

Reduction Formulae 102

vi) Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx \end{aligned}$$

Depending upon 'n' is even or odd.

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$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx &= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdots \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{for even } n \\ &= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdots \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{for odd } n. \end{aligned}$$

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Ex Evaluate $\int_0^1 \frac{x^6 \, dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

Soln Substituting $x = \sin \theta \Rightarrow dx = \cos \theta \, d\theta$

If $x = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 0$

If $x = 1 \Rightarrow \sin \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^6 \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 \theta}} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^6 \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^6 \theta \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Since $n=6$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{therefore } \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^6 \theta d\theta &= \frac{6-1}{6} \cdot \frac{6-3}{6-2} \cdot \frac{6-5}{6-4} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= \frac{5\pi}{32} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}} \end{aligned}$$

(vii) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m x \cos^n x dx$; $m, n > 0$ & $m, n \in \mathbb{I}$

Such Integrals are denoted as $I_{m,n}$

Case I

If ' n ' is odd integer then it doesn't matter whether ' m ' is even or odd, formula to be used is same

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i.e., $I_{m,n} = \frac{n-1}{m+n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{m+n-2} \cdots \frac{2}{m+3} \cdot \frac{1}{m+1}$

Case II If ' n ' is even and ' m ' is even then

$$I_{m,n} = \frac{(m-1)(m-3)\cdots 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \cdot (n-1)(n-3)\cdots 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 1}{(m+n)(m+n-2)\cdots 4 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$

If ' n ' is even and ' m ' is odd then

$$I_{m,n} = \frac{(m-1)(m-3)\cdots 4 \cdot 2 \cdot (n-1)(n-3)\cdots 3 \cdot 1}{(m+n)(m+n-2)\cdots 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 1}$$

Ex Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^6 x \cos^4 x dx$

Soln In the given integral both m and n are even and $m=6$, $n=4$.

$$\therefore I_{m,n} = \frac{(6-1)(6-3)(6-5)(4-1)(4-3)}{(6+4)(6+4-2)(6+4-4)(6+4-6)(6+4-8)} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{6,4} = \frac{5 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 1}{2 \cdot 10 \cdot 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\cancel{\frac{3\pi}{512}} = \frac{3\pi}{512} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans}}}$$

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Ex Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^3 \theta \cos^4 \theta d\theta$

Soln Here ' n ' is odd and $n=3$, $m=4$

$$\therefore I_{3,4} = \frac{3-1}{3+4} \cdot \frac{1}{4+1} = \frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{5}$$

$$= \frac{2}{35}$$

Ans

Ex Prove that $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 x \cos^5 x \, dx = \frac{8}{315}$

Soln LHS = $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 x \cos^5 x \, dx$

Here m is even and n is odd & $m=4, n=5$

$$I_{4,3} = \frac{5-1}{4+5} \cdot \frac{5-3}{5+4-2} \cdot \frac{1}{4+1}$$

$$= \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{5}$$

$$= \frac{8}{315} = \text{RHS}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

Proved

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