

## Integrals-tasks (VIII part)

### RECURRENT FORMULA

**Recurrent (recursive)** formulas are formulas that depend on natural numbers.

They are used to lower the "order" an integral.

Example 1.

Determine the recursive formula for  $\int x^n e^{ax} dx$  if  $a \neq 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Solution:**

$$\int x^n e^{ax} dx = ?$$

This integral will solve with partial integration (if you remember, this is integral to the first of our group).

$$\begin{aligned} I_n = \int x^n e^{ax} dx &= \left. \begin{array}{l} x^n = u \\ nx^{n-1} dx = du \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} e^{ax} dx = dv \\ \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} = v \end{array} = \\ &= x^n \cdot \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} - \int \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} nx^{n-1} dx = \frac{e^{ax} \cdot x^n}{a} - \frac{n}{a} \int e^{ax} x^{n-1} dx \\ &= \frac{e^{ax} \cdot x^n}{a} - \frac{n}{a} \cdot I_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

So :

$$\boxed{I_n = \frac{e^{ax} \cdot x^n}{a} - \frac{n}{a} \cdot I_{n-1}}$$

How now use this formula?

Get a task to solve  $\int x^4 e^x dx = ?$

In our formula is therefore  $n = 4$  and  $a = 1$ .

$$I_n = \frac{e^{ax} \cdot x^n}{a} - \frac{n}{a} \cdot I_{n-1}$$

$$I_4 = \frac{e^x \cdot x^4}{1} - \frac{4}{1} \cdot I_{4-1} = e^x \cdot x^4 - 4I_3$$

$$\boxed{I_4 = e^x \cdot x^4 - 4I_3}$$

Now, we work for  $n=3, n=2, n=1$

$$I_4 = e^x \cdot x^4 - 4I_3$$

$$I_3 = e^x \cdot x^3 - 3I_2$$

$$I_2 = e^x \cdot x^2 - 2I_1$$

$$I_1 = \int e^x \cdot x dx$$

This integral we know to solve:

$$\int x e^x dx = \left. \begin{array}{l} x = u \quad e^x dx = dv \\ dx = du \quad \int e^x dx = v \\ e^x = v \end{array} \right| = x \cdot e^x - \int e^x dx = x e^x - e^x + C = \boxed{e^x(x-1) + C}$$

solution back ..

$$I_4 = e^x \cdot x^4 - 4I_3$$

$$I_3 = e^x \cdot x^3 - 3I_2$$

$$I_2 = e^x \cdot x^2 - 2I_1$$

$$I_1 = \int e^x \cdot x dx = e^x(x-1)$$

go back in  $I_2$

$$I_2 = e^x \cdot x^2 - 2[e^x(x-1)]$$

go back in  $I_3$

$$I_3 = e^x \cdot x^3 - 3\{e^x \cdot x^2 - 2[e^x(x-1)]\}$$

and go back in  $I_4$

$$I_4 = e^x \cdot x^4 - 4\{e^x \cdot x^3 - 3\{e^x \cdot x^2 - 2[e^x(x-1)]\}\} + C$$

**Example 2.**

**Determine the recursive formula for  $\int \sin^n x dx$  if  $n \geq 2$**

**Solution:**

This integral will solve with partial integration...

$$I_n = \int \sin^n x dx = \left. \begin{array}{l} \sin^{n-1} x = u \\ (n-1) \sin^{n-1} x (\sin x)' dx = du \\ (n-1) \sin^{n-2} x \cdot \cos x dx = du \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} \sin x dx = dv \\ -\cos x = v \end{array} =$$

$$= \sin^{n-1} x \cdot (-\cos x) - \int (-\cos x)(n-1) \sin^{n-2} x \cdot \cos x dx$$

$$= -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \cdot \cos^2 x dx$$

From  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1 \rightarrow \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$ , replace that instead of  $\cos^2 x$

$$= -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \cdot (1 - \sin^2 x) dx$$

$$= -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \int (\sin^{n-2} x - \sin^n x) dx$$

$$= -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \left[ \int \sin^{n-2} x dx \right] - (n-1) \left[ \int \sin^n x dx \right]$$

$$= -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \cdot I_{n-2} - (n-1) \cdot I_n$$

Now, we have:

$$I_n = -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \cdot I_{n-2} - (n-1) \cdot I_n$$

$$I_n + (n-1) \cdot I_n = -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \cdot I_{n-2}$$

$$\cancel{I_n} + n \cdot I_n \cancel{= I_n} = -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \cdot I_{n-2}$$

$$n \cdot I_n = -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \cdot I_{n-2}$$

$$I_n = \frac{-\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \cdot I_{n-2}}{n}$$

$$I_n = \frac{-\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot I_{n-2}$$

This is required recurrent formula.

