

## Integrals of the form $\int \sin^n x \cos^m x dx$

1. If the power of  $\sin x$  is odd and positive, save one sine factor and convert the remaining factors to cosines. Then let  $u = \cos x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \overbrace{\sin^{2k+1} x}^{\text{Odd}} \cos^m x dx &= \int \overbrace{(\sin^2 x)^k}^{\text{Convert}} \cos^m x \overbrace{\sin x dx}^{\text{Save for } du} \\
 &= \int (1 - \cos^2 x)^k \cos^m x \sin x dx \\
 &= - \int (1 - u^2)^k u^m du
 \end{aligned}$$

2. If the power of  $\cos x$  is odd and positive, save one cosine factor and convert the remaining factors to sines. Then let  $u = \sin x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \sin^n x \overbrace{\cos^{2k+1} x}^{\text{Odd}} dx &= \int \sin^n x \overbrace{(\cos^2 x)^k}^{\text{Convert}} \overbrace{\cos x dx}^{\text{Save for } du} \\
 &= \int \sin^n x (1 - \sin^2 x)^k \cos x dx \\
 &= \int u^n (1 - u^2)^k du
 \end{aligned}$$

3. If either the power of  $\sin x$  or the power of  $\cos x$  is zero, use the guidelines above (if appropriate) or use a power reducing formula. For example

$$\int \sin^4 x dx = \int \frac{1}{8} (3 - 4 \cos 2x + \cos 4x) dx$$

4. If the powers of both  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  are even and nonnegative, use the formulas

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$$

repeatedly until you can use #2.