# 92 Analytical computation of integrals

**92.1.** You must be familiar with the following elementary primitive functions. Prove them or find them in the book. Here $F'(x) = f(x)$.

| | $f(x)$ | $F(x)$ |
|---|---|---|
| (92.1) | $x^a$ | $\dfrac{x^{a+1}}{a+1}\quad (a \neq -1)$ |
| (92.2) | $x^{-1}$ | $\log(\lvert x\rvert)$ |
| (92.3) | $\dfrac{h'(x)}{h(x)}$ | $\log(\lvert h(x)\rvert)$ |
| (92.4) | $e^x$ | $e^x$ |
| (92.5) | $a^x$ | $\dfrac{a^x}{\log(a)}\quad (a \neq 1)$ |
| (92.6) | $\sin(x)$ | $-\cos(x)$ |
| (92.7) | $\cos(x)$ | $\sin(x)$ |
| (92.8) | $\dfrac{1}{\cos^2(x)}$ | $\tan(x)$ |
| (92.9) | $\dfrac{1}{\sin^2(x)}$ | $-\cot(x)$ |
| (92.10) | $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}}$ | $\arcsin\left(\dfrac{x}{a}\right)\quad (a > 0)$ |
| (92.11) | $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+a}}$ | $\log(\lvert x + \sqrt{x^2+a}\rvert)$ |
| (92.12) | $\dfrac{1}{a^2+x^2}$ | $\dfrac{1}{a}\arctan\left(\dfrac{x}{a}\right)$ |

**92.2.** Compute (hint: integrate by parts)

$$\text{(a)}\quad \int_1^x \log(y)\,dy \qquad \text{(b)}\quad \int_1^x y\log(y)\,dy \qquad \text{(c)}\quad \int_1^x y^2\log(y)\,dy$$

**92.3.** Compute (hint: integrate by parts)

$$\text{(a)}\quad \int_0^x t\sin t\,dt \qquad \text{(b)}\quad \int_0^x t^2\cos t\,dt \qquad \text{(c)}\quad \int_0^x t^2e^t\,dt \qquad \text{(d)}\quad \int_0^x e^t\cos t\,dt$$

**92.4.** Compute $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t)\,dt$ with $f(t) = t$ for $t \in [0,1]$, $f(t) = -1$ for $t \in [1,2]$. Draw the graphs of $f$ and $F$. Compute and plot $F$ with Matlab.

**92.5.** Compute the following. For which values of $t$ are the integrals defined? (hint for (c): partial fractions)

$$\text{(a)}\quad \int_0^t \frac{1}{x+3}\,dx \qquad \text{(b)}\quad \int_0^t \frac{1}{x-5}\,dx \qquad \text{(c)}\quad \int_0^t \frac{1}{x^2-2x-15}\,dx$$

**92.6.** Compute (hint: change of variable)

(a) $$\int_0^2 xe^{-x^2}\,dx$$

(b) $$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos x}{1+\sin^2 x}\,dx \quad \text{(hint: } t=\sin x)$$

(c) $$\int_1^2 x\sqrt{x-1}\,dx \quad \text{(hint: } t=\sqrt{x-1})$$

(d) $$\int_0^y \cos^3 x\,dx \quad \text{(hint: } t=\sin x)$$

**92.7.** A function $f:[-a,a]\to\mathbf{R}$ is called *even* if $f(-x)=f(x)$ for all $x\in[-a,a]$, and *odd* if $f(-x)=-f(x)$ for all $x\in[-a,a]$. (a) Find examples of even and odd functions. Sketch their graphs. (b) Show that

$$\int_{-a}^{a} f(x)\,dx = 2\int_0^a f(x)\,dx \quad \text{if } f \text{ is even,} \qquad \int_{-a}^{a} f(x)\,dx = 0 \quad \text{if } f \text{ is odd.}$$

**92.8.** Use the result in Problem 92.7 to compute

(a) $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x|\cos x\,dx$ (b) $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 x\,dx$

(c) $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x\sin^2 x\,dx$ (d) $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \arctan(x+3x^3)\,dx$

**92.9.** (Physical chemistry.) When a gas expands from volume $V_1$ to volume $V_2$ it does work on its surrounding according to the formula $w=\int_{V_1}^{V_2} p\,dV$. Compute the work during an isothermal expansion in the following cases. See: P. Atkins and L. Jones, *Chemical Principles. The Quest for Insight.* Freeman, New York, second edition, 2002, pp. 209–210.

