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Theorem 5.7: Inverse Function Differentiation

Let f be a function that is differentiable on an interval I . If f has an inverse function g , then g is differentiable at any x for which $f'(g(x)) \neq 0$. Moreover,

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))} \quad \text{for all } x \text{ with } f'(g(x)) \neq 0.$$

Definition 5.50

The arcsin, arccos, and arctan functions are the inverse functions of the function $f : [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g : [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $h : (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, respectively, where $f(x) = \sin x$, $g(x) = \cos x$ and $h(x) = \tan x$. In other words,

1. $y = \arcsin x$ if and only if $\sin y = x$, where $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, $-1 \leq x \leq 1$.
2. $y = \arccos x$ if and only if $\cos y = x$, where $0 \leq y \leq \pi$, $-1 \leq x \leq 1$.
3. $y = \arctan x$ if and only if $\tan y = x$, where $-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$.

Remark 5.51. Since arcsin, arccos and arctan look like the inverse function of sin, cos and tan, respectively, often times we also write arcsin as \sin^{-1} , arccos as \cos^{-1} , and arctan as \tan^{-1} .

Example 5.53. If $y = \arcsin x$, then $\cos y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$. In other words, $\cos(\arcsin x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$. If $y = \arccos x$, then $\sin y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$; that is, $\sin(\arccos x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$.

Example 5.54. Suppose that $y = \arctan x$ for some $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $y \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ which implies that $\cos y > 0$. Therefore,

$$\cos y = \frac{1}{\sec y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}.$$

As for $\sin y$, we note that $y > 0$ if and only if $x > 0$; thus $\sin y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}$ (instead of $\frac{-x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}$). Therefore,

$$\sin(\arctan x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos(\arctan x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}.$$

Theorem 5.55: Differentiation of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

1. $\frac{d}{dx} \arcsin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ for all $-1 < x < 1$.
2. $\frac{d}{dx} \arccos x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ for all $-1 < x < 1$.
3. $\frac{d}{dx} \arctan x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. By Inverse Function Differentiation,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \arcsin x &= \frac{1}{\cos(\arcsin x)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} & \forall x \in (-1, 1), \\ \frac{d}{dx} \arccos x &= \frac{1}{-\sin(\arccos x)} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} & \forall x \in (-1, 1),\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dx} \arctan x = \frac{1}{\sec^2(\arctan x)} = \frac{1}{1+\tan^2(\arctan x)} = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad \square$$

Remark 5.56. By Theorem 5.55,

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\arcsin x + \arccos x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = 0 \quad \forall -1 < x < 1.$$

Therefore, the function $y = \arcsin x + \arccos x$ is constant on the interval $(-1, 1)$. The constant can be obtained by testing with $x = 0$ and we find that

$$\arcsin x + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1], \quad (5.7.1)$$

where the value of the left-hand side at $x = \pm 1$ are computed separately.

Example 5.57. Find the derivative of $y = \arcsin x + x\sqrt{1-x^2}$.

By Theorem 5.55 and the chain rule, for $-1 < x < 1$ we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} + \sqrt{1-x^2} - x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2x) = 2\sqrt{1-x^2}.$$

Example 5.58. Find the derivative of $y = \arctan \sqrt{x}$.

By the chain rule,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{x}^2} \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{1+x} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}(1+x)}.$$

5.8 Inverse Trigonometric Functions: Integration

Theorem 5.59

Let a be a positive real number. Then

$$1. \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \arcsin \frac{x}{a} + C. \quad 2. \int \frac{dx}{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{x}{a} + C.$$

Proof. 1. Let $x = a \sin u$. Then $dx = a \cos u du$; thus

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \int \frac{a \cos u}{\sqrt{a^2(1 - \sin^2 u)}} du = \int du = u + C = \arcsin \frac{x}{a} + C.$$

2. Let $x = a \tan u$. Then $dx = a \sec^2 u du$; thus

$$\int \frac{dx}{a^2 + x^2} = \int \frac{a \sec^2 u}{a^2(1 + \tan^2 u)} du = \frac{1}{a} \int du = \frac{u}{a} + C = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{x}{a} + C. \quad \square$$

Rule of Thumb: During the process of computing anti-derivatives, it is a good idea to try

1. the substitution $x = a \sin u$ when seeing $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ in the integrand;
2. the substitution $x = a \tan u$ when seeing $a^2 + x^2$ in the denominator;
3. the substitution $x = a \sec u$ when seeing $x^2 - a^2$ in the denominator.

Example 5.60. Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$, where $a > 0$ is a constant.

Let $x = a \sec u$. Then $dx = a \sec u \tan u du$; thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} &= \int \frac{a \sec u \tan u}{\sqrt{a^2(\sec^2 u - 1)}} du = \int \sec u du = \ln |\sec u + \tan u| + C \\ &= \ln \left| \frac{x}{a} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{a} \right| + C = \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}| + C. \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.61. Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}$, where $a > 0$ is a constant.

