

More examples

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^u = \frac{d}{du} e^u \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = e^u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}.$$

$$\int x e^{-x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int e^u du =$$

$$u = -x^2 \quad du = -2x dx$$

$$x dx = -\frac{1}{2} du$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} e^u + C = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2} + C$$

Warning There is no simple formula for $\int e^{-x^2} dx$.

Similar in nature to the corresponding statement about $\sin x^2$.

Limit problems

Show $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^k e^{-x} = 0$

Use l'Hospital's Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^k}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{kx^{k-1}}{e^x} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k(k-1)x^{k-2}}{e^x} = \dots = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k!}{e^x} = 0.$$

Equivalent version

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^k} = +\infty \quad \begin{array}{l} e^x \text{ grows faster} \\ \text{than } x^k \text{ all } k. \end{array}$$

Similarly, if $p(x)$ is any poly,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(x)}{e^x} = 0 \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{p(x)} = \infty.$$

SLOGAN Growth of exponential function much faster than growth of a polynomial function.

Finally

$$\int \tan x \, dx = \int \frac{\sin x \, dx}{\cos x} = \quad u = \cos x$$

$$\int \frac{-du}{u} = - \int \frac{du}{u} = -\log|u| + C$$

$$= -\log|\cos x| + C$$

log only defined
for positive
variables

$$\left(\sec = \frac{1}{\cos}\right) = \log|\sec x| + C$$

$$\int \sec x \, dx = \int \frac{dx}{\cos x} = \int \frac{\cos x \, dx}{\cos^2 x} = \quad u = \sin x$$

$$\int \frac{du}{1-u^2}$$

ALGEBRA $\frac{1}{1-u^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1-u} + \frac{1}{1+u} \right)$

$$\int \frac{du}{1-u^2} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{1-u} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{1+u} =$$

$v=1-u$ $w=1+u$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dv}{v} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dw}{w} =$$
$$\frac{1}{2} (\log|w| - \log|v|) + C =$$
$$\frac{1}{2} (\log|1+u| - \log|1-u|) + C =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log \left| \frac{1+\sin x}{1-\sin x} \right| + C$$

This can be taken further,
but stop here.