

UNIT #03

REDUCTION FORMULA

Obtain reduction formula for $I_n = \int \sin^n x dx$ and $J_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \int \sin^n x dx \\ &= \int \sin^{n-1} x \cdot \sin x dx \\ &= \sin^{n-1} x \int \sin x dx - \int (d(\sin^{n-1} x) \int \sin x dx) dx \\ &= \sin^{n-1} x (-\cos x) - \int (n-1) \sin^{n-2} x (\cos x) (-\cos x) dx \\ &= -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \cos^2 x dx \\ &= -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x (1 - \sin^2 x) dx \\ &= -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int [\sin^{n-2} x - \sin^n x] dx \\ &= -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x dx - (n-1) \int \sin^n x dx \\ &= -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x dx - (n-1) I_n \end{aligned}$$

$$(1+n) I_n = -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x dx$$

$$n I_n = -\sin^{n-1} x \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x dx$$

$$I_n = -\frac{\sin^{n-1} x \cos x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \sin^{n-2} x dx \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, we will evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx$.

$$\begin{aligned} J_n &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx \\ &= \left[-\frac{\sin^{n-1} x \cos x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{n-2} x dx \right] \quad [\text{using eq (1)}] \\ &= \left[0 + \frac{n-1}{n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{n-2} x dx \right] = \frac{n-1}{n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{n-2} x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$J_n = \frac{n-1}{n} J_{n-2}$$

$$J_{n-2} = \frac{n-3}{n-2} J_{n-4}$$

$$J_{n-4} = \frac{n-5}{n-4} J_{n-6}$$

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$$J_3 = \frac{2}{3} J_1$$

$$J_2 = \frac{1}{2} J_0$$

$$J_n = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdots \frac{2}{3} J_1, & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-4} \cdots \frac{1}{2} J_0, & \text{when } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$$J_1 = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin x \, dx$$

$$= [-\cos x]_0^{\pi/2} = 1$$

$$J_0 = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^0 x \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} dx = \pi/2$$

$$J_n = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3}, & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Now, we obtain reduction formula for

$$I_n = \int \cos^n x \, dx \text{ and } J_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx.$$

$$I_n = \int \cos^{n-1} x \cos x \, dx$$

Integrating by parts, we get

$$I_n = \frac{\cos^{n-1} x \sin x}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx \quad (3)$$

and

$$J_n = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3}, & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{when } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Example (1) Evaluate $\int \cos^7 x \, dx$

Solution

$$I_7 = \int \cos^7 x \, dx$$

$$= \frac{\cos^6 x \sin x}{7} + \frac{6}{7} \int \cos^5 x \, dx \quad (1)$$

$$\int \cos^5 x \, dx = \frac{\cos^4 x \sin x}{5} + \frac{4}{5} \int \cos^3 x \, dx \quad (2)$$

$$\int \cos^3 x \, dx = \frac{\cos^2 x \sin x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \int \cos x \, dx$$

$$= \frac{\cos^2 x \sin x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \sin x \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore \int \cos^5 x \, dx = \frac{\cos^4 x \sin x}{5} + \frac{4}{5} \left[\frac{\cos^2 x \sin x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \sin x \right] \quad [\text{From eqs (2) and (3)}]$$

$$= \frac{\cos^4 x \sin x}{5} + \frac{4 \cos^2 x \sin x}{15} + \frac{8}{15} \sin x \quad (4)$$

From eqs (1) and (4)

$$I_7 = \frac{\cos^6 x \sin x}{7} + \frac{6}{7} \left[\frac{\cos^4 x \sin x}{5} + \frac{4 \cos^2 x \sin x}{15} + \frac{8}{15} \sin x \right]$$

$$= \frac{\cos^6 x \sin x}{7} + \frac{6 \cos^4 x \sin x}{35} + \frac{24 \cos^2 x \sin x}{105} + \frac{48}{105} \sin x$$

$$= \frac{\cos^6 x \sin x}{7} + \frac{6 \cos^4 x \sin x}{35} + \frac{8 \cos^2 x \sin x}{35} + \frac{16}{35} \sin x \quad \text{Ans}$$

