

FIFTH EDITION

Engineering Mathematics

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Integration by parts

53.1 Introduction

From the product rule of differentiation:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = v \frac{du}{dx} + u \frac{dv}{dx}$$

where u and v are both functions of x .

Rearranging gives: $u \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(uv) - v \frac{du}{dx}$

Integrating both sides with respect to x gives:

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = \int \frac{d}{dx}(uv) dx - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$$

ie
$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$$

or
$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

This is known as the **integration by parts formula** and provides a method of integrating such products of simple functions as $\int x e^x dx$, $\int t \sin t dt$, $\int e^\theta \cos \theta d\theta$ and $\int x \ln x dx$.

Given a product of two terms to integrate the initial choice is: 'which part to make equal to u ' and 'which part to make equal to dv '. The choice must be such that the ' u part' becomes a constant after successive differentiation and the ' dv part' can be integrated from standard integrals. Invariable, the following rule holds: 'If a product to be integrated contains an algebraic term (such as x , t^2 or 3θ) then this term is chosen as the u part. The one exception to this rule is when a ' $\ln x$ ' term is involved; in this case $\ln x$ is chosen as the ' u part'.

53.2 Worked problems on integration by parts

Problem 1. Determine: $\int x \cos x dx$

From the integration by parts formula,

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

Let $u = x$, from which $\frac{du}{dx} = 1$, i.e. $du = dx$ and let $dv = \cos x dx$, from which $v = \int \cos x dx = \sin x$.

Expressions for u , du and v are now substituted into the 'by parts' formula as shown below.

$$\int \left[\begin{array}{c} u \\ x \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} dv \\ \cos x dx \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} u \\ x \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} v \\ \sin x \end{array} \right] - \int \left[\begin{array}{c} v \\ \sin x \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} du \\ dx \end{array} \right]$$

i.e.
$$\int x \cos x dx = x \sin x - (-\cos x) + c$$

$$= x \sin x + \cos x + c$$

[This result may be checked by differentiating the right hand side,

i.e.
$$\frac{d}{dx}(x \sin x + \cos x + c)$$

$$= [(x)(\cos x) + (\sin x)(1)] - \sin x + 0$$

using the product rule

$$= x \cos x, \text{ which is the function being integrated}$$

Problem 2. Find: $\int 3te^{2t} dt$

Let $u = 3t$, from which, $\frac{du}{dt} = 3$, i.e. $du = 3 dt$ and

let $dv = e^{2t} dt$, from which, $v = \int e^{2t} dt = \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$

Substituting into $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\int 3te^{2t} dt &= (3t) \left(\frac{1}{2}e^{2t}\right) - \int \left(\frac{1}{2}e^{2t}\right) (3 dt) \\ &= \frac{3}{2}te^{2t} - \frac{3}{2} \int e^{2t} dt \\ &= \frac{3}{2}te^{2t} - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{e^{2t}}{2}\right) + c\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\int 3te^{2t} dt = \frac{3}{2}e^{2t} \left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right) + c$,

which may be checked by differentiating.

Problem 3. Evaluate $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 2\theta \sin \theta d\theta$

Let $u = 2\theta$, from which, $\frac{du}{d\theta} = 2$, i.e. $du = 2 d\theta$ and let

$dv = \sin \theta d\theta$, from which,

$$v = \int \sin \theta d\theta = -\cos \theta$$

Substituting into $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\int 2\theta \sin \theta d\theta &= (2\theta)(-\cos \theta) - \int (-\cos \theta)(2 d\theta) \\ &= -2\theta \cos \theta + 2 \int \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= -2\theta \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta + c\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 2\theta \sin \theta d\theta$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \left[2\theta \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta\right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= \left[-2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - [0 + 2 \sin 0] \\ &= (-0 + 2) - (0 + 0) = 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{since } \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$$

