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 $du = \frac{1}{x}\,dx$, $v = x$:

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

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 $\int xe^{2x}\,dx$. [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]