

## INTEGRATION BY PARTS

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A self-contained Tutorial Module for learning  
the technique of integration by parts

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## 1. Theory

To differentiate a product of two functions of  $x$ , one uses the product rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{du}{dx}v$$

where  $u = u(x)$  and  $v = v(x)$  are two functions of  $x$ . A slight rearrangement of the product rule gives

$$u \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(uv) - \frac{du}{dx}v$$

Now, integrating both sides with respect to  $x$  results in

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int \frac{du}{dx}v dx$$

This gives us a rule for integration, called **INTEGRATION BY PARTS**, that allows us to integrate many products of functions of  $x$ . We take one factor in this product to be  $u$  (this also appears on the right-hand-side, along with  $\frac{du}{dx}$ ). The other factor is taken to be  $\frac{dv}{dx}$  (on the right-hand-side only  $v$  appears – i.e. the other factor integrated with respect to  $x$ ).

## 2. Usage

We highlight here four different types of products for which integration by parts can be used (as well as which factor to label  $u$  and which one to label  $\frac{dv}{dx}$ ). These are:

$$(i) \quad \int x^n \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \sin bx \\ \text{or} \\ \cos bx \end{array} \right\} dx \quad (ii) \quad \int x^n \cdot e^{ax} dx$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ u & & u \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \\ & \frac{dv}{dx} & \\ & & \end{array}$$

$$(iii) \quad \int x^r \cdot \ln(ax) dx \quad (iv) \quad \int e^{ax} \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \sin bx \\ \text{or} \\ \cos bx \end{array} \right\} dx$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \\ \frac{dv}{dx} & u & \\ & & \uparrow \\ & & \frac{dv}{dx} \end{array}$$

where  $a, b$  and  $r$  are given constants and  $n$  is a positive integer.

### 3. Exercises

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EXERCISE 1.  $\int x \cos x \, dx$

EXERCISE 2.  $\int x^2 \sin x \, dx$

EXERCISE 3.  $\int x e^x \, dx$

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EXERCISE 5.  $\int x^2 \ln x \, dx$

EXERCISE 6.  $\int (x + 1)^2 \ln 3x \, dx$

EXERCISE 7.  $\int e^{2x} \cos x \, dx$

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EXERCISE 12.  $\int_0^\pi 3x^2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \, dx$

EXERCISE 13.  $\int x^3 e^x \, dx$

EXERCISE 14.  $\int e^{3x} \cos x \, dx$

## 4. Final solutions

1.  $x \sin x + \cos x + C$ ,

2.  $-x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C$ ,

3.  $(x - 1)e^x + C$ ,

4.  $\frac{1}{32}e^{4x}(8x^2 - 4x + 1) + C$ ,

5.  $\frac{1}{9}x^3(3 \ln x - 1) + C$ ,

6.  $\frac{1}{3}(x + 1)^3 \ln 3x - \frac{1}{9}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - x - \frac{1}{3} \ln x + C$ ,

