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dz$$

$$= - \frac{(4z-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} = - \frac{2}{4} \sqrt{4z-1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4 \left( \frac{1}{2+x} \right) - 1} = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4-2-x}{2+x}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2-x}{2+x}}$$

Otherwise :-

$$I = \int \frac{dx}{(2+x)\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

Let  $x = 2 \cos \theta$  Hence,  $dx = -2 \sin \theta d\theta$

Thus. 
$$I = \int \frac{-2 \sin \theta d\theta}{(2+2 \cos \theta)\sqrt{4-4 \cos^2 \theta}}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{2} \int \frac{\sin \theta d\theta}{(1+\cos \theta)\sqrt{4 \sin^2 \theta}}$$

$$= -\int \frac{\sin \theta d\theta}{(1+\cos \theta) 2 \sin \theta} = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d\theta}{1+\cos \theta}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d\theta}{2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} = -\frac{1}{4} \int \sec^2 \frac{\theta}{2} d\theta = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos \theta}{1+\cos \theta}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-\frac{x}{2}}{1+\frac{x}{2}}}$$

[  $\because x = 2 \cos \theta$  ]

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2-x}{2+x}}$$

(D) If  $L$  and  $M$  are both quadratic, we put  $\sqrt{\frac{M}{L}} = z$

The following example will illustrate the method,

Ex. Integrate  $\int \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)\sqrt{1-x^2}}$



$$\text{Let } I = \int \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}} = z \quad \text{or, } \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} = z^2$$

$$\text{or, } (1-x^2) = z^2(1+x^2) = z^2 + z^2x^2$$

$$\text{or, } 1-z^2 = x^2(1+z^2)$$

$$\text{or, } x^2 = \frac{1-z^2}{1+z^2}$$

$$\therefore 2x dx = \frac{-2z(1+z^2) - (1-z^2)2z}{(1+z^2)^2} dz$$

$$= \frac{-2z - 2z^3 - 2z + 2z^3}{(1+z^2)^2} dz \quad \text{or, } 2x dx = \frac{-4z}{(1+z^2)^2}$$

$$\therefore dx = \frac{-2z dz}{(1+z^2)^2} \sqrt{\frac{1+z^2}{1-z^2}}$$

$$\text{Again, } 1+x^2 = 1 + \frac{1-z^2}{1+z^2} = \frac{2}{1+z^2}$$

$$\text{and, } 1-x^2 = 1 - \frac{1-z^2}{1+z^2} = \frac{2z^2}{1+z^2}$$

$$\therefore I = -2 \int \frac{z dz}{(1+z^2)^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+z^2}}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \cdot \frac{1+z^2}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+z^2}}{\sqrt{2} \cdot z}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int \frac{dz}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin^{-1} z$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}}$$