

Test 1 Solutions

Calculus II

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1. $\int_1^2 \frac{dx}{(3-5x)^2} =$

We use the substitution $u = 3 - 5x$, so that $du = -5 dx$. Note that when $x = 1$, we have $u = -2$, and when $x = 2$, we have $u = -7$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 \frac{dx}{(3-5x)^2} &= \int_{-2}^{-7} \frac{-1/5 du}{u^2} = -\frac{1}{5} \int_{-2}^{-7} u^{-2} du = -\frac{1}{5} [-u^{-1}]_{u=-2}^{u=-7} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left[\frac{1}{3-5x} \right]_{x=1}^{x=2} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(-\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{14}. \end{aligned}$$

2. $\int \cos^3(x) dx =$

We first use the identity $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$ to write

$$\int \cos^3(x) dx = \int (1 - \sin^2(x)) \cos(x) dx,$$

and then use the substitution $u = \sin(x)$, $du = \cos(x) dx$, obtaining

$$= \int (1 - u^2) du = u - \frac{u^3}{3} + C = \sin(x) - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3(x) + C.$$

3. $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{1-x^2}} =$

We use the trig substitution $x = \sin(u)$, $dx = \cos(u) du$, obtaining

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{1-x^2}} &= \int \frac{\cos(u) du}{\sin^2(u) \sqrt{1-\sin^2(u)}} = \int \frac{\cos(u) du}{\sin^2(u) \cos(u)} \\ &= \int \frac{du}{\sin^2(u)} = \int \csc^2(u) du = -\cot(u) + C. \end{aligned}$$

In order to express the answer in terms of x , we draw a right triangle. Because we have $\sin(u) = x$, we may assume the opposite side has length x and the hypotenuse has length 1. Thus the adjacent side has length $\sqrt{1-x^2}$. It follows that $\cot(u) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$, so the final answer is

$$-\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x} + C.$$