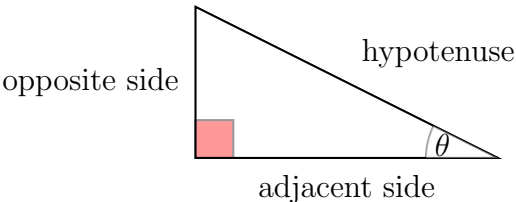


Facts about Trigonometric Substitution	Explanation												
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1. We will be applying Trigonometric Substitution in order to evaluate  $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$  through the following parts.

- (a) Determine the appropriate Trigonometric Substitution to use out of the following:  $x = a\sin(\theta)$ ,  $x = a\tan(\theta)$ , or  $x = a\sec(\theta)$ . Afterwards, compute  $dx$ .

**Solution:**

$$x = (1)\sin(\theta) = \sin(\theta) \quad dx = \cos(\theta)d\theta$$

- (b) Substitute  $x$  and  $dx$  and simplify as much as possible, using trigonometric identities to get rid of the square root.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx &= \int \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2(\theta)}} d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\sqrt{\cos^2(\theta)}} d\theta \\ &= \int d\theta + C = \theta + C \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Evaluate the integral and change your answer back in terms of  $x$ . Could you have evaluated your integral in an easier way?

**Solution:**

Since  $x = \sin(\theta) \Leftrightarrow \arcsin(x) = \theta$ ,  $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \arcsin(x) + C$ . We can simply have evaluated this by noting that  $\frac{d}{dx}\arcsin(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ .

2. We will be applying Trigonometric Substitution in order to evaluate  $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} dx$  through the following parts.

- (a) Determine the appropriate Trigonometric Substitution to use out of the following:  $x = a\sin(\theta)$ ,  $x = a\tan(\theta)$ , or  $x = a\sec(\theta)$ . Afterwards, compute  $dx$ .

**Solution:**

$$x = 2\tan(\theta) \quad dx = 2\sec^2(\theta)d\theta$$

- (b) Substitute  $x$  and  $dx$  and simplify as much as possible, using trigonometric identities to get rid of the square root. Note that  $\int \sec(\theta)d\theta = \ln|\sec(\theta) + \tan(\theta)| + C$ .

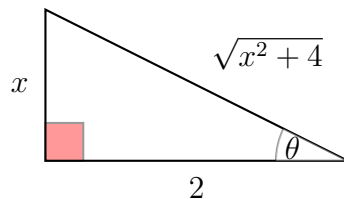
**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} dx &= \int \frac{2\sec^2(\theta)}{\sqrt{4+4\tan^2(\theta)}} d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{2\sec^2(\theta)}{\sqrt{4}\sqrt{1+\tan^2(\theta)}} d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{\sec^2(\theta)}{\sqrt{\sec^2(\theta)}} d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{\sec^2(\theta)}{\sec(\theta)} d\theta \\ &= \int \sec(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \ln|\sec(\theta) + \tan(\theta)| + C \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Evaluate the integral and change your answer back in terms of  $x$ . This may require the use of a right triangle.

**Solution:**

First note that  $\tan(\theta) = \frac{x}{2}$ .



$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} = \ln|\sec(\theta) + \tan(\theta)| + C = \ln\left|\frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2+4}} + \frac{x}{2}\right| + C$$

3. We will be applying Trigonometric Substitution in order to evaluate  $\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2-3}}{x} dx$  through the following parts.

- (a) Determine the appropriate Trigonometric Substitution to use out of the following:  $x = a\sin(\theta)$ ,  $x = a\tan(\theta)$ , or  $x = a\sec(\theta)$ . Afterwards, compute  $dx$ .

**Solution:**

$$x = \sqrt{3}\sec(\theta) \quad dx = \sqrt{3}\sec(\theta)\tan(\theta)d\theta$$

- (b) Substitute  $x$  and  $dx$  and simplify as much as possible, using trigonometric identities to get rid of the square root.

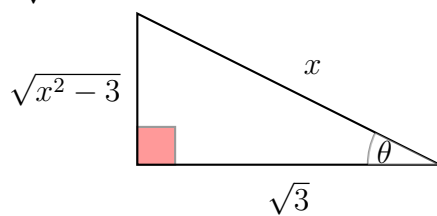
**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 3}}{x} dx &= \int \frac{\sqrt{3\sec^2(\theta) - 3}}{\sqrt{3}\sec(\theta)} \sqrt{3}\sec(\theta)\tan(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \int \sqrt{3}\sqrt{\sec^2(\theta) - 1}\tan(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \int \sqrt{3}\tan^2(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \int \sqrt{3}(\sec^2(\theta) - 1) d\theta \\ &= \sqrt{3}\tan(\theta) - \sqrt{3}\theta + C \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Evaluate the integral and change your answer back in terms of  $x$ . This may require the use of a right triangle.

**Solution:**

First note that  $\sec(\theta) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 3}}{x} &= \sqrt{3}\tan(\theta) - \sqrt{3}\theta + C \\ &= \sqrt{3}\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 3}}{\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{3}\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + C \\ &= \sqrt{x^2 - 3} - \sqrt{3}\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + C \end{aligned}$$