7.  $\frac{1}{5}e^{2x}(\sin x + 2 \cos x) + C$ ,



8.  $-\frac{1}{17}e^{-x}(4\cos 4x - \sin 4x) + C,$

9.  $\frac{1}{4},$

10.  $\frac{1}{4},$

11.  $\frac{1}{5}\ln 2 - \frac{31}{800},$

12.  $6(\pi^2 - 8),$

13.  $e^x(x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 6) + C,$

14.  $\frac{1}{10}e^{3x}(\sin x + 3\cos x) + C.$

## 5. Standard integrals

$f(x)$	$\int f(x)dx$	$f(x)$	$\int f(x)dx$
$x^n$	$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad (n \neq -1)$	$[g(x)]^n g'(x)$	$\frac{[g(x)]^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad (n \neq -1)$
$\frac{1}{x}$	$\ln x $	$\frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$	$\ln g(x) $
$e^x$	$e^x$	$a^x$	$\frac{a^x}{\ln a} \quad (a > 0)$
$\sin x$	$-\cos x$	$\sinh x$	$\cosh x$
$\cos x$	$\sin x$	$\cosh x$	$\sinh x$
$\tan x$	$-\ln \cos x $	$\tanh x$	$\ln \cosh x$
$\operatorname{cosec} x$	$\ln\left \tan \frac{x}{2}\right $	$\operatorname{cosech} x$	$\ln\left \tanh \frac{x}{2}\right $
$\sec x$	$\ln \sec x + \tan x $	$\operatorname{sech} x$	$2 \tan^{-1} e^x$
$\sec^2 x$	$\tan x$	$\operatorname{sech}^2 x$	$\tanh x$
$\cot x$	$\ln \sin x $	$\operatorname{coth} x$	$\ln \sinh x $
$\sin^2 x$	$\frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin 2x}{4}$	$\sinh^2 x$	$\frac{\sinh 2x}{4} - \frac{x}{2}$
$\cos^2 x$	$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2x}{4}$	$\cosh^2 x$	$\frac{\sinh 2x}{4} + \frac{x}{2}$

$f(x)$	$\int f(x) dx$	$f(x)$	$\int f(x) dx$
$\frac{1}{a^2+x^2}$	$\frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$ $(a > 0)$	$\frac{1}{a^2-x^2}$	$\frac{1}{2a} \ln \left  \frac{a+x}{a-x} \right $ ( $0 <  x  < a$ ) $\frac{1}{2a} \ln \left  \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right $ ( $ x  > a > 0$ )
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}}$	$\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$ $(-a < x < a)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+x^2}}$	$\ln \left  \frac{x+\sqrt{a^2+x^2}}{a} \right $ ( $a > 0$ ) $\ln \left  \frac{x+\sqrt{x^2-a^2}}{a} \right $ ( $x > a > 0$ )
$\sqrt{a^2-x^2}$	$\frac{a^2}{2} \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) + \frac{x\sqrt{a^2-x^2}}{a^2} \right]$	$\sqrt{a^2+x^2}$	$\frac{a^2}{2} \left[ \sinh^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) + \frac{x\sqrt{a^2+x^2}}{a^2} \right]$ $\frac{a^2}{2} \left[ -\cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) + \frac{x\sqrt{x^2-a^2}}{a^2} \right]$

## 6. Tips on using solutions

- When looking at the THEORY, INTEGRALS, FINAL SOLUTIONS, TIPS or NOTATION pages, use the [Back](#) button (at the bottom of the page) to return to the exercises
  
- Use the solutions intelligently. For example, they can help you get started on an exercise, or they can allow you to check whether your intermediate results are correct
  
- Try to make less use of the full solutions as you work your way through the Tutorial

## 7. Alternative notation

In this Tutorial, we express the rule for integration by parts using the formula:

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int \frac{du}{dx} v dx$$

But you may also see other forms of the formula, such as:

$$\int f(x)g(x)dx = F(x)g(x) - \int F(x)\frac{dg}{dx}dx$$

where

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = f(x)$$

Of course, this is simply different notation for the same rule. To see this, make the identifications:  $u = g(x)$  and  $v = F(x)$ .

## Full worked solutions

**Exercise 1.** We evaluate by integration by parts:

$$\int x \cos x \, dx = x \cdot \sin x - \int (1) \cdot \sin x \, dx, \text{ i.e. take } u = x$$

giving  $\frac{du}{dx} = 1$  (by differentiation)

and take  $\frac{dv}{dx} = \cos x$

giving  $v = \sin x$  (by integration),

$$= x \sin x - \int \sin x \, dx$$

$$= x \sin x - (-\cos x) + C, \text{ where } C \text{ is an arbitrary}$$

$$= x \sin x + \cos x + C \text{ constant of integration.}$$

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**Exercise 2.**

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

i.e. take  $u = x^2$

giving  $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$

and take  $\frac{dv}{dx} = \sin x$

giving  $v = -\cos x$  ,

$$= -x^2 \cos x + 2 \underbrace{\int x \cos x \, dx}$$

↪ we need to use integration  
by parts again!