Let $x = a \tan u$. Then $dx = a \sec^2 u du$; thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} &= \int \frac{a \sec^2 u}{\sqrt{a^2(\tan^2 u + 1)}} du = \int \sec u du = \ln |\sec u + \tan u| + C \\ &= \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}{a} + \frac{x}{a} \right| + C = \ln |x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}| + C. \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.62. Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$.

Let $x = a \sec u$. Then $dx = a \sec u \tan u$; thus

$$\int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} = \int \frac{a \sec u \tan u}{a \sec u \sqrt{a^2(\sec^2 u - 1)}} = \frac{1}{a} \int du = \frac{u}{a} + C.$$

If $x = a \sec u$, then $\tan u = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{a}$; thus $u = \arctan \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{a}$ which implies that

$$\int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{a} + C.$$

Example 5.63. Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{e^{2x} - 1}}$.

Let $u = e^x$. Then $du = e^x dx$; thus $dx = \frac{du}{u}$ which implies that

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{e^{2x} - 1}} = \int \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} = \arctan \sqrt{u^2 - 1} + C = \arctan \sqrt{e^{2x} - 1} + C.$$

Example 5.64. Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{x+2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$.

Let $x = 2 \sin u$. Then $dx = 2 \cos u du$; thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x+2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx &= \int \frac{2 \sin u + 2}{\sqrt{4-4 \sin^2 u}} \cdot 2 \cos u du = \int (2 \sin u + 2) du = 2u - 2 \cos u + C \\ &= 2 \arcsin \frac{x}{2} - 2 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2} + C = 2 \arcsin \frac{x}{2} - \sqrt{4-x^2} + C. \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.65. Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - 4x + 7}$.

First we complete the square and obtain that $x^2 - 4x + 7 = (x - 2)^2 + 3$. Let $x - 2 = \sqrt{3} \tan u$. Then $dx = \sqrt{3} \sec^2 u du$; thus

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - 4x + 7} = \int \frac{\sqrt{3} \sec^2 u}{3 \tan^2 u + 3} du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \int du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} u + C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{3}} + C.$$

Example 5.66. Find the indefinite integral $\int \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}} dx$.

Let $x = \sin u$. Then $dx = \cos u du$; thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}} dx &= \int \frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{(1-\sin u) \cos u}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 u}} du = \int (1-\sin u) du \\ &= u + \cos u + C = \arcsin x + \sqrt{1-x^2} + C. \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.67. In this example, we compute $\int \arcsin x \, dx$. Note that by the substitution $x = \sin u$,

$$\int \arcsin x \, dx = \int u \cos u \, du;$$

thus it suffices to compute the anti-derivative of the function $y = x \cos x$. We first compute the definite integral $\int_0^a x \cos x \, dx$.

By Example 4.12, for $0 < x < \pi$ we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sin(ix) = \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2}} \left[\cos \frac{x}{2} - \cos \left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) x \right) \right].$$

Therefore, if $0 < x < \pi$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n i \cos(ix) &= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{i=1}^n \sin(ix) = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2}} \left[\cos \frac{x}{2} - \cos \left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) x \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{-\cos \frac{x}{2}}{4 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \left[\cos \frac{x}{2} - \cos \left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) x \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2}} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{x}{2} + \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \sin \left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) x \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By partitioning $[0, a]$ into n sub-intervals with equal length, the Riemann sum of $y = x \cos x$ for this partition given by the right end-point rule is

$$I_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{ia}{n} \cos \frac{ia}{n} = \frac{a^2}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i \cos \frac{ia}{n}.$$

Letting $r = \frac{a}{2n}$, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= 4r^2 \sum_{i=1}^n i \cos(2ir) \\ &= \frac{-r^2 \cos r}{\sin^2 r} \left[\cos r - \cos(a+r) \right] + \frac{r}{\sin r} \left[-r \sin r + (a+r) \sin(a+r) \right] \end{aligned}$$

which, by the fact that $\frac{\sin x}{x} \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ and $r \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, implies that

$$\int_0^a x \cos x \, dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n = -(1 - \cos a) + a \sin a = a \sin a + \cos a - 1.$$

The identity above further implies that

$$\int x \cos x \, dx = x \sin x + \cos x + C;$$

thus with the substitution $x = \sin u$,

$$\int \arcsin x \, dx = \int u \cos u \, du = u \sin u + \cos u + C = x \arcsin x + \sqrt{1 - x^2} + C.$$

Using (5.7.1), we also find that

$$\begin{aligned} \int \arccos x \, dx &= \int \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin x \right) dx = \frac{\pi}{2}x - x \arcsin x - \sqrt{1 - x^2} + C \\ &= x \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin x \right) - \sqrt{1 - x^2} + C = x \arccos x - \sqrt{1 - x^2} + C. \end{aligned}$$