Problem 4. Evaluate: $\int_0^1 5xe^{4x} dx$, correct to 3 significant figures

Let $u = 5x$, from which $\frac{du}{dx} = 5$, i.e. $du = 5 dx$ and let

$dv = e^{4x} dx$, from which, $v = \int e^{4x} dx = \frac{1}{4}e^{4x}$

Substituting into $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\int 5xe^{4x} dx &= (5x) \left(\frac{e^{4x}}{4}\right) - \int \left(\frac{e^{4x}}{4}\right) (5 dx) \\ &= \frac{5}{4}xe^{4x} - \frac{5}{4} \int e^{4x} dx \\ &= \frac{5}{4}xe^{4x} - \frac{5}{4} \left(\frac{e^{4x}}{4}\right) + c \\ &= \frac{5}{4}e^{4x} \left(x - \frac{1}{4}\right) + c\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\int_0^1 5xe^{4x} dx$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \left[\frac{5}{4}e^{4x} \left(x - \frac{1}{4}\right)\right]_0^1 \\ &= \left[\frac{5}{4}e^4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right)\right] - \left[\frac{5}{4}e^0 \left(0 - \frac{1}{4}\right)\right] \\ &= \left(\frac{15}{16}e^4\right) - \left(-\frac{5}{16}\right) \\ &= 51.186 + 0.313 = 51.499 = \mathbf{51.5},\end{aligned}$$

correct to 3 significant figures.

Problem 5. Determine: $\int x^2 \sin x dx$

Let $u = x^2$, from which, $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$, i.e. $du = 2x dx$, and

let $dv = \sin x dx$, from which, $v = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x$

Substituting into $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^2 \sin x dx &= (x^2)(-\cos x) - \int (-\cos x)(2x dx) \\ &= -x^2 \cos x + 2 \left[\int x \cos x dx\right]\end{aligned}$$

The integral, $\int x \cos x dx$, is not a 'standard integral' and it can only be determined by using the integration by parts formula again.

From Problem 1, $\int x \cos x \, dx = x \sin x + \cos x$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \int x^2 \sin x \, dx &= -x^2 \cos x + 2\{x \sin x + \cos x\} + c \\ &= -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + c \\ &= (2 - x^2)\cos x + 2x \sin x + c \end{aligned}$$

In general, if the algebraic term of a product is of power n , then the integration by parts formula is applied n times.

Now try the following exercise

Exercise 186 Further problems on integration by parts

Determine the integrals in Problems 1 to 5 using integration by parts.

$$1. \int x e^{2x} \, dx \quad \left[\frac{e^{2x}}{2} \left(x - \frac{1}{2} \right) + c \right]$$

$$2. \int \frac{4x}{e^{3x}} \, dx \quad \left[-\frac{4}{3} e^{-3x} \left(x + \frac{1}{3} \right) + c \right]$$

$$3. \int x \sin x \, dx \quad [-x \cos x + \sin x + c]$$

$$4. \int 5\theta \cos 2\theta \, d\theta \quad \left[\frac{5}{2} \left(\theta \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) + c \right]$$

$$5. \int 3t^2 e^{2t} \, dt \quad \left[\frac{3}{2} e^{2t} \left(t^2 - t + \frac{1}{2} \right) + c \right]$$

Evaluate the integrals in Problems 6 to 9, correct to 4 significant figures.

$$6. \int_0^2 2x e^x \, dx \quad [16.78]$$

$$7. \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} x \sin 2x \, dx \quad [0.2500]$$

$$8. \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} t^2 \cos t \, dt \quad [0.4674]$$

$$9. \int_1^2 3x^2 e^{\frac{x}{2}} \, dx \quad [15.78]$$

53.3 Further worked problems on integration by parts

Problem 6. Find: $\int x \ln x \, dx$

The logarithmic function is chosen as the 'u part' Thus when $u = \ln x$, then $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$ i.e. $du = \frac{dx}{x}$

Letting $dv = x \, dx$ gives $v = \int x \, dx = \frac{x^2}{2}$

Substituting into $\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \ln x \, dx &= (\ln x) \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) - \int \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) \frac{dx}{x} \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} \ln x - \frac{1}{2} \int x \, dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} \ln x - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) + c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \int x \ln x \, dx &= \frac{x^2}{2} \left(\ln x - \frac{1}{2} \right) + c \\ &\text{or } \frac{x^2}{4} (2 \ln x - 1) + c \end{aligned}$$

