

3. Evaluate the following integrals:

$$(a) \int \cosh^3 x \sinh x \, dx \quad (b) \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

Soln: (a) Using the substitution $u = \cosh x$, we get $\sinh x \, dx = du$ and hence $\int \cosh^3 x \sinh x \, dx = \int u^3 \, du = u^4/4 = \frac{\cosh^4 x}{4} + C$. (b) It was shown in class that this integral is equal to $\cosh^{-1} x + C$.

2. Evaluate $\int \frac{e^x dx}{\sqrt{e^{2x} - 4}}$ using a suitable substitution and applying the relevant integration formula.

$$\text{Let } u = e^x/2. \text{ Then } du = (e^x/2)dx. \text{ Also } \sqrt{u^2 - 1} = \sqrt{(e^x/2)^2 - 1} = \sqrt{\frac{e^{2x}}{4} - 1} = \frac{\sqrt{e^{2x} - 4}}{2}.$$

So the given integral becomes

$$\int \frac{e^x dx}{\sqrt{e^{2x} - 4}} = \int \frac{2du}{2\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} = \int \frac{du}{\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} = \cosh^{-1} u = \cosh^{-1}(e^x/2).$$

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3. Evaluate $\int x^2 \sin x \, dx$ using integration by parts twice.

First let $v = x^2, du = \sin x \, dx$. Then $dv = 2x dx, u = \int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int v \, du &= uv - \int u \, dv \\ &= x^2(-\cos x) - \int (-\cos x)(2x \, dx) = -x^2 \cos x + 2 \int x \cos x \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

Now integrate by parts again to get $\int x \cos x \, dx$. Let $v = x, du = \cos x \, dx$. Then $dv = dx, u = \int \cos x \, dx = \sin x$. We get $\int x \cos x \, dx = x \sin x - \int \sin x \, dx = x \sin x + \cos x$. Plugging in this answer for $\int x \cos x \, dx$ into the expression above we get

$$\int x^2 \sin x \, dx = -x^2 \cos x + 2 \int x \cos x \, dx = -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C.$$