

18.01A Recitation — Monday, Sept. 24, 2018

Quick Review:

- Useful trig identities:

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1,$$

$$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta,$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta,$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta.$$

- Trig substitution:

When you see $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$, try $x = a \sin \theta$;

when you see $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$, try $x = a \tan \theta$;

when you see $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$, try $x = a \sec \theta$.

The goal is: once these substitutions are applied, the square root can be taken care of!

Practice problems:

1.

$$\int \sin^3(x) dx$$

2.

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

3.

$$\int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{dx}{x^3 \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

4.

$$\int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{-1} \frac{dx}{x^3 \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

5.

$$\int \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} dx$$

(Hint: $\int \frac{1}{\cos^3 \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \sec \theta \tan \theta + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$.)

6. (If time permits.) If the circle $(x - b)^2 + y^2 = a^2$ ($0 < a < b$) is revolved about the y -axis, the resulting solid of revolution is called a *torus*. Find the volume of this torus.