Problem 7. Determine: $\int \ln x \, dx$

$\int \ln x \, dx$ is the same as $\int (1) \ln x \, dx$

Let $u = \ln x$, from which, $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$ i.e. $du = \frac{dx}{x}$ and let

$dv = 1 \, dx$, from which, $v = \int 1 \, dx = x$

Substituting into $\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \ln x \, dx &= (\ln x)(x) - \int x \frac{dx}{x} \\ &= x \ln x - \int dx = x \ln x - x + c \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \int \ln x \, dx = x(\ln x - 1) + c$$

Problem 8. Evaluate: $\int_1^9 \sqrt{x} \ln x \, dx$, correct to 3 significant figures

Let $u = \ln x$, from which $du = \frac{dx}{x}$
and let $dv = \sqrt{x} dx = x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$, from which,

$$v = \int x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = \frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Substituting into $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{x} \ln x dx &= (\ln x) \left(\frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) - \int \left(\frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{dx}{x} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{x^3} \ln x - \frac{2}{3} \int x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{x^3} \ln x - \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) + c \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{x^3} \left[\ln x - \frac{2}{3} \right] + c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \int_1^9 \sqrt{x} \ln x dx &= \left[\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{x^3} \left(\ln x - \frac{2}{3} \right) \right]_1^9 \\ &= \left[\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{9^3} \left(\ln 9 - \frac{2}{3} \right) \right] - \left[\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{1^3} \left(\ln 1 - \frac{2}{3} \right) \right] \\ &= \left[18 \left(\ln 9 - \frac{2}{3} \right) \right] - \left[\frac{2}{3} \left(0 - \frac{2}{3} \right) \right] \\ &= 27.550 + 0.444 = 27.994 = \mathbf{28.0}, \end{aligned}$$

correct to 3 significant figures.

Problem 9. Find: $\int e^{ax} \cos bx dx$

When integrating a product of an exponential and a sine or cosine function it is immaterial which part is made equal to 'u'.

Let $u = e^{ax}$, from which $\frac{du}{dx} = ae^{ax}$, i.e. $du = ae^{ax} dx$
and let $dv = \cos bx dx$, from which,

$$v = \int \cos bx dx = \frac{1}{b} \sin bx$$

Substituting into $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx &= (e^{ax}) \left(\frac{1}{b} \sin bx \right) - \int \left(\frac{1}{b} \sin bx \right) (ae^{ax} dx) \\ &= \frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \sin bx - \frac{a}{b} \left[\int e^{ax} \sin bx dx \right] \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$\int e^{ax} \sin bx dx$ is now determined separately using integration by parts again:

Let $u = e^{ax}$ then $du = ae^{ax} dx$, and let $dv = \sin bx dx$, from which

$$v = \int \sin bx dx = -\frac{1}{b} \cos bx$$

Substituting into the integration by parts formula gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{ax} \sin bx dx &= (e^{ax}) \left(-\frac{1}{b} \cos bx \right) \\ &\quad - \int \left(-\frac{1}{b} \cos bx \right) (ae^{ax} dx) \\ &= -\frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \cos bx \\ &\quad + \frac{a}{b} \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this result into equation (1) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx &= \frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \sin bx - \frac{a}{b} \left[-\frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \cos bx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{a}{b} \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \sin bx + \frac{a}{b^2} e^{ax} \cos bx \\ &\quad - \frac{a^2}{b^2} \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx \end{aligned}$$

The integral on the far right of this equation is the same as the integral on the left hand side and thus they may be combined.

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx + \frac{a^2}{b^2} \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx \\ = \frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \sin bx + \frac{a}{b^2} e^{ax} \cos bx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2} \right) \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx \\ = \frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \sin bx + \frac{a}{b^2} e^{ax} \cos bx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } \left(\frac{b^2 + a^2}{b^2} \right) \int e^{ax} \cos bx dx \\ = \frac{e^{ax}}{b^2} (b \sin bx + a \cos bx) \end{aligned}$$