Example 02

Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{10} x \, dx$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{10} x \, dx &= \frac{10-1}{10} \cdot \frac{10-3}{10-2} \cdot \frac{10-5}{10-4} \cdot \frac{10-7}{10-6} \cdot \frac{10-9}{10-8} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= \frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{7}{8} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= \frac{63\pi}{512} \quad \text{Ans} \end{aligned}$$

Example 03

Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin^4 \theta}{(1+\cos \theta)^2} d\theta$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin^4 \theta}{(1+\cos \theta)^2} d\theta = \int_0^{\pi} \frac{(2 \sin \theta/2 \cos \theta/2)^4}{(2 \cos^2 \theta/2)^2} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi} \frac{2^4 \sin^4 \theta/2 \cos^4 \theta/2}{2^2 \cos^4 \theta/2} d\theta \\ &= 4 \int_0^{\pi} \sin^4 \theta/2 d\theta \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Suppose } \theta/2 = t \Rightarrow \theta = 2t \\ \text{and } d\theta = 2dt \end{array} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{At } \theta = 0, t = 0 \\ \theta = \pi, t = \pi/2 \end{array} \right.$$

Hence from eq(1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 t \cdot 2dt \\ &= 8 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 t dt = 8 \cdot \frac{4-1}{4} \cdot \frac{4-3}{4-2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 8 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2} \quad \text{Ans}$$

Example 04

Evaluate $\int_0^1 x^5 \sqrt{\frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}} dx$

Solution

$$\text{Here } I = \int_0^1 x^5 \sqrt{\frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}} dx$$

$$\text{Suppose } x^2 = \cos \theta$$

$$2x dx = -\sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow x dx = -\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\text{At } x=0, \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$$

$$x=1, \cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_{\pi/2}^0 \cos^2 \theta \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos \theta}{1-\cos \theta}} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta\right) d\theta \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/2}^0 \cos^2 \theta \sqrt{\frac{2 \cos^2 \theta/2}{2 \sin^2 \theta/2}} \sin \theta d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta \frac{\cos^2 \theta/2}{\sin \theta/2} \cdot \cancel{\sin \theta/2} \cos \theta/2 d\theta \\
&= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta \frac{\cos^2 \theta/2}{2} d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta (1+\cos \theta) d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta d\theta + \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^3 \theta d\theta \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2-1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{3-1}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3\pi+8}{24} \text{ Ans}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we obtain reduction formula for.

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{p,q} &= \int \sin^p x \cos^q x dx \text{ and} \\
J_{p,q} &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^p x \cos^q x dx.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{p,q} &= \int \sin^p x \cos^q x dx \\
&= \int \sin^{p-1} x \cdot \sin x \cos^q x dx \\
&= \int \sin^{p-1} x (\sin x \cos^q x) dx \\
&= \sin^{p-1} x \int \sin x \cos^q x dx - \int (d(\sin^{p-1} x) \int \sin x \cos^q x dx) dx \\
&= \sin^{p-1} x \left(-\frac{\cos^{q+1} x}{q+1}\right) - \int (p-1) \sin^{p-2} x \cos x \left(-\frac{\cos^{q+1} x}{q+1}\right) dx \\
&= -\frac{\sin^{p-1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{q+1} + \frac{p-1}{q+1} \int \sin^{p-2} x \cos x \cos^{q+1} x dx.
\end{aligned}$$

$$I_{p,q} = - \frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{q+1} + \frac{p-1}{q+1} \int \sin^{p-2} x \cos^{q+2} x dx$$

$$= - \frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{q+1} + \frac{p-1}{q+1} \int \sin^{p-2} x \cos^q x (1 - \sin^2 x) dx$$