$$= -x^2 \cos x + 2 \left\{ x \sin x - \int (1) \cdot \sin x dx \right\},$$

as in question 1,

$$= -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x - 2 \int \sin x dx$$

$$= -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x - 2 \cdot (-\cos x) + C$$

$$= -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C .$$

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**Exercise 3.**

$$\int x e^x dx = x \cdot e^x - \int (1) \cdot e^x dx, \quad \text{i.e. take } u = x$$

$$\text{giving } \frac{du}{dx} = 1$$

$$\text{and take } \frac{dv}{dx} = e^x$$

$$\text{giving } v = e^x,$$

$$= x e^x - \int e^x dx$$

$$= x e^x - e^x + C$$

$$= (x - 1) e^x + C.$$

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**Exercise 4.**

$$\int x^2 e^{4x} dx = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} e^{4x} - \int 2x \cdot \frac{1}{4} e^{4x} dx ,$$

i.e. take  $u = x^2$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = e^{4x}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{4} e^{4x} ,$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} x^2 e^{4x} - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\int x e^{4x} dx}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  now use integration by parts again

$$= \frac{1}{4}x^2e^{4x} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ x \cdot \frac{1}{4}e^{4x} - \int 1 \cdot \frac{1}{4}e^{4x} dx \right\},$$

i.e. this time  $u = x$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = e^{4x}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{4}e^{4x},$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}x^2e^{4x} - \frac{1}{8}xe^{4x} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) \cdot \int e^{4x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}x^2e^{4x} - \frac{1}{8}xe^{4x} + \frac{1}{8} \int e^{4x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}x^2e^{4x} - \frac{1}{8}xe^{4x} + \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{4}e^{4x} + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{8}{32}x^2e^{4x} - \frac{4}{32}xe^{4x} + \frac{1}{32}e^{4x} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{32}e^{4x} (8x^2 - 4x + 1) + C. \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 5.**

$$\int x^2 \ln x \, dx = (\ln x) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3\right) - \int \frac{1}{x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3\right) dx, \quad \text{i.e. } u = \ln x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = x^2$$

$$v = \frac{1}{3}x^3,$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{3}x^3 \ln x - \frac{1}{3} \int x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3}x^3 \ln x - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3\right) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{3}x^3 \ln x - \frac{1}{9}x^3 + C \\ &= \frac{1}{9}x^3 (3 \ln x - 1) + C. \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 6.**

$$\int (x+1)^2 \ln 3x \, dx = (\ln 3x) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) (x+1)^3 - \int \frac{1}{3x} \cdot (3) \cdot \frac{1}{3} (x+1)^3 \, dx$$

i.e.  $u = \ln 3x$  gives  $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{3x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(3x) = \frac{1}{3x} \cdot (3)$ ,

using the chain rule, and  $\frac{dv}{dx} = (x+1)^2$  gives  $v = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{(x+1)^3}{3}$ ,

where we have used the result that if

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = (ax+b)^n \text{ then } v = \frac{1}{a} \frac{(ax+b)^{n+1}}{(n+1)},$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \int (x+1)^2 \ln 3x \, dx &= \frac{1}{3} (x+1)^3 \ln 3x - \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{(x+1)^3}{x} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (x+1)^3 \ln 3x - \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1}{x} \, dx,\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the binomial theorem,

or just multiplied out  $(x+1)^3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{1}{3} (x+1)^3 \ln 3x - \frac{1}{3} \int x^2 + 3x + 3 + \frac{1}{x} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (x+1)^3 \ln 3x - \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 3x + \ln x \right] + C \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (x+1)^3 \ln 3x - \frac{x^3}{9} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - x - \frac{1}{3} \ln x + C.\end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 7.**

$$\int e^{2x} \cos x \, dx$$

Set  $u = e^{2x}$  and  $\frac{dv}{dx} = \cos x$ , to give  $\frac{du}{dx} = 2e^{2x}$  and  $v = \sin x$ .

Let  $I = \int e^{2x} \cos x \, dx$ , since we will eventually get  $I$  on the right-hand-side for this type of integral

$$\text{i.e. } I = e^{2x} \cdot \sin x - \int 2e^{2x} \cdot \sin x \, dx$$

$$\text{i.e. } I = e^{2x} \sin x - 2 \int e^{2x} \sin x \, dx.$$

Use integration by parts again, with  $u = e^{2x}$  and  $\frac{dv}{dx} = \sin x$ , giving  $\frac{du}{dx} = 2e^{2x}$  and  $v = -\cos x$