(a) $$pV = nRT \quad \text{(ideal gas)}$$

(b) $$(p+a\frac{n^2}{V^2})(V-nb) = nRT \quad \text{(van der Waals gas)}$$

**92.10.** (Advanced, not obligatory.) (Hyperbolic functions, AMBS 32.5) Show that

(a) $$\operatorname{arcsinh}(y) = \log\big(y+\sqrt{y^2+1}\big) \quad \text{for } -\infty<y<\infty$$

(b) $$\operatorname{arccosh}(y) = \log\big(y+\sqrt{y^2-1}\big) \quad \text{for } y\ge 1$$

(c) $$\cosh^2(x)-\sinh^2(x)=1$$

(d) $$D\operatorname{arcsinh}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2+1}}$$

(e) $$D\operatorname{arccosh}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2-1}} \quad \text{for } y>1$$

(f) $$\int_0^x \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y^2+1}} = \log\big(x+\sqrt{x^2+1}\big)$$

(g) $$\int_1^x \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y^2-1}} = \log\big(x+\sqrt{x^2-1}\big) \quad \text{for } x>1$$

# Answers and solutions

**92.2.**

(a) $\displaystyle\int_1^x \log(y)\,dy = \int_1^x 1\log(y)\,dy = \Big[y\log(y)\Big]_1^x - \int_1^x y\frac{1}{y}\,dy = x\log(x) - x + 1.$

(b) $\dfrac{x^2}{2}\log(x) - \dfrac{x^2}{4} + \dfrac{1}{4}.$

(c) $\dfrac{x^3}{3}\log(x) - \dfrac{x^3}{9} + \dfrac{1}{9}.$

**92.3.**

(a) $-x\cos x + \sin x.$

(b) $(x^2-2)\sin x + 2x\cos x.$

(c) $(x^2-2x+2)e^x - 2.$

(d) $\frac{1}{2}(e^x\cos x + e^x\sin x - 1).$

**92.4.**

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \int_0^x t\,dt = \Big[\frac{t^2}{2}\Big]_0^x = \frac{x^2}{2} & \text{for } x\in[0,1] \\ \int_0^1 t\,dt + \int_1^x(-1)\,dt = \Big[\frac{t^2}{2}\Big]_0^1 + \Big[-t\Big]_1^x = \frac{1}{2}+1-x & \text{for } x\in[1,2] \end{cases}$$

MATLAB function file:

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function y=funk1(x,u)
if  x<1
  y=x;
else
  y=-1;
end
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MATLAB command:

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>> [x,U]=my_ode('funk1',[0 2],0,1e-2);  plot(x,U)
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**92.5.**

(a)

$$\int_0^t \frac{1}{x+3}\,dx = \Big[\log(x+3)\Big]_0^t = \log(t+3) - \log(3) = \log\Big(\frac{t+3}{3}\Big), \quad \text{for } t > -3$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^t \frac{1}{x-5}\,dx &= -\int_0^t \frac{1}{5-x}\,dx = \left\{\begin{matrix} z = 5-x \\ dz = -dx\end{matrix}\right\} = \int_5^{5-t}\frac{1}{z}\,dz \\ &= \Big[\log(z)\Big]_5^{5-t} = \log(5-t) - \log(5) = \log\Big(\frac{5-t}{5}\Big), \quad \text{for } t < 5\end{aligned}$$

(c) We split the function into *partial fractions*:

$$\frac{1}{x^2-2x-15} = \frac{1}{(x-5)(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x-5} + \frac{B}{x+3} = \frac{A(x+3)+B(x-5)}{(x-5)(x+3)}$$

Identification of the coefficients gives $A = 1/8$, $B = -1/8$, so that

$$\frac{1}{x^2-2x-15} = \frac{1}{(x-5)(x+3)} = \frac{1/8}{x-5} - \frac{1/8}{x+3}$$

Hence, using (a) and (b), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^t \frac{1}{x^2-2x-15}\,dx &= \frac{1}{8}\int_0^t \frac{1}{x-5}\,dx - \frac{1}{8}\int_0^t \frac{1}{x+3}\,dx\\ &= \frac{1}{8}\log\Big(\frac{5-t}{5}\Big) - \frac{1}{8}\log\Big(\frac{t+3}{3}\Big) = \frac{1}{8}\log\Big(\frac{3}{5}\cdot\frac{5-t}{t+3}\Big), \quad \text{for } -3<t<5\end{aligned}$$

**92.6.**

(a) $\int_0^2 xe^{-x^2}\,dx = \Big\{t = x^2,\ dt = 2x\,dx\Big\} = \frac{1}{2}\int_0^4 e^{-t}\,dt = \frac{1}{2}(1-e^{-4})$.

(b) $\pi/4$.

(c) $\frac{2}{5}+\frac{2}{3}$.

(d) $\sin y - \frac{1}{3}\sin^3 y$.

**92.7.**

(a) even: $1$, $x^2$, $\cos x$, odd: $x$, $x^3$, $\sin x$

**92.8.**

(a) $2\displaystyle\int_0^\pi x\cos x\,dx = -4$. (b) $\pi$. (c) $0$. (d) $0$.

**92.10.**

(a) $w = nRT\log(V_2/V_1)$

(b) $w = nRT\log\Big(\dfrac{V_2-nb}{V_1-nb}\Big) - an^2\Big(\dfrac{1}{V_1}-\dfrac{1}{V_2}\Big)$

**92.10.**

(a) Hint: to solve the equation $\frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}) = y$ we set $z = e^x$ and find the equation $z^2-2yz-1 = 0$. Solve for $z$ and finally get $x = \log(z)$.

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