$$= - \frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{q+1} + \frac{p-1}{q+1} \int \sin^{p-2} x \cos^q x dx - \frac{p-1}{q+1} \int \sin^p x \cos^q x dx$$

$$= - \frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{q+1} + \frac{p-1}{q+1} \int \sin^{p-2} x \cos^q x dx - \frac{p-1}{q+1} I_{p,q}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{p-1}{q+1}\right) I_{p,q} = - \frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{q+1} + \frac{p-1}{q+1} \int \sin^{p-2} x \cos^q x dx$$

$$\left(\frac{q+1+p-1}{q+1}\right) I_{p,q} = - \frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{q+1} + \frac{p-1}{q+1} \int \sin^{p-2} x \cos^q x dx$$

$$\left(\frac{p+q}{q+1}\right) I_{p,q} = - \frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{q+1} + \frac{p-1}{q+1} \int \sin^{p-2} x \cos^q x dx$$

$$\boxed{I_{p,q} = - \frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{p+q} + \frac{p-1}{p+q} \int \sin^{p-2} x \cos^q x dx} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, we will find $J_{p,q} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^p x \cos^q x dx$, where p and q are positive integers.

From eq (1), we get

$$J_{p,q} = - \left[\frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q+1} x}{p+q} \right]_0^{\pi/2} + \frac{p-1}{p+q} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{p-2} x \cos^q x dx$$

$$= \frac{p-1}{p+q} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{p-2} x \cos^q x dx$$

$$= \frac{p-1}{p+q} J_{p-2,q}$$

$$J_{p-2,q} = \frac{p-3}{p+q-2} J_{p-4,q}$$

$$J_{p-4,q} = \frac{p-5}{p+q-4} J_{p-6,q}$$

$$J_{3,q} = \frac{2}{q+3} J_{1,q}$$

$$J_{2,q} = \frac{1}{q+2} J_{0,q}$$

$$J_{p,q} = \begin{cases} \frac{p-1}{p+q} \cdot \frac{p-3}{p+q-2} \cdot \frac{p-5}{p+q-4} \cdots \frac{2}{q+3} J_{1,q}, & \text{if } p \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{p-1}{p+q} \cdot \frac{p-3}{p+q-2} \cdot \frac{p-5}{p+q-4} \cdots \frac{1}{q+2} J_{0,q}, & \text{if } p \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$J_{1,q} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin x \cos^q x \, dx$$

$$= - \left[\frac{\cos^{q+1} x}{q+1} \right]_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= - \left[-\frac{1}{q+1} \right] = \frac{1}{q+1}$$

Now,

$$J_{0,q} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^0 x \cos^q x \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^q x \, dx$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{q-1}{q} \cdot \frac{q-3}{q-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3}, & \text{when } q \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{q-1}{q} \cdot \frac{q-3}{q-2} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{when } q \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

From eq (2), we get

$$J_{p,q} = \begin{cases} \frac{p-1}{p+q} \cdot \frac{p-3}{p+q-2} \cdots \frac{2}{q+3} \cdot \frac{1}{q+1}, & \text{when } p \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{p-1}{p+q} \cdot \frac{p-3}{p+q-2} \cdots \frac{1}{q+2} \cdot \frac{q-1}{q} \cdot \frac{q-3}{q-2} \cdots \frac{2}{3}, & \text{when } p \text{ is even and } q \text{ is odd.} \\ \frac{p-1}{p+q} \cdot \frac{p-3}{p+q-2} \cdots \frac{1}{q+2} \cdot \frac{q-1}{q} \cdot \frac{q-3}{q-2} \cdots \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{when } p \text{ is even and } q \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$$J_{p,q} = \begin{cases} \frac{(p-1)(p-3) \cdots (q-1)(q-3)}{(p+q)(p+q-2) \cdots} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{when both } p \text{ and } q \text{ are even} \\ \frac{(p-1)(p-3) \cdots (q-1)(q-3)}{(p+q)(p+q-2) \cdots}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{p,q} &= \int \sin^p x \cos^q x \, dx \\
 &= \int \cos^{q-1} x (\cos x \sin^p x) \, dx \\
 &= \cos^{q-1} x \int \cos x \sin^p x \, dx - \int (d(\cos^{q-1} x) \int \cos x \sin^p x \, dx) \, dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{p,q} = \frac{\sin^{p+1} x \cos^{q-1} x}{p+q} + \frac{q-1}{p+q} I_{p,q-2}$$