$$\text{i.e. } I = e^{2x} \sin x - 2 \left\{ e^{2x} \cdot (-\cos x) - \int 2e^{2x} \cdot (-\cos x) dx \right\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } I = e^{2x} \sin x - 2 \left\{ -e^{2x} \cos x + 2 \int e^{2x} \cos x dx \right\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } I = e^{2x} \sin x + 2e^{2x} \cos x - \underbrace{4 \int e^{2x} \cos x dx}_{=4I}$$

$$\text{i.e. } 5I = e^{2x} \sin x + 2e^{2x} \cos x + C_1$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{1}{5} e^{2x} (\sin x + 2 \cos x) + C \quad , \text{ where } C = \frac{1}{5} C_1 \text{ (another arbitrary constant).}$$

**Note** It is customary to introduce the arbitrary constant after the last integration is performed, though strictly one could accommodate arbitrary constants arising from each  $\int \frac{du}{dx} \cdot v dx$  (indefinite) integration and these would add up to give a single arbitrary constant in the final answer.

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**Exercise 8.**

$$\int e^{-x} \sin 4x \, dx. \quad u = e^{-x}, \quad \text{giving} \quad \frac{du}{dx} = -e^{-x},$$
$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \sin 4x, \quad \text{giving} \quad v = \frac{1}{4} \cdot (-\cos 4x)$$
$$\text{i.e.} \quad v = -\frac{1}{4} \cos 4x,$$

$$\text{Let} \quad I = \int e^{-x} \sin 4x \, dx$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad I = e^{-x} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{4} \cos 4x\right) - \int (-e^{-x}) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{4} \cos 4x\right) dx$$

$$\text{i.e. } I = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-x} \cos 4x - \frac{1}{4} \underbrace{\int e^{-x} \cos 4x dx}_{\downarrow}$$

$$u = e^{-x}, \quad \frac{du}{dx} = -e^{-x}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \cos 4x, \quad v = \frac{1}{4} \sin 4x,$$

$$\text{i.e. } I = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-x} \cos 4x - \frac{1}{4} \left\{ e^{-x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4} \sin 4x\right) - \int (-e^{-x}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4} \sin 4x\right) dx \right\}$$

$$\therefore I = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-x} \cos 4x - \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \frac{1}{4}e^{-x} \sin 4x + \frac{1}{4} \int e^{-x} \sin 4x dx \right\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } I = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-x} \cos 4x - \frac{1}{16}e^{-x} \sin 4x - \frac{1}{16}I$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left(1 + \frac{1}{16}\right) I = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-x} \cos 4x - \frac{1}{16}e^{-x} \sin 4x$$

$$\left(\frac{17}{16}\right) I = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-x} \cos 4x - \frac{1}{16}e^{-x} \sin 4x$$

$$\text{i.e. } I = -\frac{4}{17}e^{-x} \cos 4x - \frac{1}{17}e^{-x} \sin 4x$$

$$= -\frac{1}{17}e^{-x} (4 \cos 4x - \sin 4x) + C.$$

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**Exercise 9.**

$$\int_0^{1/2} x e^{2x} dx = \left[ x \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \right) \right]_0^{1/2} - \int_0^{1/2} 1 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \right) dx, \quad \text{i.e. } u = x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = e^{2x}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x},$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} [x e^{2x}]_0^{1/2} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{1/2} e^{2x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [x e^{2x}]_0^{1/2} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \right]_0^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} e^{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} - 0 \cdot e^0 \right] - \frac{1}{4} \left[ e^{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} - e^0 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} e^1 - \frac{1}{4} e^1 + \frac{1}{4} e^0 \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{4} e^0 = \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 10.**

