

HW Sol'n for §7.5

#35. $\int_{-1}^1 x^8 \sin x \, dx$

This antiderivative could be found using integration by parts (many times) or by using Formulas 84 & 85 (many times).

Alternatively, note that the interval is symmetric. If the integrand is odd, then the definite integral's value is 0.

Let's check: $(-x)^8 \sin(-x) = (-1)^8 x^8 (-\sin x) = (-1)^9 x^8 \sin x = -x^8 \sin x.$

So the integrand is odd and so $\int_{-1}^1 x^8 \sin x \, dx = 0.$

#42. $\int \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x^2} \, dx$

The presence of the \tan^{-1} suggests the use of integration by parts,

with $u = \arctan x$ $dv = x^{-2} \, dx$
 $du = \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$ $v = -x^{-1}$

so $\int \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x^2} \, dx = -x^{-1} \arctan x + \int \frac{1}{x(1+x^2)} \, dx$

Next, using partial fractions: $\frac{1}{x(1+x^2)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx+C}{1+x^2} = \frac{A(1+x^2) + (Bx+C)x}{x(1+x^2)}$
 $= \frac{(A+B)x^2 + Cx + A}{x(1+x^2)}$

Equating like coefficients in the numerator: $A+B=0 \Rightarrow B=-A=-1$
 $C=0$
 $A=1$

so $\int \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x^2} \, dx = -\frac{1}{x} \arctan x + \int \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{1+x^2} \, dx = -\frac{\arctan x}{x} + \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|1+x^2| + C$