

6.11 Integrating Using Integration by Parts

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KEY WORDS integration by parts

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **integration by parts** – the reverse of the product rule.

You must be able to:

- apply $\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$
- choose u and dv well (the **LIATE** guide)
- apply the method **twice** when needed

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later – follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

■ The formula

Integration by parts reverses the product rule:

$$\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du.$$

Pick u (to differentiate) and dv (to integrate); then du and v follow.

■ Choosing u with LIATE

Choose u as the **first** type in **LIATE** that appears: **L**ogs, **I**nverse trig, **A**lgebraic, **T**rig, **E**xponential. For $\int xe^x \, dx$: x is algebraic (A), e^x exponential (E), so $u = x$, $dv = e^x \, dx$.

■ A worked example

$\int xe^x \, dx$: $u = x$, $dv = e^x \, dx \Rightarrow du = dx$, $v = e^x$:

$$\int xe^x \, dx = xe^x - \int e^x \, dx = xe^x - e^x + C.$$

■ Integrating a logarithm

$\int \ln x \, dx$: let $u = \ln x$, $dv = dx$, so $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$, $v = x$:

$$\int \ln x \, dx = x \ln x - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = x \ln x - x + C.$$

2 Practice

Now apply the methods above.

2.1 For $\int x \cos x \, dx$, state a good choice of u and dv . [2]

2.2 Find $\int x \cos x \, dx$. [3]

2.3 Find $\int x e^{2x} \, dx$. [3]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 In $\int x \sin x \, dx$, the best choice by LIATE is [1]

- ☐ **A** $u = \sin x$, $dv = x \, dx$
B $u = x$, $dv = \sin x \, dx$
C $u = x \sin x$, $dv = dx$
D $u = 1$, $dv = x \sin x \, dx$

3.2 Find $\int \ln x \, dx$. [3]

3.3 Evaluate $\int_0^1 xe^x \, dx$. [4]

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- $u = x$ (algebraic), $dv = \cos x \, dx$

2.2

- $du = dx$, $v = \sin x$; $\int x \cos x \, dx = x \sin x - \int \sin x \, dx = x \sin x + \cos x + C$

2.3

- $u = x$, $dv = e^{2x} \, dx \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x}$; $\frac{1}{2}xe^{2x} - \int \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} \, dx = \frac{1}{2}xe^{2x} - \frac{1}{4}e^{2x} + C$

3.1 B

- x is algebraic (A), $\sin x$ is trig (T); A comes before T, so $u = x$

3.2

- $u = \ln x$, $dv = dx$, $v = x$; $x \ln x - \int x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \, dx = x \ln x - x + C$

3.3

- $u = x$, $dv = e^x \, dx$; $[xe^x]_0^1 - \int_0^1 e^x \, dx = (e - 0) - [e^x]_0^1 = e - (e - 1) = 1$