

Practice Assessment 7

Trigonometric Substitutions

These **practice problems** are designed to help you **prepare for our course exams** and **assess your understanding** of the course material at the expected level. Aim to complete them **in class, during tutoring, office hours, or on your own**, and try to solve them **without notes or a calculator**, just like on the **actual exams**. Remember, **practice makes perfect**, so don't hesitate to **ask for help** if you get stuck.

The following trigonometric substitutions are used to handle integrals involving radicals:

$$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} \quad \text{requires} \quad x = a \tan \theta$$

$$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} \quad \text{requires} \quad x = a \sin \theta$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} \quad \text{requires} \quad x = a \sec \theta$$

1. Compute the following integrals:

(a) $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} dx$

(b) $\int \sqrt{x^2 + 4} dx$

2. Compute the following integrals:

(a) $\int \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{9 - x^2}} dx$

(b) $\int \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2 - 4}} dx$

(c) $\int_{-1}^2 \sqrt{4 - x^2} dx.$