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} x \sin 2x \, dx = \left[ x \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \right) \right]_0^{\pi/4} - \int_0^{\pi/4} 1 \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \right) dx,$$

$$u = x$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \sin 2x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 1$$

$$v = -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x,$$

$$= \left[ -\frac{1}{2} x \cos 2x \right]_0^{\pi/4} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} \cos 2x \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{1}{2} [x \cos 2x]_0^{\pi/4} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right]_0^{\pi/4} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} [x \cos 2x]_0^{\pi/4} + \frac{1}{4} [\sin 2x]_0^{\pi/4} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \cdot \cos 0 \right\} + \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0 \right\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \{0 - 0\} + \frac{1}{4} \{1 - 0\}, \quad \text{since } \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0, \\ &= \frac{1}{4}. \quad \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1, \\ &\quad \text{and } \sin 0 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 11.** Note that if a logarithm function is involved then we choose that factor to be  $u$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } \int_{1/2}^1 x^4 \ln 2x \, dx &= \left[ (\ln 2x) \cdot \left( \frac{x^5}{5} \right) \right]_{1/2}^1 - \int_{1/2}^1 \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{x^5}{5} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{5} [x^5 \ln 2x]_{1/2}^1 - \frac{1}{5} \int_{1/2}^1 x^4 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{5} [x^5 \ln 2x]_{1/2}^1 - \frac{1}{5} \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{1/2}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{5} [x^5 \ln 2x]_{1/2}^1 - \frac{1}{25} [x^5]_{1/2}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left\{ (1 \cdot \ln 2) - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^5 \cdot \ln 1 \right\} - \frac{1}{25} \left\{ 1^5 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^5 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{5} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{25} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{32} \right\}, \quad \text{since } \ln 1 = 0 \text{ and } 2^5 = 32, \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{25} \cdot \frac{31}{32} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \ln 2 - \frac{31}{800}. \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 12.** For definite integrals, we can either use integration by parts in the form:

$$\int_a^b u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = [uv]_a^b - \int_a^b \frac{du}{dx} \cdot v dx$$

or we can work out  $\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx$ , i.e. without the limits, first and then apply the limits to the final result. We will do that here. So, to work out  $\int_0^\pi 3x^2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx$ , we will consider the indefinite integral first:

$$\begin{aligned} \int 3x^2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx &= 3x^2 \left(\frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \int 6x \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) dx \\ &= 6x^2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 12 \int x \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx \\ &\hspace{15em} \text{(use integration by parts, again)} \\ &= 6x^2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 12 \left\{ x \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) - \int -2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 6x^2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 12 \left\{ -2x \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 2 \int \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx \right\} \\ \text{i.e. } \int 3x^2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx &= 6x^2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 24x \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 24 \int \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx \\ &= 6x^2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 24x \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 24 \cdot 2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C. \end{aligned}$$

On the next page, we will evaluate the definite integral ...

So,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi} 3x^2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx &= \left[6x^2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 24x \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 48 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= \left\{6\pi^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 0\right\} + 24 \left\{\pi \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 0\right\} \\ &\quad - 48 \left\{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 0\right\}, \\ &\quad \text{since } \sin 0 = 0, \\ &= 6\pi^2 - 48, \text{ since } \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \text{ and } \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0, \\ &= 6(\pi^2 - 8).\end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 13.**

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^3 e^x dx &= x^3 e^x - \int 3x^2 e^x dx \\ &= x^3 e^x - 3 \left\{ x^2 e^x - \int 2x e^x dx \right\}, && \text{using integration by parts,} \\ &= x^3 e^x - 3x^2 e^x + 6 \int x e^x dx \\ &= x^3 e^x - 3x^2 e^x + 6 \left\{ x e^x - \int e^x dx \right\}, && \text{using integration by parts,} \\ &= x^3 e^x - 3x^2 e^x + 6x e^x - 6e^x + C \\ &= e^x (x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 6) + C.\end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 14.**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } I &= \int e^{3x} \cos x \, dx \\ &= e^{3x} \sin x - \int 3e^{3x} \sin x \, dx \\ &= e^{3x} \sin x - 3 \int e^{3x} \sin x \, dx \\ &= e^{3x} \sin x - 3 \left\{ e^{3x} \cdot (-\cos x) - \int 3e^{3x} \cdot (-\cos x) \, dx \right\} \\ &= e^{3x} \sin x + 3e^{3x} \cos x - 9 \int e^{3x} \cos x \, dx \\ &= e^{3x} \sin x + 3e^{3x} \cos x - 9I\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } 10I = e^{3x} \sin x + 3e^{3x} \cos x + C_1$$

$$\text{i.e. } I = \frac{1}{10} e^{3x} (\sin x + 3 \cos x) + C, \text{ where } C = \frac{C_1}{10}.$$

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