

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

Proof

$$\int \sin^n x dx = \int (\sin^{n-1} x)(\sin x) dx$$

$$\text{let } u = \sin^{n-1} x \quad v = -\cos x$$

$$du = (n-1)\sin^{n-2} x \cos x \quad dv = \sin x dx$$

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

$$\text{Since } \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

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

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

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

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

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

Q.E.D.