MAT 104 Quiz 1, due Feb 21, 2003 on simple substitutions, integration by parts and partial fractions

1. (10 points) Find $\int \frac{e^{1/x}}{x^3} dx$.

We make the substitution t = 1/x and then use integration by parts. If t = 1/x, then $dt = (-1/x^2)dx$ so $dt = -t^2 du$. Thus

$$\int \frac{e^{1/x}}{x^3} dx = -\int t^3 e^t \frac{dt}{t^2} = -\int te^t dt = -te^t + \int e^t dt = -te^t + e^t + C = -\frac{e^{1/x}}{x} + e^{1/x} + C.$$

Here we have used integration by parts with u = t and $dv = e^t dt$ so du = dt and $v = e^t$.

2. (10 points) Find $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos x}{2 - \cos^2 x} dx$. (Hint: Use the identity $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$.)

The denominator $2 - \cos^2 x$ is the same as $2 - (1 - \sin^2 x) = 1 + \sin^2 x$. The integral becomes

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos x}{1+\sin^2 x} \, dx = \int_{\sin 0}^{\sin \pi/2} \frac{du}{1+u^2} \text{ from the substitution } u = \sin x \text{ and } du = \cos x \, dx.$$

So we get $\arctan(1) - \arctan 0 = \frac{\pi}{4} - 0 = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

3. (10 points) Find $\int 3x^2 \arctan x^3 dx$.

Note: You may be used to calling the inverse tangent function \tan^{-1} instead of arctan. Both notations are standard. So $\arctan x^3$ means exactly the same as $\tan^{-1}(x^3)$.

If $t = x^3$ then $dt = 3x^2 dx$ and we get $\int \arctan(t) dt$. Now use integration by parts with $u = \arctan t$ and dv = dt. Thus $du = \frac{dt}{(1 + t^2)}$ and v = t. So

$$\int \arctan t \, dt = t \arctan t - \int \frac{t \, dt}{1+t^2} = t \arctan t - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2t \, dt}{1+t^2} = t \arctan t - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+t^2) + C.$$

Going back to the original variable

$$\int 3x^2 \arctan x^3 \, dx = x^3 \arctan x^3 - \ln \sqrt{1 + x^6} + C.$$

Note: You can also do this problem using integration by parts directly, without first making a *u*-substitution. In that case, you let $u = \arctan(x^3)$ and $dv = 3x^2 dx$. In order to do this problem correctly, you must remember the CHAIN RULE – which tells you that $du = \frac{1}{1 + (x^3)^2} \cdot 3x^2 dx$.

4. (10 points) Find $\int_{1}^{2} \frac{\ln x}{(x-3)^2} dx$.

Start with integration by parts. Let $u = \ln x$ and $dv = (x - 3)^{-2}dx$. Then du = dx/x and $v = -(x - 3)^{-1}$. So

$$\int_{1}^{2} \frac{\ln x}{(x-3)^{2}} \, dx = -\frac{\ln x}{x-3} \Big|_{1}^{2} + \int_{1}^{2} \frac{dx}{x(x-3)^{2}} \, dx$$

To compute this integral, we find the partial fraction decomposition of the integrand.

$$\frac{1}{x(x-3)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-3} = \frac{A(x-3) + Bx}{x(x-3)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad A(x-3) + Bx = 1.$$

Setting x = 3 we find that 3B = 1 so B = 1/3. Setting x = 0 we find that -3A = 1 so A = -1/3. So

$$\int_{1}^{2} \frac{\ln x}{(x-3)^{2}} dx = \left(-\frac{\ln x}{x-3} + \frac{1}{3} \ln |x-3| - \frac{1}{3} \ln |x| \right) \Big|_{1}^{2}$$
$$= -\frac{\ln 2}{2-3} + \frac{\ln 1}{1-3} + \frac{1}{3} \ln |2-3| - \frac{1}{3} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{3} \ln |1-3| - \frac{1}{3} \ln 1$$
$$= \ln 2 - \frac{\ln 2}{3} - \frac{\ln 2}{3} = \frac{\ln 2}{3} \quad \text{(since } \ln 1 = 0.)$$

5. (10 points) Find $\int \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 2x + 5} dx$.

The rational function we want to integrate here is not proper. So ther first thing we must do is long division. This tells us that

$$\frac{x^3}{x^2 + 2x + 5} = x - 2 - \frac{x - 10}{x^2 + 2x + 5}$$

So our main work is to integrate the new, proper, fraction:

$$\int \frac{x-10}{x^2+2x+5} dx = \int \frac{x-10}{x^2+2x+1+4} dx$$

= $\int \frac{x-10}{(x+1)^2+4} dx$
= $\int \frac{u-11}{u^2+4} du$ from $u = x+1, du = dx, u-11 = x-10.$
= $\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2u}{u^2+4} du - 11 \int \frac{du}{u^2+4}$
= $\frac{1}{2}(u^2+4) - \frac{11}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{u}{2}\right) + C.$
= $\ln \sqrt{x^2+2x+5} - \frac{11}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + C.$

Putting it all together we have

$$\int \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 2x + 5} \, dx = \frac{x^2}{2} - 2x - \ln\sqrt{x^2 + 2x + 5} + \frac{11}{2}\arctan\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + C.$$