

## METHODS FOR TRIG INTEGRALS

**Theorem** (Pythagorean identities).

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x &= 1 \\ \tan^2 x + 1 &= \sec^2 x \\ 1 + \cot^2 x &= \csc^2 x\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem** (Half-angle formulas).

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 x &= \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \\ \cos^2 x &= \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx$	Strategy
If $n$ is odd and positive ...	... keep $\cos x \, dx$ , rewrite everything else in terms of $\sin x$ , then sub in $u = \sin x$ (with $du = \cos x \, dx$ )
If $m$ is odd and positive ...	... keep $\sin x \, dx$ , rewrite everything else in terms of $\cos x$ , then sub in $u = \cos x$ (with $(-1)du = \sin x \, dx$ )
If $m$ and $n$ are both even non-negative integers ...	... use half-angle formulas to convert to $\cos 2x$ and refer back to this table

$\int \tan^m x \sec^n x \, dx$	Strategy
If $n$ is even ...	... keep $\sec^2 x \, dx$ , rewrite everything else in terms of $\tan x$ , then sub in $u = \tan x$ (with $du = \sec^2 x \, dx$ )
If $m$ is odd ...	... keep $\tan x \sec x \, dx$ , rewrite everything else in terms of $\sec x$ , then sub in $u = \sec x$ (with $du = \tan x \sec x \, dx$ )
If $m$ is even and $n$ is odd ...	... rewrite everything in terms of $\sec x$ and apply the reduction formula below
If you want ...	... convert to $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ and see the other table

**Theorem** (Reduction formula).  $\int \sec^n x \, dx = \frac{\sec^{n-2} x \tan x}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} \int \sec^{n-2} x \, dx$  (provided  $n \neq 1$ ).