

Calculus AB  
Lesson: Thursday, April 9

**Learning Target:**

Students will integrate functions involving inverse trig functions.

**Let's Get Started:**


Read Article: [Integrals Involving Inverse Trig Functions](#)

Watch Video: [Integrals Involving Inverse Trig](#)

## Practice:

1. Here are the formulas we will be using for this lesson:

**Integrals Involving the Inverse Trig Functions**

$$\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} = \arcsin u + C$$
$$\int \frac{du}{1+u^2} = \arctan u + C$$
$$\int \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2-1}} = \operatorname{arcsec} |u| + C$$
$$\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{a^2-u^2}} = \arcsin \frac{u}{a} + C$$
$$\int \frac{du}{a^2+u^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{u}{a} + C$$
$$\int \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2-a^2}} = \frac{1}{a} \operatorname{arcsec} \frac{|u|}{a} + C$$


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2. We will use these formulas to solve each problem in this lesson.

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{49-x^2}} = \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(7)^2-x^2}}$$
$$= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{7}\right) + K$$

3. These formulas was used to complete the following problem:

We could also write this answer as:

$$\arcsin\left(\frac{x}{7}\right) + K$$

Here is another worked out examples:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{2 dx}{\sqrt{9 - 4x^2}}$$

Let  $u = 2x$  then  $du = 2 dx$ .

Our integral becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{2 dx}{\sqrt{9 - 4x^2}} &= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} \frac{du}{\sqrt{(3)^2 - u^2}} \\ &= \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{u}{3} \right) \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} \\ &= \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{3} \right) \right]_0^1 \\ &= \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \sin^{-1} 0 \right] \\ &= 0.7297 \end{aligned}$$

We could have done it in much fewer steps by leaving it in terms of "u", as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{2 dx}{\sqrt{9 - 4x^2}} &= \int_0^2 \frac{du}{\sqrt{(3)^2 - u^2}} \\ &= \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \sin^{-1} 0 \right] \\ &= 0.7297 \end{aligned}$$

Note the change in the limits when  $dx$  is changed to  $du$  during the integration.

This is because we let  $u = 2x$ .

Hence the limits for  $x$  of

$$x = 0 \text{ and } x = 1$$

have to be changed for  $u$  to

$$u = 0 \text{ and } u = 2.$$

One more worked out example:

Find the area bounded by the curve  $y = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  and the lines  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $x = 2$ .

The curve  $y = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  lies entirely above the  $x$ -axis for all values of  $x$ , so to find the area we can simply integrate. (If part of the curve was below the  $x$ -axis, we would need to split it into different portions and take absolute values.)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= \int_0^2 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} \\ &= [\tan^{-1}x]_0^2 \\ &= [\tan^{-1}2 - \tan^{-1}0] \\ &= 1.1071 \text{ units}^2\end{aligned}$$

**Practice: Evaluate the following.**

1.  $\int \frac{3 \, dx}{25 + 16x^2}$

2.  $\int \frac{2 \, dx}{x^2 + 8x + 17}$

3.  $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2x - x^2}}$

# Answer Key:

Once you have completed the problem, check your answers here.

1. We can write our integral as:

$$\int \frac{3 dx}{25 + 16x^2} = 3 \int \frac{dx}{(5)^2 + (4x)^2}$$

For the formula, we need:

$$a = 5; u = 4x; du = 4 dx.$$

Re-arranging that last expression gives:  $\frac{du}{4} = dx$ .

We are now ready to perform the integration.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{3 dx}{25 + 16x^2} &= \frac{3}{4} \int \frac{du}{(5)^2 + u^2} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{5} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{u}{5}\right) + K \\ &= \frac{3}{20} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4x}{5}\right) + K \end{aligned}$$

2. 
$$\int \frac{2 dx}{x^2 + 8x + 17}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 8x + 17 &= (x^2 + 8x + 16) + 1 \\ &= (x + 4)^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

So if we let  $u = x + 4$ , then  $du = dx$  and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2 dx}{x^2 + 8x + 17} &= 2 \int \frac{du}{u^2 + 1} \\ &= 2 \tan^{-1}u + K \\ &= 2 \tan^{-1}(x + 4) + K \end{aligned}$$

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3. 
$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2x - x^2}}$$

This is not in the form of either of our new formulas, but we can do some juggling to get it into a useful form.

First, we recognise that

$$2x - x^2 = -(x^2 - 2x)$$

We now add 1 at the front, then compensate for it inside the bracket:

$$= 1 - (x^2 - 2x + 1)$$

$$= 1 - (x - 1)^2$$

With  $a = 1$ ;  $u = x - 1$ , and  $du = dx$ , our integral becomes:

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2x - x^2}} = \int \frac{du}{\sqrt{1 - u^2}}$$

$$= \arcsin u + K$$

$$= \arcsin(x - 1) + K$$

# Additional Practice:

## [Additional Practice with Answers](#)

In your Calculus book Read through Section 5.7 and complete problems 1, 9, 23, 33, 39 on page 385