Example: Evaluate $\int \frac{\cos^5 x}{\sin x} \, dx$

Solution: Suppose $\sin x = t$

then $\cos x \, dx = dt$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \int \frac{\cos^5 x}{\sin x} \, dx &= \int \frac{\cos^4 x}{t} \, dt \\
 &= \int \frac{(\cos^2 x)^2}{t} \, dt \\
 &= \int \frac{(1 - \sin^2 x)^2}{t} \, dt \\
 &= \int \frac{(1 - t^2)^2}{t} \, dt \\
 &= \int \frac{(1 + t^4 - 2t^2)}{t} \, dt \\
 &= \int \left(\frac{1}{t} + t^3 - 2t \right) \, dt \\
 &= \log t + \frac{t^4}{4} - \frac{2t^2}{2} + c \\
 &= \log(\sin x) + \frac{1}{4} (\sin x)^4 - \sin^2 x + c \\
 &= \log(\sin x) + \frac{\sin^4 x}{4} - \sin^2 x + c
 \end{aligned}$$

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Example. Evaluate $\int \sin^2 x \cos^6 x dx$

Solution $I_{2,6} = \int \sin^2 x \cos^6 x dx$
 $= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos^5 x}{8} + \frac{5}{8} \int \sin^2 x \cos^4 x dx \quad \text{--- (1)}$

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos^4 x dx = \frac{\sin^3 x \cos^3 x}{6} + \frac{3}{6} \int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x dx \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x dx &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos x}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \int \sin^2 x \cos^0 x dx \\ &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos x}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \int \sin^2 x dx \\ &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos x}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos x}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \int (1 - \cos 2x) dx \\ &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos x}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \left(x - \frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right) \quad \text{--- (3)} \end{aligned}$$

Now, from eqs (2) & (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^2 x \cos^4 x dx &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos^3 x}{6} + \frac{3}{6} \left[\frac{\sin^3 x \cos x}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \left(x - \frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos^3 x}{6} + \frac{3 \sin^3 x \cos x}{24} + \frac{3x}{48} - \frac{3 \sin 2x}{96} \\ &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos^3 x}{6} + \frac{\sin^3 x \cos x}{8} + \frac{x}{16} - \frac{\sin 2x}{32} \quad \text{--- (4)} \end{aligned}$$

From eqs (1) and (4),

$$\begin{aligned} I_{2,6} &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos^5 x}{8} + \frac{5}{8} \left[\frac{\sin^3 x \cos^3 x}{6} + \frac{\sin^3 x \cos x}{8} + \frac{x}{16} - \frac{\sin 2x}{32} \right] \\ &= \frac{\sin^3 x \cos^5 x}{8} + \frac{5 \sin^3 x \cos^3 x}{48} + \frac{5 \sin^3 x \cos x}{64} + \frac{5(x - \sin x \cos x)}{128} \end{aligned}$$

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Example: Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/4} \cos^3 2x \sin^4 4x dx$

Solution: Suppose $2x = \theta$, At $x = 0$, $\theta = 0$
 $2 dx = d\theta$ $2x = \pi/4$, $\theta = \pi/2$