We notice that if  $n$  is even number, then the gradual application of the formula obtained in the end we come to  $\int dx$ .

If  $n$  is odd we get  $\int \sin x dx$ .

**Example 3.**  $\int \frac{dx}{\sin^n x}$  for  $n \geq 2$

**Solution:**

Here we first use a little “trick”: add  $\frac{\sin x}{\sin x}$ , We'll see why ...

$$I_n = \int \frac{dx}{\sin^n x} = \int \frac{\sin x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{dx}{\sin^n x} = \int \frac{\sin x dx}{\sin^{n+1} x}$$

Now do partial integration:

$$\int \frac{\sin x dx}{\sin^{n+1} x} = \left| \begin{array}{l} u = \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} \\ ? \end{array} \right. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \sin x dx = dv \\ -\cos x = v \end{array} \right|$$

we find this :

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x}\right)' = (\sin^{-(n+1)} x)' = -(n+1) \sin^{-(n+1)-1} x \cdot (\sin x)' = -(n+1) \sin^{-(n+2)} \cdot \cos x = -(n+1) \frac{\cos x}{\sin^{n+2}}$$

back to the task:

$$\int \frac{\sin x dx}{\sin^{n+1} x} = \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} = u \\ -(n+1) \frac{\cos x}{\sin^{n+2} x} dx = dv \end{array} \right. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \sin x dx = dv \\ -\cos x = v \end{array} \right| =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} (-\cos x) - \int (-\cos x) [-(n+1) \frac{\cos x}{\sin^{n+2} x} dx] = \\ & -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} - (n+1) \int \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^{n+2} x} dx = \\ & -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} - (n+1) \int \frac{1 - \sin^2 x}{\sin^{n+2} x} dx = \\ & -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} - (n+1) \left[ \int \frac{1}{\sin^{n+2} x} dx - \int \frac{\cancel{\sin^2} x}{\sin^{n+2} x} dx \right] = \\ & -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} - (n+1) \left[ \int \frac{1}{\sin^{n+2} x} dx - \int \frac{1}{\sin^n x} dx \right] = \\ & -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} - (n+1) \left[ \int \frac{1}{\sin^{n+2} x} dx - \int \frac{1}{\sin^n x} dx \right] = \\ & -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} - (n+1) \left[ \int \frac{1}{\sin^{n+2} x} dx - \int \frac{1}{\sin^n x} dx \right] = \\ & = -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} - (n+1) [I_{n+2} - I_n] \end{aligned}$$

back to the beginning:

$$I_n = -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} - (n+1)[I_{n+2} - I_n]$$

$$I_n = -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} - (n+1)I_{n+2} + (n+1)I_n$$

$$(n+1)I_{n+2} = -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} + nI_n \quad \cancel{I_n} \quad \cancel{I_n}$$

$$(n+1)I_{n+2} = -\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^{n+1} x} + nI_n$$

$$I_{n+2} = \frac{-\cos x}{(n+1) \cdot \sin^{n+1} x} + \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot I_n$$

In place of  $n$  put  $n-2$  ∴

$$I_{n+2} = \frac{-\cos x}{(n+1) \cdot \sin^{n+1} x} + \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot I_n \rightarrow I_n = \frac{-\cos x}{(n-1) \cdot \sin^{n-1} x} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} \cdot I_{n-2}$$

**Example 4.** Determine the recurrent formula  $I_{n,m} = \int x^n \cdot \ln^m x dx$  if  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$I_{n,m} = \int x^n \cdot \ln^m x dx = \left. \begin{array}{l} \ln^m x = u \\ m \cdot \ln^{m-1} x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = du \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} x^n dx = dv \\ \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} = v \end{array} =$$

$$= \ln^m x \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} - \int \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot m \cdot \ln^{m-1} x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$= \ln^m x \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} - \int \frac{x^n \cdot \cancel{x}}{n+1} \cdot m \cdot \ln^{m-1} x \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{x}} dx$$

$$= \ln^m x \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{m}{n+1} \int x^n \cdot \ln^{m-1} x dx$$

$$= \ln^m x \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{m}{n+1} \cdot I_{n,m-1}$$

So :

$$I_{n,m} = \ln^m x \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{m}{n+1} \cdot I_{n,m-1}$$