

Recall the product rule

$$(fg)' = fg' + gf'$$

in whatever order you choose since multiplication and addition is commutative.

1.

$$(\sin(x) - x \cos(x))' = \sin'(x) - (x' \cos(x) + x \cos'(x)) = \cos(x) - (\cos(x) - x \sin(x)) = x \sin(x)$$

and therefore

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

2.

$$(6x^6 \ln(x) - x^6)' = 6(x^6)' \ln(x) + 6x^6 \ln'(x) - (x^6)' = 36x^5 \ln(x) + \frac{6x^6}{x} - 6x^5 = 36x^5 \ln(x)$$

and therefore

$$\int x^5 \ln(x) dx = \frac{1}{36} (6x^6 \ln(x) - x^6) + C$$

3.

$$(x \ln(x) - x)' = x' \ln(x) + x \ln'(x) - x' = \ln(x) + \frac{x}{x} - 1 = \ln(x)$$

and therefore

$$\int \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x + c$$

4.

$$(e^x (\sin(x) - \cos(x)))' = e^x (\cos(x) + \sin(x)) + e^x (\sin(x) - \cos(x)) = 2e^x \sin(x)$$

and so

$$\int e^x \sin(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} (e^x (\sin(x) - \cos(x)))$$

The question is, if you don't know the answer to the integral already, how to you arrive at it. Starting with the product rule

$$(fg)' = fg' + gf'$$

taking anti derivatives on both sides we get

$$fg = \int fg' + \int gf'$$

or

$$\int fg' = fg - \int gf'$$

called "integration by parts" usually written as

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

It is your job to pick which one is u and which is dv which requires (only a little) practice.

1.

$$\int x \sin(x) dx$$

put $u = x, dv = \sin(x)dx$. Why not the other way? Good question. Because $du = dx, v = -\cos(x)$ and you get a simpler integral. If you pick $dv = x$ then $v = \frac{x^2}{2}$ making things worse. So

$$\begin{aligned} \int \overbrace{x}^u \overbrace{\sin(x)dx}^{dv} &= \overbrace{x}^u \overbrace{(-\cos(x))}^v - \int \overbrace{(-\cos(x))}^v \overbrace{dx}^{du} \\ &= \sin(x) - x \cos(x) + C \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\int x^5 \ln(x) dx$$

put $u = \ln(x), dv = x^5 dx$ which might not have been the first guess, but now

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx, v = \frac{x^6}{6} \text{ giving}$$

$$\int x^5 \ln(x) dx = \frac{x^6}{6} \ln(x) - \int \frac{x^6}{6} \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{1}{6} x^6 \ln(x) - \frac{1}{6} \int x^5 dx = \frac{1}{36} (6x^6 \ln(x) - x^6) + C$$

3.

$$\int \ln(x) dx$$

Memorize this one, but the trick is to put $u = \ln(x), dv = dx, du = \frac{1}{x} dx, v = x$

$$\int \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - \int x \frac{1}{x} dx = x \ln(x) - \int dx = x \ln(x) - x + C$$

4.

$$\int e^x \sin(x) dx$$

This type always seems confusing because there is a minuscule amount of elementary algebra at the end. It is not clear what to use for u or dv because nothing will become any simpler than what you have. Derivatives and anti-derivative of e^x are e^x so that won't change anything, and derivatives and anti-derivatives of $\sin(x)$ are $\cos(x), -\sin(x), -\cos(x), \sin(x)$ in some order. Therefore, in fact it does not matter what you choose for u or dv

I'll pick $u = \sin(x), dv = e^x dx$ making $du = \cos(x)dx, v = e^x$

$$\int e^x \sin(x) dx = e^x \sin(x) - \int e^x \cos(x) dx$$

And you can see we have accomplished nothing as the second integral is no better than the first. Integrate by parts again, with $u = \cos(x), dv = e^x, du = -\sin(x)dx, v = e^x$ We get

$$\int e^x \sin(x) dx = e^x \sin(x) - \int e^x \cos(x) dx = e^x \sin(x) - e^x \cos(x) - \int e^x \sin(x) dx$$

Check the sign of the last integral, it is correct. Let's rewrite without the middle part:

$$\underbrace{\int e^x \sin(x) dx}_{\text{original integral}} = e^x \sin(x) - e^x \cos(x) - \underbrace{\int e^x \sin(x) dx}_{\text{same integral!}}$$

Now comes the elementary algebra part. Add $\int e^x \sin(x) dx$ to both sides, divide by 2

$$2 \int e^x \sin(x) dx = e^x (\sin(x) - \cos(x))$$

$$\int e^x \sin(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} (e^x (\sin(x) - \cos(x))) + C$$

This might look somewhat cumbersome because you have to integrate by parts twice, then some algebra. But imagine...

5.

$$\int x^4 \sin(x) dx$$

where you would have to integrate by parts 5 times to get rid of x^4

$$x^4 \rightarrow 4x^3 \rightarrow 12x^2 \rightarrow 24x \rightarrow 24$$

and also keep track of a boat load of plus an minus signs. Fortunately there is a very easy way to do this (and the one above) often called D-I or “tabular” method, well explained [here](#)