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \cos^3 2x \sin^4 4x dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^3 \theta \sin^4 2\theta \frac{d\theta}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^3 \theta (\sin 2\theta)^4 d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^3 \theta (2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)^4 d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2^4}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^3 \theta \sin^4 \theta \cos^4 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 8 \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^7 \theta \sin^4 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 8 \frac{(7-1)(7-3)(7-5)(4-1)(4-3)}{(7+4)(7+4-2)(7+4-4)(7+4-6)(7+4-8)}$$

$$= \frac{8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{11 \cdot 9 \cdot 7 \cdot 5 \cdot 3}$$

$$= \frac{128}{1155} \text{ Ans}$$

Example: Evaluate $\int_0^2 x^3 \sqrt{2x-x^2} dx$

Solution: Suppose $x = 2 \sin^2 \theta$ | At $x=0$, $\theta=0$
 $dx = 4 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$ | $x=2$, $\theta = \pi/2$

$$\int_0^2 x^3 \sqrt{2x-x^2} dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} (2 \sin^2 \theta)^3 \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \sin^2 \theta - 4 \sin^4 \theta} \cdot 4 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} 8 \sin^6 \theta \cdot 2 \sin \theta \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta} \cdot 4 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= 64 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^8 \theta \cdot \cos^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 64 \frac{(8-1)(8-3)(8-5)(8-7) \cdot (2-1)}{(8+2)(8+2-2)(8+2-4)(8+2-6)(8+2-8)} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= \frac{64 \cdot 7 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 1}{16 \cdot 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{7\pi}{8} \text{ Ans}$$

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$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx = \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \dots$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^p x \cos^q x dx = \frac{(p-1)(p-3)\dots(9-1)(9-3)\dots}{(p+q)(p+q-2)\dots} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ if } p \text{ and } q \text{ both are even}$$

Example: Obtain reduction formula for

$$I_n = \int \tan^n x dx \text{ and } J_n = \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^n x dx, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \int \tan^n x dx \\ &= \int \tan^{n-2} x \tan^2 x dx \\ &= \int \tan^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) dx \\ &= \int \tan^{n-2} x \sec^2 x dx - \int \tan^{n-2} x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$I_n = \frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} - \int \tan^{n-2} x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_n &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^n x dx \\ &= \left[\frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} \right]_0^{\pi/4} - \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^{n-2} x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$J_n = \frac{1}{n-1} - \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^{n-2} x dx$$

Similarly, we can find

$$\begin{aligned} \int \cot^n x dx &= -\frac{\cot^{n-1} x}{n-1} - \int \cot^{n-2} x dx \\ \text{and } \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^n x dx &= \frac{1}{n-1} - \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^{n-2} x dx \end{aligned}$$

Example: Evaluate $\int \tan^6 x dx$

Solution: $\int \tan^6 x dx = \frac{\tan^5 x}{5} - \int \tan^4 x dx$ — (1)

$$\int \tan^4 x dx = \frac{\tan^3 x}{3} - \int \tan^2 x dx$$
 — (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^2 x dx &= \tan x - \int \tan^0 x dx \\ &= \tan x - x \end{aligned}$$
 — (3)

From eqs (2) and (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^4 x dx &= \frac{\tan^3 x}{3} - (\tan x - x) \\ &= \frac{\tan^3 x}{3} - \tan x + x \end{aligned}$$
 — (4)

From eqs (1) and (4)

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^5 x \, dx &= \frac{\tan^5 x}{5} - \left[\frac{\tan^3 x}{3} - \tan x + x \right] \\ &= \frac{\tan^5 x}{5} - \frac{\tan^3 x}{3} + \tan x - x. \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}\end{aligned}$$

Example: Evaluate $\int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^4 x \, dx$

Solution:

$$\int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^4 x \, dx = \frac{1}{3} - \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^2 x \, dx \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^2 x \, dx &= 1 - \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^0 x \, dx \\ &= 1 - [x]_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \\ &= 1 - \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right] \\ &= 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{--- (2)}\end{aligned}$$

From eqs (1) and (2)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^4 x \, dx &= \frac{1}{3} - \left(1 - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} - 1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{3\pi - 8}{12} \quad \underline{\text{Ans.}}\end{aligned}$$
